It’s been a year of change among the Societies’ staff in Madison, WI, and Washington, DC. So far in 2013 we’ve bid a fond farewell to three staff members who collectively gave ASA, CSSA, and SSSA more than 100 years of service, and will say goodbye to another longtime employee in August. In the meantime, several new people have come aboard, many of whom are in brand new positions within the organizations. Here’s a recap:

After nearly 40 years with the Societies, executive assistant Cathy Goudreau retired in early June. An indispensable support to a succession of CEOs and board members, Cathy was cherished by many longtime ASA, CSSA, and SSSA members, who liked to call her the organizations’ “institutional memory.”

This spring also saw the departure of director of meetings Keith Schlesinger. During his 34 years with ASA, CSSA, and SSSA, Keith edited the original Crops & Soils magazine and Agronomy News, promoted books, and did public relations before joining the meetings department, where he worked for the last two decades.

Another employee of 34 years, Tom Moeller, retired at the very beginning of the year. In his role in support services, Tom ran the mailroom in Madison, performed grounds keeping, maintained the building, and generally pitched in wherever he was needed.

Finally, director of science policy Karl Glasener will depart the Washington, DC office on 16 August. A ASA, CSSA, and SSSA Congressional Science Fellow in 1997, Karl began working for the Societies in 1998. His focus during his 15 years with the organizations has always been education, advocacy, and government relations.

On the opposite end of the spectrum, the Societies’ newest employee is Susan Fisk, who joined the staff on 1 July as public relations manager. An experienced marketing, public relations, and communications professional, Susan was...