C003 CSSA Board of Directors

1. ACTION: Motion by Mark Sorrells, seconded by Tom Chastain, to approve the Oct. 26 CSSA Agenda as amended. Unanimous approval.

2. ACTION: Motion by Aaron Patton, seconded by Shawn Conley, to approve the Sept. 28, 2017 CSSA Board Minutes. Unanimous approval.

3. Charlie Brummer acknowledged the board’s appreciation to outgoing CSSA Board Members:
   o Michael Grusak, CSSA Past President
   o Diane Rowland, C-2 Board Rep.
   o Aaron Patton, C-5 Board Rep.
   o Henry Sintim, Grad Student Board Rep.
   o Mark Brick, CSSA Program Planning Officer

4. Charlie Brummer welcomed incoming CSSA Board Members:
   o Incoming CSSA President-Elect Beth Guertal, Auburn University
   o Maria Balota, C-2 Board Rep., Virginia Tech
   o Michelle DaCosta, C-5 Board Rep., University of Massachusetts-Amherst
   o Harrison Fried, Graduate Student Board Rep., Clemson University
   o Michael Grusak, CSSA Program Planning Officer, USDA-ARS

5. CEO Ellen Bergfeld provided an update of the CSSA Strategic Plan 2017-2019.

6. Stephanie Greene and Mark Sorrells reported on the Core Planning Committee Meeting with ASA, CSSA, and American Public Gardens Association members to discuss how to best collaborate on the needs and challenges addressing crop wild relative research and informal outreach efforts to educate the public on agriculture. The committee will meet in June 2018 at the American Public Gardens Association Meeting to continue discussions. Aaron Patton suggested that the U.S. Arboretum turfgrass exhibit could be a resource.

7. Jamie Breuninger and Aaron Patton suggested that CSSA offer an Industry Award, similar to the ASA and SSSA Industry Awards. CSSA could also offer a Staff/Technician Award. Consensus for the Awards Committee to consider.

C211 Budget & Finance Committee

ACTION: Motion and second by the CSSA Budget and Finance Committee to approve the CSSA 2018 Budget. Unanimous approval.

CS37 Science Policy Committee
1. **ACTION:** Motion by Aaron Patton, seconded by Glenn Shewmaker, to approve CSSA’s support of the Farm Bill priorities as presented. Unanimous approval.

2. **ACTION:** Motion by Shawn Conley, seconded by Michael Grusak, to approve the USDA-NIFA internship, up to $4,500. Unanimous approval.

3. Mark Westgate recommended that we table the USDA-NIFA Fellow decision until the next call and the Science Policy Committee will review the proposal further and make a recommendation to the board.

4. Stephanie Greene recommended that board members send comments on the Plant Science Systems Initiative to Karl for review by the Science Policy Committee.

5. The Science Policy Committee will review their guidelines when the Society is asked to sign on to a position statement, letter to congress, etc. If needed, they will bring it back to the board for approval of changes.

6. The Science Policy Office sponsored an initiative to stand up for science: text policy to 52886.

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**C301 Editorial Affairs, Policies and Practices**

**ACTION:** Motion by Glenn Shewmaker, seconded by Tom Chastain, to approve the open-access cascading megajournal concept as presented. Unanimous approval.

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**C711 Program Planning**

1. The theme of the ASA-CSSA Annual Meeting Nov. 4-7, 2018 in Baltimore is “Enhancing Productivity in a Changing Climate.”

2. Jules Pretty, University of Essex, has been selected as the opening keynote speaker. The Program Planning Committee is looking for ideas for a closing keynote speaker. Send names or ideas to Program Planning Officer Mike Grusak.

Consensus to adjourn.