ASA Executive Committee Meetings

6–8 Mar. 2001, Madison, WI

The meeting was called to order by President D.W. Nelson. Those present were:

D.W. Nelson, ASA President
C.W. Stuber, ASA President-Elect
V.B. Cardwell, ASA Past President
D.A. Sleper, CSSA President
V.G. Allen, CSSA President-Elect
R.L. Phillips, CSSA Past President
R.J. Luxmoore, SSSA President
J.W. Doran, SSSA President-Elect
D.L. Sparks, SSSA Past President
J.J. Nicholaides III, Executive Vice President
D.M. Kral, Associate Executive Vice President
Cathy Goudreau, Assistant to the Executive Vice President
Penny Magana, Recording Secretary

000–099 ORGANIZATION

A003 Board of Directors

It was agreed that the Executive Committee will compile a list of items to be discussed at divisional business meetings in time to be published in the first issue of the convention newsletter. This to be done in an effort to enhance discussion at the business meetings.

A005 Committees

As a matter of record, the Executive Committee reviewed the status of committee appointments. It was reported that all committees have been appointed with the exception of the A236.1 Agronomic Sciences Membership Services Visibility and Identity Committee (see ACS233 in these minutes).

A011.01A Student Activities Subdivision

The Executive Committee considered a request to add representation to the Executive Committee from the Student Activities Subdivision. In the discussion it was pointed out that the Society’s Bylaws are very specific relative to the elected composition of the Executive Committee; thus additional members on the Executive Committee would involve a change in Bylaws. It was stated, however, that representation from the Student Activities Subdivision was more than welcome to attend when matters of interest to the Subdivision were being considered by the Executive Committee.

200–299 OPERATIONS AND FINANCE

A201 Organization, Policy, and Bylaws

At its meeting of 10 Nov. 2001 the Board of Directors took an action to charge the A201 Committee with the alternative way of arriving at the number of Fellows elected each year. The wording of the action taken by the Board needed clarification.

ACTION: It was moved to request the A201 Committee evaluate a change in the Bylaws whereby 1) the number for the number of Fellows elected in a given year would be on a proportion of all members with 10 years of membership in any given category, and 2) the proportion applied to the number of eligible members be determined to provide an annual number of Fellows equivalent to current practices. Seconded. Carried.

V.B. Cardwell, Chair of the A201 Committee, will communicate this action to the committee. The A201 Committee is requested to report back to the Executive Committee at the time of the July 2001 Executive Committee meeting.

A211 Budget and Finance

1. As a matter of record the Executive Committee informed that at the end of FY2000, ASA had total income of $3,107,292 and expense of $3,032,058 for a gain of $75,234; however, due to an investment portfolio loss of $31,885, the total net gain realized by the Society was $43,349. During the discussion the matter of portfolio management fees was raised. Presently the management fee runs approximately 1.3% of the portfolio; it was agreed that the possibility of reducing the management fee should be discussed with the management firm.

2. ACTION: It was moved that the 2002 Headquarters Office staff salary increases be based on a 3.5% increase in salary expenditures budgeted for the 2001 fiscal year to be based on merit and to reaffirm the practice of not allocating across the board salary increases to the Headquarters Office staff. Seconded. Carried.