Call for Nominations: ASA Editor-in-Chief, The Plant Genome Editor

The following volunteer editor positions with the Societies will be open next year: ASA Editor-in-Chief and Editor of The Plant Genome (a peer-reviewed journal published by CSSA). The positions are for a three-year term of service to begin 1 January 2015. Candidates are expected to be visionary, as our publications continue to experience rapid changes in scientific content delivery as well as publishing models. In addition, there is fierce competition for authors and readers. Prior editorial experience with ASA, CSSA or SSSA publications or those having similar subject matter/structure is required for the ASA Editor-in-Chief position and is expected for The Plant Genome Editor.

The positions are appointed by the Society’s president upon confirmation by its board of directors and carry a great deal of responsibility as well as personal satisfaction.

ASA Editor-in-Chief

Duties of the ASA Editor-in-Chief include, but are not limited to:

• providing leadership for the Society’s publications and corresponding editors,

• chairing the Society’s Editorial Affairs, Policies, and Practices Committee on a rotating basis,

• considering broad questions of editorial practices that promote the dissemination of exceptionally high quality scientific knowledge and the uniformity of format, style, and procedures in conjunction with the Society’s board of directors, Executive Committee, and as needed with the Society’s Budget and Finance Committee,

• appointing feasibility and editorial committees for the evaluation and preparation of Society books, special publications, and other miscellaneous publications,

• appointing editors of the Society’s journals, following a call for nominees, on behalf of the Society’s president and board of directors after ratification by the board,

• appointing the technical editors for the Society’s journals on behalf of the Society’s president,

• serving as a member of the editorial boards of the Society’s journals, and

• serving as an ad hoc member of ASA’s Board of Directors and Budget and Finance Committee.

Interested persons may nominate themselves or be nominated by an active member of ASA. Candidates should email (i) a vita including a list of previous editorial experience and (ii) a vision statement not exceeding one page for the Society’s publications by 15 April 2014 to ASA President David Mengel (dmengel@ksu.edu). Applications will be reviewed by the ASA Board of Directors prior to selecting and appointing a new Editor-in-Chief.

The Plant Genome Editor

Duties of The Plant Genome Editor include, but are not limited to:

• providing general leadership for The Plant Genome,

• chairing the journal’s editorial board,

• considering questions of editorial practices that promote the dissemination of exceptionally high quality scientific knowledge and the uniformity of format, style, and procedures in conjunction with the CSSA leadership,

• appointing Technical and Associate Editors to the journal’s editorial board on behalf of the CSSA President,

• serving as a member of the Societies’ Editorial Affairs, Policies, and Practices Committee, and

• serving as a liaison to other societies and individuals to ensure the international and multidisciplinary scope of the journal’s content and subscription base.

Send your nominations in by 15 April.

Interested persons may nominate themselves or be nominated by an active member of CSSA. Candidates should email (i) a vita including a list of previous editorial experience and (ii) a vision statement not exceeding one page for the journal by 15 April 2014 to CSSA President David D. Baltensperger (dbaltensperger@tamu.edu).

Candidates for both positions are appointed to three-year terms, with eligibility for a second three-year term but not a third term without an intervening three-year period. It is expected that the candidates chosen will be able to attend the 2014 Annual Meeting, which will be held 2–5 November in Long Beach, CA, allowing for a timely and smooth transition into the positions.

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