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Calls for Nominations: Society Editor-in-Chief, Journal and Magazine Editors

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ASA, CSSA, and SSSA seek nominations for an incoming SSSA Editor‐in‐Chief, *Crop, Forage & Turfgrass Management* (CFTM) Editor, *Journal of Plant Registrations* (JPR) Editor, *Agricultural & Environmental Letters* (AEL) Editor, *The Plant Phenome Journal* (TPPJ) Editor, and four Regional Editors for *Crops & Soils* magazine. Candidates for these nine positions are appointed to three‐year terms of service to begin Jan. 1, 2025. The positions are appointed by the Society's presidents and carry a great deal of responsibility as well as personal satisfaction.

For the editor‐in‐chief and journal editor positions, prior editorial experience with ASA, CSSA, or SSSA publications or those having similar subject matter/structure is required and attendance is expected at the 2024 International Annual Meeting, which will be held in San Antonio, TX this year.

Editor‐in‐Chief of SSSA



The SSSA Editor‐in‐Chief is expected to provide visionary leadership for Society publications and the scholarly communication of its members as well as implementing the editorial policies established by the Society's Board of Directors.

The market landscape and business models for scholarly communication are undergoing rapid evolution, and Society publishing needs to embrace the transition. Drivers of the evolution include funding body mandates, federal open science regulations, open science adoption, and open access business models. The pressure for publication and curation of data sets coupled with improved knowledge translation is accelerating the changes in publication. Increased pressure for transparency, repeatability, and reproducibility in science is also emerging. The Editor‐in‐Chief should

be well versed in or eager to learn about current trends in scholarly communication and excited about opportunities to innovate to ensure the sustainability of our publications while growing the profile and impact of our membership's science products.

Position Duties

The Editor?in?Chief will:

- participate and engage in discussions between the ACSESS publications leadership and publishing partner regarding opportunities and strategies to embrace open science;
- collaborate with ACSESS Director of Publications in identifying and prioritizing innovations with potential to increase visibility and use of publications and educational materials;
- advise the ACSESS CEO and Executive Committee(s) on emerging issues and opportunities in scholarly communication;
- act as an adviser to the staff of *CSA News* magazine, propose development of focus issues, member profiles, story ideas, etc. and provide subject matter expert guidance. The Editor‐in‐Chief will represent their individual branches of science and work in conjunction with the other Society editors‐in‐chief on development of major publishing initiatives with support from staff; and
- serve on various committees in addition to other responsibilities.

Editor of CFTM, Editor of JPR, Editor of AEL, and Editor of TPPJ



Candidates for the four open positions of Editor of *Crop, Forage & Turfgrass Management*, Editor of *Journal of Plant Registrations*, Editor of *Agricultural and Environmental Letters*, and Editor of *The Plant Phenome Journal* are expected to be

visionary as the publication ecosystem is experiencing rapid changes in scientific content delivery as well as publishing models. In addition, there is fierce competition for authors and readers.

Position Duties

Journal Editors will:



- provide leadership for the journal, promote scholarship in the science targeted by the journal, and promote manuscript submission and peer review to researchers and authors;
- act as ambassador of the journal to international communities to raise the quality of science;
- collaborate in the development, implementation, and communication of vision for the journal;
- be responsible for maintaining the journal's quality content standards, objectives, and metrics;
- strive to advance scientific publishing to ensure the high standards of reliability, accessibility, openness, and integrity of the scientific enterprise;
- promote broad ethical and communal interests of science in support of Society diversity, equity, and inclusion initiatives;
- appoint associate editors to the journal's editorial board on behalf of the Society's president; and
- serve as a member of the Societies' Editorial Affairs, Policies, and Practices Committee among other responsibilities.



Nomination Procedure and Deadline

The SSSA Editor-in-Chief and journal Editor positions are appointed by the Society's president upon confirmation by its Board of Directors. Interested persons may nominate themselves or be nominated by an active member of ASA, CSSA, or SSSA. Appointees must be a Society member during their term. Candidates should email (i) a vita including a list of previous editorial experience and (ii) a vision statement for the position not exceeding one page. ***Applications for all positions are due no later than June 1, 2024.***

Magazine Regional Editors



There are four Regional Editor positions open for *Crops & Soils* magazine—(i) West Region, (ii) Pacific Northwest Region, (iii) Northern Great Plains Region, and (iv) Eastern Canada Region. Candidates for these positions should be passionate about serving the practicing professional community and getting the best research-based practices down to the farm level. They must either work or have experience working in the regions for which they apply to serve.

Crops & Soils magazine is distributed to more than 14,000 readers, most of which are Certified Crop Advisers (CCAs). By serving as a Regional Editor for this magazine, you could have a huge potential impact on acres across North America as CCAs are estimated to be involved in advising somewhere between half and three-quarters of the crop production acres in the U.S.!

Position Duties

Magazine Regional Editors will:



- represent a region on the board
- provide five or six stories or story ideas each year for the magazine that are of interest to readers in the geographic region they represent and/or of general

interest across North America; and

- provide feedback to magazine staff or answer technical questions from time to time.

Nomination Procedure and Deadline

Persons interested in the Regional Editor positions for the magazine may nominate themselves or be nominated by an active member of ASA, CSSA, or SSSA or a CCA. Candidates should email a paragraph or two about their interest in and qualifications for the position no later than June 1, 2024 to the Managing Editor, Matt Nilsson, at cropsandsoils@agronomy.org. Please contact Mr. Nilsson for a complete position description or with any questions.

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