President Kim Garland-Campbell called the meeting to order.

Board members present:

President: Kim Garland-Campbell, USDA-ARS (2024)
Past President: Seth Murray, Texas A&M (2024)
President-Elect: Mark Sorrells, Cornell (2024)
C-1: Melanie Bayles, Oklahoma State Univ. (2025)
C-2: John Snider, University of Georgia-Tifton (2026)
C-3: Ignacio Ciampitti, Kansas State Univ. (2024)
C-4: Nicole Anderson, Oregon State Univ. (2025)
C-5: Cale Bigelow, Purdue (2026)
C-6: John Guretzky, Univ. of Nebraska (2024)
C-7: Jianming Yu, Iowa State Univ. (2024)
C-8: Dipak Santra, Univ. of Nebraska (2025)
C-9: Mary Guttieri, USDA-ARS (2025)
Industry: Leah Brilman, DLF (2025)
Grad Student: Tina Sullivan, Utah State Univ (2025)

Ex-Officio Board Members without Vote:
CEO: Jim Cudahy; Program Planning Officer: Nithya Rajan, Texas A&M (2026)

Unable to attend:
DEI-At-Large: Geoffrey Koch, Petrichor Consulting Group (2026); Editor-in-Chief Bingru Huang, Rutgers (2024); ASF Chair: Stella Salvo, Bayer CropScience (2024); B&F Chair: Stephen Malone, USDA-AMS-S&T-SRTD (2025)

Also attending:
Susan Chapman, Special Projects Director
Luther Smith, Chief Administrative Officer
Sheri Springer, Finance & Accounting Director
Matt Wascavage, Publications Director

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1. The meeting opened with a discussion of the Undark article selected by Geoffrey Koch, “Science Has a Communication Problem – and a Connection Problem.”

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2. ACTION: The following Consent Agenda items were approved:
- March 19, 2024 CSSA Board of Directors Meeting Agenda
- Feb. 20, 2024 CSSA Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
- Reappointment of Bingru Huang as CSSA Editor-in-Chief for a second three-year term beginning in January 2025 as recommended by President Kim Garland-Campbell

3. CEO Jim Cudahy Headquarters Update:
- Annual audit underway, plans to hold Budget & Finance Committee Calls to review
  - Need to identify new Accounting Software as Great Plains is going away
- Update: International Crop Science Congress Organizing Committee met; leaders will meet at our Annual Meeting to determine next steps and future meeting date.
- Strategic Plan: Outreach Objectives & Presentations, including exhibited at:
  - MANRRS (Minorities in Agriculture, Natural Resources & Related Sciences) March 22 and NSTA (National Science Teachers Association) March 21-22
- Governance Director Sara Uttech finalized the CSSA Hybrid Summer Board Meeting in Madison (1.5 Days) as:
  - July 31 arrive anytime
  - Aug. 1 all day board meeting
  - Aug. 2 half day board meeting, travel home after Noon
- Think about ideas for the agenda, tours/field trips
- We will make hotel reservations to be direct billed, you make your travel arrangements
• Note: We will reimburse all travel expenses with receipts

• Publications Director Matt Wascavage distributed a Publications Update document and called out the Editor Nominations due June 1:
  o ASA & CSSA: Crop, Forage & Turfgrass Management Editor
  o ASA-CSSA-SSSA: Agricultural & Environmental Letters Editor
  o CSSA: Journal of Plant Registrations Editor
  o SSSA: Editor-in-Chief

• CAO Luther Smith provided a report and next steps for Congressional Visits Day held March 4-6 that featured 45 attendees, 63 meetings representing 23 states.

4. ASA, CSSA, SSSA Awards: [www.crops.org/awards] - encourage students to participate
   • Scholarships Close 3/19/2024 | Submissions due 3/26/2024
   • Travel Grants Open 3/20/2024 | Submissions due 7/25/2024
     • Bridge Scholars
     • Caregiver Travel Award
     • Graduate Student Travel Award

5. Next Meeting Date Tuesday April 16, 2024, 2:00-3:15pm and Agenda Preview:
   a. Volunteer to select article to review: CEO Jim Cudahy
   b. Results: CSSA Elections March 4-April 4, [www.crops.org/elections]
   c. Review Year-End CSSA Financials
   d. Committee connections to strategic objectives
      i. Reducing number of committees, consolidation
      ii. Reinvigorating, reimagining, re-purpose committees with staff liaisons identified

ACS732 Program Planning
1. ACTION: Motion by Leah Brilman, seconded by Seth Murray, to approve the recommendation to remove the CSSA-only membership requirement to submit CSSA Annual Meeting abstracts. Unanimous approval.
2. ACTION: Motion by Mark Sorrells, seconded by Melanie Bayles, to approve the recommendation to sunset the CSSA Society-Wide Student Competition and C468 Society-Wide Committee and to conduct a survey of what grad students need and want. Ignacio Ciampitti offered to help re-tool the competition and improve the format. Motion carries, 7-3.

C101 Nominations Committee
CSSA Elections: Vote through April 4: [www.crops.org/elections]. President-Elect candidates: Felix Fritschi, Univ. of Missouri & Charlie Messina, Univ. of Florida

Consensus to Adjourn.