



Crop Science Society of America Board of Directors Meeting Agenda Thursday, Feb. 23, 2023 2:00-3:00pm (Central)

CSSA President Seth Murray called the meeting to order.

Board members present:

President: Seth Murray, Texas A&M (2023)
Past President: Marilyn Warburton, USDA-ARS (2023)
President-Elect: Kim Garland-Campbell, USDA-ARS (2023)
C-1: Melanie Bayles, Oklahoma State Univ. (2025)
C-2: Felix Fritschi, Univ. of Missouri (2023)
C-3: Ignacio Ciampitti, Kansas State Univ. (2024)
C-5: Cale Bigelow, Purdue (2023)
C-6: John Guretzky, Univ. of Nebraska (2024)
C-7: Jianming Yu, Iowa State Univ. (2024)
Industry Rep.: Leah Brilman, DLF Pickseed (2025)
Grad Student Rep.: Karl Kunze, Cornell (2023)
Ex-officio: CEO: Jim Cudahy; Editor-in-Chief: Bingru Huang,
Rutgers (2024)

Unable to attend:

C-4: Nicole Anderson, Oregon State Univ. (2025)

C-8: Dipak Santra, Univ. of Nebraska (2025)
C-9: Mary Guttieri, USDA-ARS (2025)
DEI Member-at-Large: Geoffrey Koch, UC-Davis (2023)
Program Planning Officer Nithya Rajan, Texas A&M (2023)
B&F Chair: Stephen Malone, USDA-AMS-S&T-SRTD (2025)
ASF Chair Samantha Miller, Corteva Agriscience (2023)

Also participating:

Chris Boomsma, Education Director
Susan Chapman, Member Services Director
Wes Meixelsperger, CFO & Meetings Director
Ian Popkewitz, IT & Operations Director
Luther Smith, Chief Administrative Officer
Sara Uttech, Governance Director
Matt Wascavage, Membership Director
Susan Varghese, People & Culture Director

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- The meeting opened 15 minutes early for optional discussion on the crisis in Sri Lanka articles led by Felix Fritschi: www.realclearmarkets.com/articles/2023/01/05/the_us_must_learn_from_sri_lankas_green_policy_mistakes_87385_2.html & www.acsh.org/news/2022/07/13/anti-gmo-groups-deflect-blame-sri-lankas-organic-only-disaster-16428
 - Board members are to contact President Seth Murray if interested in selecting an article for discussion.
- ACTION: The following Consent Agenda Items were approved:
 - Feb. 23, 2023 CSSA Board of Directors Meeting Agenda
 - Jan. 26, 2023 CSSA Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
- CEO Jim Cudahy reported on the following:
 - Announced Dawn Gibas promotion to Director of Certifications
 - Strategic Planning:
 - Shared priorities from Department Directors Retreat held Tuesday Jan. 24, 2023
 - Discussed plans for upcoming Hybrid Strategic Planning in Madison
 - Asked the Strategic Planning Question: "In one sentence, what does CSSA represent?" Comments: <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1bJbQqpVL2dT1D7sZBYsuCNN9Gw1zyq543B5gQi0CMhA>
- Board members are encouraged to promote these opportunities to their colleagues/students:
 - Awards initiate March 9 submit March 16, and scholarships initiate March 16 submit March 23: www.crops.org/awards
 - Western Society of Crop Science Meeting at University of Hawaii-Manoa Travel Grants, June 26-28, due March 15: www.crops.org/awards/view/233
 - DEI Representative on Program Planning Committee letter of interest to [Nate Ehresman](#) by March 30
 - Mentors Needed for Golden Opportunity Scholars Program by April 30: www.goldenopportunitiescholars.org/mentor/application
 - International Grasslands Congress (CSSA Sponsor/Exhibit) May 14-19, Covington, KY, early bird deadline April 23: <https://internationalgrasslands.org/2023-igc>
- Board-Level Committees and Task Force appointments were reviewed.

C491.2 Special Awards Committee

Past President Marilyn Warburton announced that past and former presidents are considering nominations for external awards, including the National Medal of Science and World Food Prize, and to send her any candidates for nomination.

ACS598 Carbon and Ecosystem Services Education Project Advisory Committee

Education Director Chris Boomsma provided an update on Decode 6 www.decode6.org. Board members are encouraged to visit the website and sign up for the email newsletter.

ACS321 Editorial Policy Coordination Committee

1. ACTION: Motion by Seth Murray, seconded by Marilyn Warburton, to reappoint Henry Nguyen to a second, three-year term as Editor of *The Plant Genome* journal as recommended by CSSA Editor-in-Chief Bingru Huang. Unanimous approval.
2. Publications Director Matt Wascavage posted the February 2023 Publications Update, including:
 - Board members are asked to promote the Calls for 2024 Editor Nominations with colleagues:
 - *Crop Science* due May 1 to CSSA Editor-in-Chief Bingru Huang, huang@sebs.rutgers.edu
 - *Agrosystems, Geosciences & Environment* due May 1 to ASA Editor-in-Chief Kathy Yeater, kathleen.yeater@usda.gov

Consensus to Adjourn.