1982 MEETING REPORTS AND MINUTES

S002. SSSA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
22-25 March 1982, Madison, WI

The meeting was called to order by President R.G. Gast. Those present were:
R.G. Gast, SSSA president
W.H. Gardner, SSSA president-elect
B.A. Stewart, SSSA past president
D.M. Kral, acting executive vice president
V. Cunningham, administrative assistant
R.M. Meudt, recording secretary

000-099 ORGANIZATION

S001.4 Executive Vice President

The Executive Committee received a report on the status of applications for the Executive Vice President position. The closing date for acceptance of applications was 15 March. Several applications were mailed just a day or two before; a total of 33 names are on the list.

In discussing how the list would be narrowed down, the interviewing process, and the time schedule, the following actions were taken by the ASA Executive Committee.

**ACTION:** It was moved that if possible the Screening Committee give the ASA Executive Committee five names by approximately 15 April. Interviews, if at all possible, will be scheduled between 15 May and 1 June. Seconded. Carried.

This action is meant to be a guideline for the Screening Committee. If the interviewing can be done earlier than 15 May, that is fine.

**ACTION:** It was moved that the Presidents of ASA, CSSA, and SSSA reduce the Screening Committee's list of five candidates to no more than three if reasonably possible and that these candidates be scheduled for interviews. Seconded. Carried.

The Executive Committee will be asked to submit a prioritized list of five candidates to the ASA President. The ASA, CSSA, and SSSA Presidents will then review the listings and identify those candidates to be scheduled for interviews.

**ACTION:** It was moved that the interviews for the Executive Vice President position be conducted in Madison as scheduled by the President of ASA, and that the candidates be interviewed by the three Presidents and as many other members of the Executive Committee as possible with at least six members being present. Seconded. Carried.

In discussing expenses to be covered by the Society for interviews and the candidate selected to receive the position, the following actions were taken:

**ACTION:** It was moved that the ASA pay for only the personal interviews, not inclusive of spouses and children. Seconded. Carried. It was generally agreed that once the position was offered to an individual, if that individual and spouse wished to return to Madison to investigate the city, housing, etc., the ASA President and the Acting Executive Vice President would be authorized to make the decision on payment of expenses.

**ACTION:** It was moved that ASA provide moving expenses by reputable mover for household goods, personal effects, mileage on one car (24¢/mile), and a professional library, for the new Executive Vice President. Seconded. Carried.

These ASA actions are entered into these minutes as a matter of record.

S002 Executive Committee

**ACTION:** It was moved that the Executive Committee and Budget and Finance Committee summer meetings be held 26-30 July 1982 and that the President work with the Headquarters staff on finalizing the agenda. Seconded. Carried.

The planned schedule is for the Budget and Finance Committees to meet on 26-27 July and the Executive Committee to meet 27-30 July.

S005 Committee Appointments

**ACTION:** In order to assist the President-Elect with committee appointments it was moved that at the earliest possible date following the annual meeting, the *Agronomy News,* for at least three issues, carry a tear-out form for society members to volunteer their services or to suggest others for service on specific committees in any of the three Societies. Completed forms should be mailed directly to the appropriate President-Elect. People should indicate on the form in which Society they are interested in serving. Seconded. Carried.

ACS090 Agronomic Science Foundation

**ACTION:** It was the consensus of the Executive Committee to approve a compiled list of names of persons who could be considered for appointment as an SSSA representative to the ASF Board by the SSSA President-Elect.

200-299 OPERATIONS AND FINANCE

S211 Budget and Finance

1. At the second meeting of the CSSA Board of Directors, the CSSA Budget and Finance Committee recommended to:
   a) Increase nonmember dues to $65 per year from the present $32; this would generate $60,000 of additional income.
   b) Adjust dues biennially to maintain dues as a 30% source of budget.
   c) Adjust page charges biennially to maintain this as a source of income. Page charges would go up or down with inflation.

The CSSA Board of Directors did not take formal action approving the above but were receptive to them. In the discussion it was suggested that the CSSA B&F Committee discuss these recommendations with the B&F Committees of ASA and SSSA since consideration should be given to coordinating these changes with similar changes by the other two societies. Once the B&F Committees have had an opportunity to study the recommendations, they can report to their respective Executive Committees for consideration and action.

**ACTION:** It was moved to refer the recommendations of the CSSA B&F Committee to the SSSA B&F Committee for consideration in regard to SSSA. Seconded. Carried.

R.G. Gast will advise the B&F Committee of this action.

ACS221 Investments

Frank Burgess and Marilyn Holt-Smith, the Society's Investment Advisors, submitted a report on the Society's investments. For the quarter ending 31 Dec, 1981 the Society experienced a return of about 11%. The Executive Committee considered the report as an information item.