



ICCA Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Thursday June 4, 2026, Noon-2:00pm (Central Time)

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01

Welcome & Consent Agenda

ACTION: Motion by David Simonson, seconded by Craig Allen, to approve the Consent Agenda: Approve ICCA Board Minutes, March 12, 2026 (Document 2). Unanimous approval.

02

Regional Boards Best Practices – Nicole Fiorellino, Mid-Atlantic

- Mid-Atlantic Crop Management School, a collaborative event between the Universities of Maryland and Delaware since 1995 held annually in Ocean City, MD in November. Helps consultants and CCAs obtain CEUs in nutrient management, crop management, soil and water, pest management, professional development, sustainability, ethics, and precision ag. It also covers state-level credits for MD, VA, DE, PA, WV.
- Venue capacity is 250 people and typically reaches near capacity. Attendance since 2018 was shared; roughly 30%+ of attendees are CCAs.
- Speakers are primarily brought in from outside the Mid-Atlantic region to present cutting-edge research. Each speaker presents their talk twice in a 50-minute format.
- The Mid-Atlantic CCA Board has taken over the social/networking reception and award ceremony, which has strengthened CCA engagement and fellowship. Plans are in progress to increase CCA promotional presence at the event.
- Registration includes all meals; attendees pay for their own hotel.

03

Update: ASA Headquarters – Jim Cudahy

- New Director of Certification began May 4, Leon Katcharian – 20+ experience in certification, credentialing, and exam program management
- New Certification Manager begins June 8, Tina Sullivan, CCA & ASA/CSSA/SSSA Member, formerly with Kansas State Univ., NE Regional Extension Agronomist
- Overview of the ASA/ICCA Relationship (view PowerPoint slides)

04

ICCA Board Meeting, Niagara Falls - Sara Uttech, Nicole Weber, Susan Fitzgerald

- **Aug 24:** travel day: passports needed for international travel
- **Aug. 25:** Optional Field Tour – *thank you Ontario CCA Board*

- **Aug. 26-27:** Board meeting: 1.5 days
- **RSVP by July 26 on Google Doc**, including tour attendance. Enter airport, arrival/departure for carpooling
- **Reserve Hotel by July 26:** **Hilton Niagara Falls/Fallsview Hotel** \$277.61CAD (King) - call 905-354-7887 to reserve different type
- **July 25 Tour:** Winery, brewery, ginseng, and commercial cannabis with 5 CEUs Crop Management (Document 3)

05

Policy Update – Shawn Wallace

- Would like to add one individual from each local board to join the committee – contact Luther Smith, lsmith@sciencesocieties.org
- New USDA-NRCS Chief Colton Beckley
- Farm Bill passed the House, goes to Senate: if passed goes through reconciliation
- TSP Update – our proposal funding amounts for TSP for each state; since 2025, 240 CCAs applied /178 are qualified
- Conservation Planners & TSP: Working with ARA, TFI – conservation assistance
- Submitting comments: EPA Endangered Species Act, Fungicide Act
- CCA certification is looking into state licensure in New York – any feedback to Shawn Wallace, wallaceshawn421@gmail.com

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Action: Vote on CCA Application Requirements (Document 4)

Application Task Force recommendations proposed motions - Jason Hartschuh, Ohio

- Zoom Polls: one poll for each motion, one vote per local board, proxy voting allowed only if requested via email in advance
1. Motion by Karen Corrigan, seconded by Karl Wyant for Candidate Status: As soon as an individual passes all their exams and signs the Code of Ethics, they will become a CCA Candidate. Unanimous approval.
 2. Motion by Karen Corrigan, seconded by Noah Goza for References: Replace the requirement for two letters of reference with contact information for two references. Motion fails following a tie, 12-12.
 3. Motion by Karen Corrigan, seconded by Alex Park for Experience: Farm experience will be limited to making or recommending agronomic decisions on a farm. Motion carries, 23-1-1.
 4. Motion by Karen Corrigan, seconded by Tim Schaub for Farm Experience: Farm experience may count for up to 50% of a candidate's experience requirement provided that this farm experience included making or recommending agronomic decisions on a farm. Motion carries, 22-2.
 5. Motion by Karen Corrigan, seconded by Paul Miles for Experience Statement: Replace experience calculation worksheets with a detailed statement on the amount of on-farm advising experience they have obtained. Motion carries, 23-1.
 6. Motion by Karen Corrigan, seconded by Matt Brugger for CEUs and Experience: CCA Candidates requiring more than two years of experience may earn Board Approved CEUs to reduce their experience requirement to a minimum of two years. Motion carries, 20-4.

