CSSA Board of Directors Meeting
November 6, 2003
Denver, CO

The meeting was called to order by President Kenneth J. Moore. Those present were:
Kenneth J. Moore, CSSA President
James G. Coors, CSSA President-Elect
P. Stephen Baenziger, CSSA Past President
Jeffrey J. Volenec, Editor-in-Chief, ex-officio, nonvoting
Ellen G.M. Bergfeld, Executive Vice President, ex-officio, nonvoting

Division Chairs:
Joseph W. Burton, C-1
Gregory S. McMaster, C-2
Drew J. Lyon, C-3
Mark E. Westgate, C-4
Jack D. Fry, C-5
Glen E. Aiken, C-6
J. Perry Gustafson, C-7
Christina T. Walters, C-8

Division Chairs-Elect:
Terry A. Coffelt, C-1
Randy Wells, C-2
Joel K. Ransom, C-3
Mark A. Brick, C-4
Thomas W. Fermanian, C-5
James E. Specht, C-7
Jeffrey J. Steiner, C-8

CSSA-ASA Board Representatives:
Brett F. Carter, C-1
Wallace W. Wilhelm, C-2
William J. Wiebold, C-3
A. Susana Goggi, C-4
Roch E. Gaussoin, C-5
Matt A. Sanderson, C-6
Shawn M. Kaeppler, C-7
Henry L. Shands, C-8

Guests:
Brad Fenwick, USDA
Martin A. Massengale, ASF Chair
Gwen K. Stahnke, C-5 Past Chair
Craig A. Roberts, Incoming CSSA Editor-in-Chief
David M. Kral, Associate Executive Vice President
Cathy Goudreau, Assistant to the Executive Vice President and Recording Secretary
000-099 ORGANIZATION

C010 Divisions—General
As a matter of record the various Divisions reported on discussions held in their respective business meetings. Those items requiring Board action are recorded in these minutes under the appropriate code numbers.

ACS090 Agronomic Science Foundation
Martin A. Massengale, Chair of the ASF Board of Trustees, reported on activities of the Foundation. ASF exists to support the Societies and funds in ASF are an investment in the future. They support ongoing activities of the Societies as well as new activities. Each year the Societies are asked for a list of priorities. In 2003 ASF raised over $420,000; $300,000 is for the Smithsonian exhibit. Approximately $120,000 will be transferred back to the Societies. ASF is actively seeking $300,000 for the Journal of Plant Genomics.

200-299 OPERATIONS AND FINANCE

C201.4 Strategic Planning
Kenneth Moore requested that the Board members consider their vision for the Society in the future. The Executive Committee will be focusing on strategic planning and directives throughout the coming year and all Divisions were encouraged to become involved.

C211 Budget and Finance
1. ACTION: It was moved that the Budget and Finance Committee consider adding the $35,000 savings realized from cancellation of the Milwaukee program planning meeting, to the program enhancement funds of the respective Societies, to enhance the quality of the annual meeting. Seconded. Carried.

2. ACTION: Per the recommendation of the Budget and Finance Committee, it was moved to authorize a 20 percent dues increase for 2005. Seconded. Carried.

300-399 PUBLICATIONS

C301 Editorial Affairs, Policies, and Practices
1. CSSA Editor-in-Chief Jeffrey Volenec reported on discussions held by the various CSSA Editorial Boards.

ACTION: It was moved to increase the number of C-6 associate editors in Crop Science to 12 and to use them as a review board. Seconded. Carried.

ACTION: It was moved that the decision editor name be listed with each article published under C-7 in Crop Science. Seconded. Carried.
ACTION: Per the recommendation of the ACS321 Editorial Policy Coordination Committee, it was moved to provide a one-year electronic journal subscription or a book to any member that brings in a new nonmember journal subscription. Seconded. Carried.

ACTION: By consensus the Board approved the ACS321 Editorial Policy Coordination Committee recommendation that the Society retain all official records pertaining to manuscript reviews for three years from time of submission.

2. Gwen Stahnke presented a proposal from Division C-5 on the creation of a turfgrass science e-journal.

ACTION: It was moved to approve creation of an electronic journal on turfgrass. Seconded. Carried.

The details of the proposal from Division C-5 will be handled by the Executive Committee.

500-599 PROFESSION ADVANCEMENT

ACS536 Washington Presence
Brad Fenwick, Chief Scientist for competitive programs at USDA, reported on funding opportunities and changes in NRI focus which integrates research, education, and extension. The agency will start prioritizing their research programs and will be crafting a research portfolio. In an effort to enhance the level of communication and cooperation between USDA and CSSA, the Society was encouraged to provide a prioritized list of programs, keeping in mind the big issues that need to be tackled first, the knowledge gaps, and how those gaps can be filled. During the transition it is extremely important that communication between the agency and the Society becomes much more robust. Dr. Fenwick requested an opportunity to present a progress report to the Board at its 2004 meeting.

700-799 MEETINGS

C700 Meetings—General
David Kral reported that the 2004 Annual Meeting will be held October 31-November 4 in Seattle and the Canadian Society of Soil Science will be meeting with the Societies. The 2005 Annual Meeting will be held November 6-10 in Salt Lake City. Indianapolis and Pittsburgh are being looked at for 2006 with Indianapolis being favored. The 2007 Annual Meeting will be held November 5-8 in New Orleans. The Geological Society of America will be meeting with the Societies, October 26-30, 2008; the location will likely be Chicago. Other cities under consideration are Las Vegas, San Diego and Orlando. Nashville was also being considered, however, it has been decided not to pursue that location.