



**American Society of Agronomy Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Wednesday Oct. 22, 2024, 11:00am-12:15pm (Central)**

Resources: [Strategic Plan, Bylaws, Minutes](#) | [ASA Membership Dashboard](#) | [ASA Board Outreach](#)

President Kristen Veum called the meeting to order.

Board members present:

President: Kristen Veum, USDA-ARS Columbia, MO (2024)
 President-Elect: Peter Kyveryga (2024)
 Agronomic Production Systems: Calvin Trostle, Texas A&M (2024)
 Biometry & Statistical Computing: Asim Biswas, U of Guelph (2024)
 Climatology & Modeling: Jessica Torrion, Montana State (2024)
 DEI Member-at-Large: Candice Duncan, Univ. of Maryland (2026)
 Early Career Rep.: Nicole Fiorellino, Univ. of Maryland (2025)
 Education & Extension: Tabare Abadie, Corteva Agriscience (2026)
 Environmental Quality: Amy Shober, Univ. of Delaware (2025)
 Finance Representative: Gary Feyereisen, USDA-ARS (2026)
 Global Agronomy: Valentin Picasso, University of Wisconsin (2026)
 Grad Student Rep: Taqdeer Gill, University of Wisconsin (2024)
 ICCA Representative: Karl Wyant, Nutrien, for Andy Knepp, Corteva
 Land Mgmt & Conservation: Gurpal Toor, Univ. of Maryland (2024)

Ex-Officio without Vote: ASF Chair Stella Salvo, Bayer CropScience (2024); Program Planning Officer Jim Ippolito, Ohio State Univ. (2025); CEO Jim Cudahy Kathy Yeater, USDA-ARS (2024)
 Editor-in-Chief David Clay, South Dakota State Univ. (2027)

Unable to attend:

Past President: Joann Whalen, McGill University (2024)
 Industry Representative: Colin Campbell, METER Group (2025)

Also attending:

Susan Chapman, Special Projects Director
 Susan Dearing-Bond, Development Director
 Dawn Gibas, Certifications Director
 Sanford Moore, Finance Director
 Sara Uttech, Governance Director
 Matt Wascavage, Publications Director
 Susan Varghese, People & Culture Director

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1. Taqdeer Gill led a discussion on the article, "Mental Health Struggles in Academia"

Facilitators to Lead Topic/Article Selection & Discussion	
February: Asim Biswas – "The Geopolitics of Agriculture and Food"	July "The Industries Plagued by the Most Uncertainty": Peter Kyveryga
March: Jim Ippolito – Program Planning	August "Food Prices Crisis": Gary Feyereisen
April: Valentin Picasso - Two Truths & a Lie	September Tenure Debate: Matt Yost
May: Kathy Yeater - Dirty Publications	October "Mental Health Struggles in Academia": Taqdeer Gill
June: Colin Campbell – "The Six Types of Working Genius"	December: Sara Uttech

2. Special welcome to Karl Wyant, ICCA Vice Chair sitting in for Andy Knepp, ICCA Board Rep.

3. ACTION Consent Agenda items approved:

- Oct. 22, 2024 ASA Board of Directors Meeting Agenda
- Sept. 18, 2024 ASA Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

4. CEO Jim Cudahy Headquarters Update:

- ASA Budget & Finance Committee met on Oct. 1 to review the Draft 2025 Budget. Final 2025 Budget to be presented and approved at November Board Meeting
- Outreach PowerPoint available online: www.agronomy.org/about-society/outreach
- Annual Meeting Registration: 1% ahead of last year, CANVAS Branding to Begin
- Website Redesign, rolling soft launch in November
- Staff, leadership to attend World Food Prize, Oct. 29-31 in Des Moines

5. Upcoming Webinars: www.agronomy.org/education/online-courses

- Oct. 24: [Inside the Hiring Process: Perspectives from the Other Side of the Table](#)
- Dec. 6: [Inclusive Mentoring: Building Stronger Relationships and Fostering Growth](#)

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CEO Jim Cudahy presented the ICCA Needs Assessment Survey results that was also presented during the ICCA Board Meeting in Gainesville, FL, on Sept. 25, 2024.

A211 Budget & Finance Committee

Finance Director Sanford Moore presented the ASA Third Quarter 2024 Financials.

A732 Program Planning Committee

Annual Meeting Updates: www.acsmeetings.org:

- [Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Activities](#)
- ASA Plenary/York Lectureship & Breakfast, Monday Nov. 11, 7:45-9:30am (ticketed)
- ASA-CSSA-SSSA Awards Lunch, Monday Nov. 11, Noon-1:30pm (ticketed)
- Science Policy and You - Learn, Be Inspired, Get Involved, Tuesday Nov. 12, 10:00am-Noon
- Sabor De San Antonio, Tuesday Nov. 12, 6:00-8:20pm (ticketed)
- ASA Coffee with the Presidents, Wednesday Nov. 13, 9:00-10:30am (exhibit hall)
- ASA Board Meeting, Thursday Nov. 14, 7:00-8:45am (6:30am breakfast)
- Review [Section Business Meeting Schedules](#): check with Section Chairs for time on agenda for Board report - *will send Board Discussion Items in early November*

A537 Science Policy Committee

Save the Date: Feb. 25-26, 2025 Congressional Visits Day (CVD), Board members invited to attend, especially Science Policy Committee members.

- Encourage Grad Students to apply by **Dec. 4** to attend CVD:
www.agronomy.org/awards/view/185

A101 Nominations Committee

Call for Candidates: agronomy.org/elections:

Nov. 15: Interest due to Section Chairs | **Nov. 30**: Final Selection due to Sara Uttech
Encourage women and other underrepresented groups to run for office

- President-Elect: A101 Nominations Committee
- All ASA Section Vice Chairs, 2-year terms: 2 candidates for each Section
- ASA Board of Directors, 3-year terms: 2 candidates for each position:
 - Environmental Quality Section, Industry Board Representative
 - Early Career (within 7 years of terminal degree), [apply online](#)
 - Grad Student (2026 grad student even if graduating), [apply online](#)

Consensus to Adjourn.