



Crop Science Society of America Board of Directors Meeting Minutes Thursday, Jan. 26, 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)
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-4: Nicole Anderson, Oregon State Univ. (2025)
C-6: John Guretzky, Univ. of Nebraska (2024)
C-7: Jianming Yu, Iowa State Univ. (2024)
C-9: Mary Guttieri, USDA-ARS (2025)
Industry Rep.: Leah Brilman, DLF Pickseed (2025)
Grad Student Rep.: Karl Kunze, Cornell (2023)

Ex-officio: CEO: Jim Cudahy

Unable to attend:

President-Elect: Kim Garland-Campbell, USDA-ARS (2023)

C-5: Cale Bigelow, Purdue (2023)
C-8: Dipak Santra, Univ. of Nebraska (2025)
DEI Member-at-Large: Geoffrey Koch, UC-Davis (2023)
B&F Chair: Stephen Malone, USDA-AMS-S&T-SRTD (2025)
Editor-in-Chief: Bingru Huang, Rutgers (2024)
Program Planning Officer Nithya Rajan, Texas A&M (2023)
ASF Chair Samantha Miller, Corteva Agriscience (2023)

Also participating:

Chris Boomsma, Education Director
Wes Meixelsperger, CFO & Meetings Director
Ian Popkewitz, IT & Operations Director
Luther Smith, Prof. Dev. & Business Relations Director
Sara Uttech, Governance Director
Susan Varghese, People & Culture Director

C003 CSSA Board of Directors

1. The meeting opened 15 minutes early for an optional discussion on the article, "[How well-intentioned white male physicists maintain ignorance of inequity and justify inaction](#)," led by President Seth Murray.
2. President Seth Murray offered a special welcome to new CSSA Board members:
 - CSSA President-Elect Kim Garland-Campbell, USDA-ARS Pullman, WA
 - Division C-1 Crop Breeding and Genetics Board Rep. Melanie Bayles, Oklahoma State University
 - Division C-4 Seed Physiology, Production, & Technology Board Rep. Nicole Anderson, Oregon State Univ.
 - Division C-8 Plant Genetic Resources Board Rep. Dipak Santra, Univ. of Nebraska
 - Division C-9 Crops for Nutrition and Health Board Rep. Mary Guttieri, USDA-ARS
 - Budget & Finance Board Rep. Stephen Malone, USDA-AMS-S&T-SRTD
3. ACTION: The following Consent Agenda Items were approved:
 - Jan. 26, 2023 CSSA Board Meeting Agenda
 - Dec. 21, 2022 CSSA Board Meeting Minutes
4. 2023 Board-Level Committees and Task Force were reviewed and volunteers from the board came forward, including:
 - C201 Organization, Policy, and Bylaws Committee: Melanie Bayles and Dipak Santra
 - C211 Budget and Finance Committee: Nicole Anderson
 - C537 Science Policy Committee: Mary Gutteri and Geoff Koch
 - Task Forces
 - ACS Workforce Development Task Force: Luther Smith, Jim Cudahy, Susan Varghese, Donn Cummings
 - ACS Leadership Pathways Task Force: Seth Murray, Sara Uttech, Melanie Bayles, Jianming Yu
 - CSSA Curriculum and Content Certification Task Force: Chris Boomsma, Marilyn Warburton, Leah Brilman
 - ACS Elevating our Awards Task Force: Mark Sorrells, Rachel Owen, Jim Cudahy, Felix Fritschi
 - ACS Ethics Task Force: Mary Guttieri
5. Board Members are asked to please encourage Award nominations by March 9, 2023 via Discussion Boards, including self-nominations for awards except Fellow: www.crops.org/awards - CSSA Board Members can only participate in ASA and SSSA Awards.
6. CEO Jim Cudahy reported that Department Directors held a retreat on Jan. 24 in preparation for Strategic Planning and announced that Luther Smith was promoted to Chief Administrative Officer.

C011.06 Division C-6 Forage and Grazinglands

ACTION: Motion by Leah Brillman, seconded by Melanie Bayles, to support up to \$10,000 sponsorship of [International Grasslands Congress](#), May 14-19 in Kentucky. Unanimous approval. Plans for CSSA to exhibit to promote Membership, Annual Meeting, Publications, Certification, Decode 6.

ACS598 Carbon and Ecosystem Services Education Project Advisory Committee

Education Director Chris Boomsma provided an update on the Decode 6 Platform www.decode6.org, including partnerships, funding, and communication. Board members are encouraged to visit the website and sign up for the newsletter.

C101 Nominations Committee

Governance Director Sara Uttech shared the listing of the 2023 CSSA Election candidates and announced that the elections will be held March 6-April 6, 2023.

ACS321 Editorial Policy Coordination Committee

Publications Director Matt Wascavage posted the January 2023 Publications Update, including Peer Review Mentorship, New Wiley Transformational Agreements, and Wiley's Research Exchange Tool.

ACS732 Program Planning Committee

Apply by March 30, 2023 to serve as the DEI (Diversity, Equity, Inclusion) Representative on ACS732 Program Planning Committee.

Consensus to Adjourn.