	7. Motion by Karen Corrigan, seconded by Craig Allen for Degree Type: All four-year science degrees or higher will require two years of advising experience. All four-year degrees in non-science disciplines (e.g. Bachelor of Arts) will require three years of advising experience. Motion carries, 22-2. 8. Motion by Frank Schneider, seconded by Tim Ford for Course Work: CCA Candidates must submit an official or unofficial transcript. Motion carries, 23-2.
07	Digital App Task Force – DJ May - Report from the Digital App Task Force - Bravura – single sign-on to navigate to pages they need. Will meet in June.
08	Updates: Exams – Stanley Wu, Karl Wyant - Pilot testing in-person Exams in Iowa, Prairie Province, Western Region, and Mexico. We are currently finalizing the testing schedule. If you have any questions about the in-person testing option, contact Stanley at swu@sciencesocieties.org - Report: 2026 Exam statistics for February and April – will report in August - Organic Specialty Certification Exam Development test developed and will launch with the exams in August: www.sciencesocieties.org/certified-crop-adviser/already-certified/organic - Will look into Specialty Certifications for Mexico
09	Review: CCA Board Collaboration Survey Results – Jim Cudahy - Due to time constraints, the Board Collaboration Survey results will be presented at the next Board meeting. - ASA approved Reinvest funds from investment reserves for CCA Marketing, to develop a marketing plan \$5,000-\$10,000 and \$300,000-\$500,000 to execute. - Call for ICCA Marketing Committee volunteers to provide local board input. Contact Hanna Jeske, hjeske@sciencesocieties.org - Certification Exam Assessment – consultant will be contacting local CCA Boards
10	Awards – Karl Wyant - ICCA of the Year: Joe Nester, Nester Ag, LLC, CCA-OH & IN Crops & Soils article, Social Media posts: LinkedIn, X - Admin of the Year – in voting - Both invited to attend ICCA Board Meeting in Niagara Falls for the presentation
11	Next Steps – Aaron Breimer - Request for Volunteers: Survey Task Force - Registration Open for Upcoming Meetings (CEUs available): Sustainable Agronomy, Wednesdays in July – DJ May CANVAS in the Field, July 20-22, Penn State – DJ May CANVAS, Nov. 1-4, Portland, OR – Jim Cudahy

Adjourn – Aaron Breimer

- Consensus to Adjourn

ICCA Board of Directors

ICCA Executive Committee attending:

- Aaron Breimer, Chair
- Karen Corrigan, Vice Chair
- Karl Wyant, Past Chair

Unable to attend:

- Michael Mulvaney, ASA ICCA Board Rep.
- Isaac Wolford, ARA Rep.

ASA Headquarters attending:

- Jim Cudahy, CEO
- Ann Edahl, Educational Programs Senior Manager
- Lacey Edwardson, Support Center Lead
- Leon Katcharian, Certifications Director
- DJ May, Member & Stakeholders Associate Director
- Sara Uttech, Governance Director
- Stanley Wu, Exam & Program Data Coordinator

Unable to attend:

- Dawn Gibas, Assessments Manager
- Luther Smith, Chief Administrative Officer

Arkansas - Craig Allen; Admin - Sterling Clifton

Atlantic - Jessica D'Entremont; Admin - Walter Brow

Colorado - Alex Park

Florida - Kevin Sanders; Admin - Mary Hartney

Illinois Admin - Lisa Martin

Indiana - Carl Joern; Admin - Mershon Tobin

Iowa - David Simonson; Admin - Ben Gleason

Kansas - Noah Goza, Jonathan Reazin, Jessica Strnad;
Admin – Clay Fagan

Louisiana - Tim Ford

Mexico - Charles Van der Merch, Juan Carlos Salinas;
Admin - Lidia Sanchez

Michigan - Tim Schaub; Admin - Chuck Lippstreu

MidAtlantic - Nicole Fiorellino, Paul Miles; Admin -
Jennifer Gannon

Minnesota Admin - Lee Helgen

Mississippi - Michael Kenty

Missouri Admin - Andrea Rice

Nebraska Admin - Connie Schroeder

North Carolina - Gregory Goins

North Dakota Admin - Jessica Rust

Northeast - Shawn Wallace; Admin - Peter Naumann

Northwest - Jake Shelburne

Ohio - Jason Hartschuh; Admin - Janice Welsheimer

Ontario - Nicole Weber; Admins - Erin Burton, Susan Fitzgerald,
Daina McMurray

Pennsylvania - Frank Schneider

Prairie Province - David McKerchar; Admin - Mary-Jane Debreuil

South Dakota - Paul Luetjen; Admin - Liv Stavick

Southeast Admin - Glen Harris

Tennessee - Sarah Dodd

Texas - Ally Latham

Western - John Allan, Stephen Vasquez; Admin - Miranda Driver

Wisconsin - Matt Brugger

ARA - Donnie Taylor