

**A012. – A018.X ASA COMMUNITY LEADERS**

Note: The following is the status, composition/tenure, functions, and ASA President responsibilities for all communities.

Communities organize along topical areas of members' interests, which allows for fluidity of these Communities, as they are not part of the governance structure. All Communities are associated with one Section. Community names are not included in the Bylaws. A complete list of Communities can be found here -

<https://www.agronomy.org/membership/communities>

A. Status: Leaders (Presiding Leaders, Vice Leaders) of the ASA Communities

B. Composition and Tenure:

Whereas Section Co-Chairs will be voted for by the general ASA membership, Community Leaders will be elected by Community members only. Community Co-Leaders (2) will each serve a two-year term but their terms are staggered so that they only overlap one year. First year Co-Leader will be identified as Vice-Leader and second year Co-Leader will be identified as Presiding Leader. Elections are held each year for a new Vice-Leader at the annual ASA meeting, or an alternative venue selected by the Community Leaders. All meetings and elections other than as a breakout meeting following the Section meeting of the annual meeting will require e-mail notification through a Community listserv. Community leaders must be members of ASA.

C. Functions:

The officers of each Community shall be responsible for the operations of the Community, subject to the approval of the ASA Board of Directors. Jointly, the Community co-leaders will do the following:

1. Provides leadership for Communities. This includes directing the Community meeting after the Section annual business meeting, or at another agreed time. The Presiding Leader schedules the time, notifies members, and conducts the meeting.
2. Community Leaders will within their respective Communities identify oral and poster sessions, develop symposia, plan field trips, or develop other such activities as deemed desirable. Details of all activities will be forwarded to the Section Co-Chairs.
3. Provides names for Section Co-Chairs and Board Representative to the nominating committee.
4. Develops and implements plans that maintain or enhance the viability of the Community and supports the needs of Community members.
5. Implements actions approved by Community members.
6. Communicates and reports information to the Section Co-Chairs in a time efficient manner as needed to conduct business of the Section and ASA and in order that the Section Co-Chairs can make their annual report to the ASA Board of Directors.
7. In order to ensure that the Communities are valuable and valued by the membership, they must remain active. Communities will be disbanded if the Community is inactive for two consecutive years. Communities will be considered active if they do all of the following:
  - hold an annual meeting (either at the ASA Annual Meeting, a virtual meeting, or other as arranged by the co-leaders);
  - conduct an election of Community leadership at this annual meeting;
  - have a minimum of 10 members at the end of the calendar year;
  - maintain an updated webpage on the ASA website (serviced at least biannually); *and*
  - organize a minimum of one symposium or oral session at the ASA annual meeting or other scientific venues every two years (could include an online symposium in the form of an online seminar).

D. Presidential Responsibilities:

The ASA President cooperates with the officers of each Committee in any way to promote harmony and better functioning of the Society.