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Soil Science Society of America Members Elect Leadership

Madison, WI - April 25, 2024 - The [Soil Science Society of America](http://www.soils.org) announces its newly elected leaders for the next office term, beginning January 2025.

SSSA held its yearly election from March 4 to April 4, inviting all Society members to participate. Those interested in various roles—such as board member, president or chair of a specific area of study, called a division—can be nominated by themselves or others. The elected officials represent the entire Society, overseeing decisions regarding the allocation of time and resources for programs and initiatives.

Dr. Aaron Daigh, a University of Nebraska-Lincoln soil scientist, was selected as the 2025 President-Elect.

President-Elect Daigh earned his doctorate in soil science and environmental science from Iowa State University, his master's in crop, soil, and environmental science, and his bachelor's in environmental, soil, and water science from the University of Arkansas. He brings a wealth of experience and expertise to this esteemed position. Dr. Daigh's dedication to advancing soil science research, promoting sustainable land management practices, and fostering collaboration within the soil science community makes him an exceptional choice to lead SSSA into the future.

"Aaron Daigh has been a valuable contributor to SSSA for many years in many different capacities, so it's a natural step for him to move into the role of President-Elect," said CEO Jim Cudahy. "His leadership will be instrumental in advancing SSSA's mission and promoting the importance of soil science in addressing critical environmental issues."

As President-Elect, Daigh will work closely with SSSA leadership to develop strategic initiatives, engage with stakeholders, and promote the vital role of soil science in addressing global challenges such as climate change, food security, and environmental degradation.

Members also selected leaders of academic subspecialties, or divisions, and other board representatives. They are:

President-Elect

Aaron L.M. Daigh, University of Nebraska-Lincoln

Agricultural Soil & Food Systems Group Board Representative

Julie A. Howe, Texas A&M University

Fundamental Soil Science Group Board Representative

Vanessa L. Bailey, Pacific Northwest National Lab

Soil & Ecosystem Processes Group Board Representative

Ronald Reuter, Oregon State University

Nutrient Management & Soil & Plant Analysis Division Chair-Elect

Christopher W. Rogers, USDA-ARS

Pedology Division Chair-Elect

Felipe Andres Aburto, Texas A&M University

Practicing Professional Soil Scientists Division Chair-Elect

Matthew M. Duncan, Land O'Lakes, Inc.

Forest, Range & Wildland Soils Division Chair-Elect

Cole Gross, SUNY-ESF, College of Environmental Science & Forestry

Soil & Water Management & Conservation Division Chair-Elect

Sandeep Kumar, USDA-NIFA

Soil Biology & Biochemistry Division Chair-Elect

Thea Whitman, University of Wisconsin-Madison

Soil Chemistry Division Chair-Elect

Matthew A. Ginder-Vogel, University of Wisconsin-Madison

Soil Education & Outreach Division Chair-Elect

Wolters, Bethany Rose Wolters, University of Tennessee-Martin

Soil Fertility & Plant Nutrition Division Chair-Elect

Bhupinder Singh Farmaha, Clemson University

Soil Mineralogy Division Chair-Elect

Aditi Pandey, NASA

Soil Physics & Hydrology Division Chair-Elect

Michael Cosh, USDA-ARS

Soils & Environmental Quality Division Chair-Elect

Udayakumar Sekaran, Oregon State University

Urban & Anthropogenic Soils Division Chair-Elect

Anna Merrill Wade, EPA - Environmental Protection Agency

Wetland Soils Division Chair-Elect

Chelsea Duball, Grand Valley State University

SSSA is also part of the Alliance of Crop, Soil, and Environmental Science Societies: a nonprofit organization providing management and administrative, support services to founding members, the American Society of Agronomy, Crop Science Society of America, and Soil Science Society of America. The headquarters office is located in Madison, Wis, USA.

For more information and to learn about the Society and its leadership, visit its Governance webpage: www.soils.org/about-society/governance

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