Call for Nominations: Book Committee Chair, Editor of Crop Science

The Societies are seeking nominations for two positions: (i) Chair of the ASA, CSSA, SSSA Book and Multimedia Publishing Committee and (ii) Editor of Crop Science, the flagship journal of CSSA. Both positions are voluntary and will start on 1 Jan. 2017. Candidates are expected to be visionary, as our publications are experiencing rapid change in science, resources, processes, format, and delivery. In addition, there is fierce competition for authors and readers. Prior editorial experience with ASA, CSSA, and SSSA publications or those with similar subject matter/structure is expected. Candidates are appointed to three-year terms, with eligibility for reappointment for a second three-year term but not a third term without an intervening three-year period. The positions carry a great deal of responsibility as well as personal satisfaction.

Chair of the Book and Multimedia Publishing Committee

The Societies publish the Agronomy Monographs, the SSSA Book Series, the Advances in Agricultural Systems Modeling Series, and a Special Publication series as well as textbooks, children’s books, hard- and softcover books on special topics, and professional guides. The committee includes the three editors-in-chief and representatives from each Society led by the chair. The chair position alternates among the three Societies and is appointed by that Societies’ presidents upon confirmation by the boards of directors.

Application and Position Duties

Interested persons may nominate themselves or be nominated by an active member of one of the Societies. A vision statement and summary of previous editorial experience should be emailed to the three editors-in-chief: ASA Editor-in-Chief Elizabeth Guertal (guertea@auburn.edu), SSSA Editor-in-Chief David Myrold (david.myrold@oregonstate.edu), and CSSA Editor-in-Chief C. Wayne Smith (cwsmith@tamu.edu). Applications will be reviewed by the Societies’ boards of directors and should be submitted by 1 June 2016. Duties of the chair include:

- Exploring and prioritizing topics for development and publication of new books, with the goal of ensuring ASA, CSSA, and SSSA are the preeminent book publishers in the agronomic, crop, and soil sciences.
- Identifying editor and author experts in these fields and soliciting manuscripts on these topics.
- Identifying and prioritizing potential derivative publications and new editions of existing titles.
- Recommending policy with respect to publishing activities for consideration by the ASA, CSSA, and SSSA boards of directors.
- Promoting ASA, CSSA, SSSA publications with regard to sales, manuscript submissions, and general visibility to broad audiences.
- Preparing an annual report of committee activities for submission to the ASA, CSSA, and SSSA boards of directors.
- When appropriate, reviewing an editorial committee’s outline of subject matter, selected authors, and the status of the manuscripts to determine if they are consistent with the original intent of an approved proposal.

Editor of Crop Science

Crop Science is a highly cited journal that publishes original peer-reviewed research and also contains invited review and interpretation articles and perspectives that offer insight and commentary on recent advances in crop science. The position is appointed by the CSSA president upon confirmation by the CSSA board of directors.

Application and Position Duties

Interested persons may nominate themselves or be nominated by an active member of ASA, CSSA, or SSSA. Candidates should email (i) a vita including a list of previous editorial experience and (ii) a vision statement for the journal by 1 June 2016 to C. Wayne Smith, CSSA Editor-in-Chief, at cwsmith@tamu.edu. Duties of the Editor include:

- Providing general leadership for the journal.
- 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.
- On behalf of the CSSA President, appointing Technical and Associate Editors to the journal’s editorial board.
- Serving as a member of CSSA’s Editorial Affairs, Policies, and Practices Committee.
- Serving as a liaison to other societies and individuals to ensure the international and multidisciplinary scope of the journal’s content and subscription base.