The meeting was called to order by President William Wiebold. Board participants were:

- William J. Wiebold, CSSA President
- Kenneth H. Quesenberry, CSSA President-Elect
- Henry L. Shands, CSSA Past President
- C. Corley Holbrook, C-1 Board Rep.
- Thomas J. Gerik, C-2 Board Rep.
- Emerson D. Nafziger, C-3 Board Rep.
- Gregory E. Welbaum, C-4 Board Rep.
- Anthony J. Koski, C-5 Board Rep.
- Thomas E. Carter, Jr., C-8 Board Rep.
- Craig A. Roberts, CSSA Editor-in-Chief, ex-officio

Also present:
- Fran Katz, Chief Operations Officer and Director of Publications
- Cathy Goudreau, Recorder

**C003 Board of Directors**

1. The Board reviewed the November 8, 2007 Board Meeting minutes. Per the recommendation of Cal Qualset, ASF Board Chair, it was the consensus of the Board to include a statement in the minutes regarding the transfer of funds from ASF to CSSA for the implementation of awards and other programmatic activities.

ACTION: It was moved by Ken Quesenberry to approve the November 8, 2007 CSSA Board of Directors Meeting minutes, as modified. Seconded by Tommy Carter. Carried unanimously.

2. The Board will meet April 27-29 in Madison, Wisconsin. The Board was requested to arrive by 6:00 PM on April 27 with a group dinner that evening and to plan departures no earlier than 2:00 PM on April 29.

**C010 Divisions - General**

The possible addition of new divisions to the Society was briefly discussed during the November 8, 2007 Board meeting. Due to time constraints on this conference call, it was agreed to add this as an agenda item for the March 4 Board conference call.

**C101 Nominations for President-Elect**

Henry Shands reported that Bruce Clarke from Rutgers University and Joe Lauer from the University of Wisconsin will be the candidates on the ballot for President-Elect.

**C201 Organization, Policy, and Bylaws**

The Organization, Policy, and Bylaws Committee is composed of members of the Board of Directors. Bill Wiebold prepared a list of possible activities for consideration by the committee and requested that a report from the Committee Chair be a standing agenda item on future Board meetings and conference calls.
C201.4.12 Alternative Revenue Task Force
Bill Wiebold has invited seven members to join the task force. The task force report will be a major item of discussion at the April 2008 Board meeting.

C211 Audit, Budget and Finance
The Audit, Budget and Finance Committee is composed of members of the Board of Directors. Bill Wiebold prepared a list of possible activities for consideration by the committee and requested that a report from the Committee Chair be a standing agenda item on future Board meetings and conference calls.

The Audit, Budget and Finance Committee normally meets in Madison in August. It was suggested that consideration be given to scheduling the meeting earlier in the year to allow adequate time for the committee to make changes in the budgets that may be needed as a result of the meeting. Timing of the summer Audit, Budget and Finance Committee meeting will be an agenda item for the April Board meeting.

Per the November 30, 2007 financial statement, Emerson Nafziger reported that the deficit for 2007 should be significantly less than projected.

Tom Gerik anticipates that the dues restructuring committee will have a proposal to present at the April Board meeting.

C301 Editorial Affairs, Policies, and Practices
1. Bill Wiebold requested a progress report on the search for an Editor for The Plant Genome during the March 2008 Board conference call.

2. CSSA cosponsors the following journals published by the American Phytopathological Society through the Plant Management Network - Crop Management and Applied Turfgrass Science. ASA and CSSA cosponsor Plant Health Progress and Forage and Grazinglands. In an effort to document an understanding among ASA, CSSA, and APS, a draft Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) outlining the responsibilities of all parties was discussed by the Board. Per the recommendation of Craig Roberts, it was the consensus of the Board to delete reference to ASA under ‘Responsibilities of the Parties’ as the Editorial Board for Crop Management is appointed by CSSA.

ACTION: It was moved by Ken Quesenberry to approve the Memorandum of Understanding, as amended. Seconded by Henry Shands. Carried unanimously.

Henry Shands will work with Fran Katz and Bill Wiebold regarding some minor editorial changes to the MOU.

C302 Crop Science
ACTION: It was moved by Ken Quesenberry that authors of Crop Science have the option of paying an additional $800 fee above the usual publication charges, which will make their articles open access at the time of publication on the HighWire website. Seconded by Tony Koski. Carried unanimously.
ACS324.1 Journal of Environmental Quality (JEQ)
ACTION: It was moved by Henry Shands to assess a new publication charge for JEQ, starting with 2008 submissions, of $80 per page up to six pages, with a charge of $175 per page above six. Seconded by Tony Koski. Carried unanimously.

ACTION: It was moved by Henry Shands that authors of JEQ have the option of paying an additional $800 fee above the usual publication charges, which will make their articles open access at the time of publication on the HighWire website. Seconded by Tony Koski. Carried unanimously.

C466 Golden Opportunity Scholars Institute Program
Henry Shands reviewed with the Board that ASA is interested in participating in the Golden Opportunity Scholars Institute Program but is not willing to commit any financial resources. The minutes from the November 8, 2007 SSSA Board meeting indicate that SSSA is willing to participate in the program with no additional funds. Henry suggests the Society move forward and request the Agronomic Science Foundation to raise funds for the program.

C711 Program Planning
As a follow-up to discussions at the November 8, 2007 Board meeting, Tony Koski presented a proposal relative to review of Division C-5 abstracts for volunteer paper submissions for the annual meetings. The goal of the review process is to ensure that abstracts are completed according to Society guidelines. The review process is not intended to evaluate the quality of the research, but to ensure that published abstracts are complete, intelligibly written, that some research has occurred, and that some results will be presented. Tony will provide a progress report during the March 4 Board conference call.

C900 International Activities
Action was taken during the August 7, 2007 CSSA Board conference call to recognize and adopt the International Crop Science Society (ICSS) as an affiliate of CSSA. As a follow-up to that action Ellen Bergfeld prepared a draft Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between CSSA and ICSS that was approved by the Board during the October 2, 2007 conference call. Following discussions with CSSA leadership and Ray Shorter, ICSS President, the MOU was revised regarding the $25,000 of in-kind support that CSSA has committed to the ICSS. It is suggested by CSSA and ICSS leadership that the balance of such in kind support (approximately $9,500) be funded by CSSA rather than from proceeds derived from the first International Crop Science Congress, their investment gains, or equivalent in-kind, as was previously agreed to. Per the recommendation of Henry Shands, it was the consensus of the Board to add a statement to the MOU that the CSSA Chief Executive Officer will notify ICSS and the CSSA Board of Directors when all the dollars have been expended.

ACTION: It was moved by Tom Gerik to approve the Memorandum of Understanding, as amended. Seconded by Emerson Nafziger. Carried unanimously.

The next Board conference call is scheduled for March 4 at 8:00 AM Central Standard Time.

Meeting adjourned.