

## **ACS090 BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF AGRONOMIC SCIENCE FOUNDATION (ASF)**

A. Status: The ASF Board of Trustees is not a committee of the Society since ASF is a separate, incorporated, organization. The ASF Board Chair appoints the Board of Trustees.

B. Composition and Tenure:

The Board of Trustees of the Agronomic Science Foundation is comprised of no more than 15 voting members, inclusive of the Executive Director. The Executive Committees of ASA, CSSA, and SSSA shall appoint three Trustees each to the Foundation Board. Of the three appointees from each Society, one shall be a member of the Society's Executive Committee. Up to five additional voting Trustees-at-large shall make up the Board. Four shall be appointed by the President of ASA from a list of candidates submitted by the Foundation's Board. Upon election, the Board Chair automatically becomes a voting Trustee-at-large and the resulting vacancy may be filled by a Society appointment or Trustee-at-large appointment, dependent upon the form of original appointment of the Chair. The Chief Executive Officer of ASA-CSSA-SSSA shall serve as Executive Director and shall be a voting Trustee-at-large of the Board. Society membership is not required of Trustees-at-large.

Trustee appointments are for three years. A Trustee is eligible to be appointed for a second three-year term, but not a third term, without an intervening three-year period. However, a Trustee may continue service for a third consecutive term, of up to an additional three years, subject to approval of two-thirds vote of the total Board of Trustees. Appointment to unexpired terms of office or reappointment at the end of one term in office of Trustees-at-large, are contingent on Board of Trustee approval or action.

Should a Trustee representing a Society resign, become a Trustee-at-large, or for any reason become unable to serve, the Executive Committee of the Society responsible for the appointment shall appoint a successor to complete the term of office.

The Executive Committee shall be composed of the Chair of the Board, the Executive Director, and one other Trustee elected to the Executive Committee by the Board. The Executive Committee may act on behalf of the Board between Board meetings.

The Officers of the Foundation shall consist of a Chair, an Executive Director, and a Trustee elected to serve on the Executive Committee, all of whom shall be members of the Board of Trustees. The term of office for the Chair shall be for a period of three years and shall end at the time designated by the Board of Trustees. The Executive Director shall serve on a continuing basis. The term of office for the Trustee elected to the Executive Committee shall be for one year and shall end at the time designated by the Board of Trustees.

If the Chair should resign, or for any reason be unable to serve, the Executive Director shall serve as interim Chair, until such time that the Board can elect a Chair to complete the unfilled term of office.

C. Functions of the Board of Trustees of the Agronomic Science Foundation:

1. To serve as the governing body of the Foundation and to have final authority with respect to the affairs and the property of the Foundation within the bounds of the Articles of Incorporation and the Bylaws of the Foundation.
2. To consider suggestions of activities, programs, and projects worthy of support by the Foundation. Such suggestions may come from members of the Board, from any officer or member of ASA, CSSA, or SSSA, or from other parties having a mutual interest in the objectives of the Foundation.
3. To maintain an active role in soliciting funds for the Foundation and for Foundation support of ASA and/or CSSA and/or SSSA activities, programs, and projects.

4. To hold at least one meeting per year. Traditionally, the Board meets during the ASA Annual Meeting.
5. To reassess, on a continuing basis, the current operations and the future role of the Foundation.

D. Presidential Responsibilities:

The Presidents of ASA, CSSA, and SSSA cooperate with the ASF Board and its officers in matters of mutual concern. The Presidents must maintain close liaison with the ASF Board and its officers in order to provide awareness and information to the ASF and Society Boards relative to matters of mutual interest. The ASF Chair must maintain close communication with the Societies so the Boards of the Societies can be informed of any substantive problems in management of ASF and can make recommendations to alleviate such problems.