2015 Election Results

The 2015 ASA, CSSA, and SSSA elections were completed in March, with the following individuals selected as the incoming presidents-elect, taking office in 2016.

ASA President-Elect:
Jessica G. Davis, Colorado State University

CSSA President-Elect:
E. Charles Brummer, University of California–Davis

SSSA President-Elect:
Andrew N. Sharpley, University of Arkansas

In addition, the proposed SSSA bylaw changes were approved by the membership, including the Soil Physics & Hydrology Division name change and the grand student representative serving as voting member of the SSSA board.


We welcome input and questions to our leadership, Dr. Jessica Torrion, chair, Montana State University (jessica.torrion@montana.edu), and Dr. John Read, vice-chair, USDA-ARS, Mississippi State University (john.read@ars.usda.gov).

An Update on Staff Changes at Society Headquarters

Last September marked the start of numerous staff changes within our Headquarters offices when we welcomed a new Director of Publications, Bill Cook. The Publications Department also now includes Madeline Fisher, Features Editor, who focuses on writing feature stories and developing content for our magazines.

The Public and Science Communications team gained a new member when Martha Pings was hired as the Public Relations Coordinator. Martha focuses on Society websites, Facebook pages, Tweets, and news releases. Olivia Grych also joined the department early this year as an intern; her daily responsibilities include helping to write and edit news releases and blog posts and maintain the Discover Soils page for the soils.org website.

ACSESS has welcomed not only new staff but the creation of new positions as well. Luther Smith was appointed Director of Professional Development and Business Relations and now works with Eric Welsh marketing educational programs, finding corporate sponsors for webinars and other Society events, and selling exhibitor space at the Annual Meeting. To fill the gap created by Luther and Eric's expanded responsibilities, Marta Krist was recently promoted to the position of Manager within the Certifications Department.

Although still serving as Books Acquisitions Editor in the Publications Department, Nicole Sandler joined the Membership Department as Manager of Member Engagement. Her responsibilities include developing membership functions to increase and retain membership.