The meeting was called to order by President Ken Quesenberry. Board participants were:

Kenneth H. Quesenberry, CSSA President
Joseph G. Lauer, CSSA President-Elect
William J. Wiebold, CSSA Past President
C. Corley Holbrook, C-1 Board Rep.
Randy Wells, C-2 Board Rep.
Emerson D. Nafziger, C-3 Board Rep.
Michael D. Richardson, C-5 Board Rep.
Lynn E. Sollenberger, C-6 Board Rep.
Gary J. Muehlbauer, C-7 Board Rep.
Thomas E. Carter, Jr., C-8 Board Rep.
Michael A. Grusak, Provisional C-9 Board Rep.
Craig A. Roberts, CSSA Editor-in-chief, ex-officio
Ellen Bergfeld, Chief Executive Officer, ex-officio

Also participating:
Maria Gallo, Incoming CSSA President-Elect
Michael S. Strauss, CSSA Program Planning Officer
Fran Katz, Chief Operations Officer and Director of Publications
Wes Meixelsperger, Chief Financial Officer
Keith Schlesinger, Director of Meetings and Conventions
Cathy Goudreau and Meg Ipsen, Recorders

C003 Board of Directors
1. ACTION: It was moved by Bill Wiebold to approve the May 12, 2009 CSSA Board of Directors Conference Call minutes. Seconded by Randy Wells. Carried unanimously.

2. An orientation session for incoming Board members and 2010 Division Chairs will be held at 8:00 AM prior to the Board meeting on Thursday, November 5 – Board meeting begins at 9:00 AM. Ken Quesenberry will lead the session, with assistance from Joe Lauer and Maria Gallo. An email invitation will be sent to the participants in the near future.

3. The next Board conference call is scheduled for September 1 at 8:00 AM Central Daylight Time.

C010 Divisions
Following up on previous emails to the Board, Ken Quesenberry encouraged the Board Reps. to continue efforts to update their Divisional web pages.
C201.4.13 Review of CSSA Division Structure Task Force
Joe Lauer presented a preliminary task force report highlighting current CSSA Division structure; program areas that cut across ASA, CSSA and SSSA; and grand challenges facing the Society. The task force recommends:

- Current structure is ok – no suggestions for combining or deleting Divisions. Need to know why or who are the members that have declared no Divisional preference.

- Pursue with ASA and SSSA synergies in education and communication, international science, systems based agriculture, bioinformatics, and biometry and modeling

- Timeline and feedback from members:
  - Draft report presented to CSSA Board on July conference call for information and input
  - Final report presented to CSSA Board on September conference call
  - Discussion at Division business meetings in Pittsburgh
  - Implement and publish on website with idea that it would give potential members a better idea of what CSSA is and why they need to become a member

Ken Quesenberry encouraged the Board to read and digest the report. A final report will be presented on the September conference call.

C201.4.14 Industry Relations Task Force
Mike Richardson reported the task force will conduct two short surveys – one for industry members that are currently active in CSSA, and one for those we would like to become involved in CSSA. A more formal report will be provided on the September Board conference call. Per discussions on the May 12 conference call, it was the consensus of the Board to expand the task force with an additional industry representative from Pioneer, Syngenta, and Dow. Ken Quesenberry and Mike Richardson will follow up on the appointments.

C211 Budget and Finance
Emerson Nafziger reported that the statement of revenues and expenses for the five months ending May 31, 2009 shows a net income from operations. In addition, the investment portfolio is starting to come back.

C290 Headquarters
The Board was brought up-to-date on the potential purchase of a replacement Headquarters building. Ellen Bergfeld reported that staff has been investigating the feasibility of starting an in-house print shop for Society publications and it is unlikely that the new printing machine will fit in the current Headquarters building. Following the March CSSA Board meeting staff was informed of an office building for sale in the Madison area that has many of the elements contained in the Boldt proposal and would accommodate a print shop. The potential in-house print shop is coupled with the purchase of a replacement Headquarters building and provides an opportunity to move strategically. A report from the engineering firm reviewing the building is expected in the near future. Assuming a positive report is filed, the next step will be to put together a bid to present to the B&F Committees in August. The ACSESS Board has recommended joint ownership of the building between ASA, CSSA, and SSSA - 1/3 each. The ASA and SSSA Boards of Directors have taken action to authorize their respective Executive Committees to make a decision on purchase of a replacement Headquarters building that meets the needs of the Society.
ACTION: It was moved by Randy Wells to give the Executive Committee power to make a decision on purchase of a replacement Headquarters building that meets the needs of the Society. Seconded by Lynn Sollenberger. Carried unanimously.

The Board will be kept informed of progress.

C301 Editorial Affairs, Policies, and Practices
1. At the March Board meeting Tommy Carter presented a proposed resolution on citation of cultivars, released germplasm, and other genetic materials by Society journals. The resolution had been reviewed and approved by C-1, C-7, and C-8 Division Chairs, as well as the Editor of the Journal of Plant Registrations. As instructed by the Board, the proposed resolution was also shared with the Crop Science Editor and Technical Editors for feedback. The Crop Science Editor suggests that such citation be a policy for authors to adhere to whenever possible.

ACTION: It was moved by Corley Holbrook to adopt the following resolutions for authors to adhere to whenever possible. Seconded by Tommy Carter. Carried unanimously.

Plant introductions, released cultivars and released germplasm are vital components of most research papers in agriculture. Despite their importance, genetic materials are traditionally not cited in many CSSA publications, even though citations are available. It is not an exaggeration to state that this inadequate citation of genetic materials threatens the future of both public plant breeding and our national plant germplasm collections. Thus, editors of all CSSA publications will require the citation of plant introductions, and registered cultivars, germplasm, parental lines, and genetic stocks, when they are mentioned in the text of the Introduction, Discussion, or Characteristics section of research papers. Such genetic materials will also be cited when they are used to develop unreleased genetic populations that are the focus of the research paper, unless the development of the population can be cited more directly. This citation requirement will be a standard part of the written instructions to authors. Additionally, most germplasm citation information needed by Society authors is easily available in GRIN, the Genetic Resources Information Network maintained by USDA. Written instructions to authors will also include website addresses and instructions for accessing citations in GRIN. Examples of web citations for plant introductions in GRIN will be provided in the instructions as well.

Per the recommendation of Craig Roberts, it was the consensus of the Board that the language in the resolution will need to be revised to accommodate exceptions and other limitations.

2. A proposal to enhance applied content in Crop Science will be presented on a future conference call.

C591 K-12 Committee
To date, the K-12 Committee has not been appointed.

C691.1 Council for Agricultural Science and Technology (CAST)
The Board reviewed a June 25, 2009 letter from CAST requesting the Society consider additional monetary investments in CAST.

ACTION: It was moved by Bill Wiebold that CSSA not renew its membership in CAST effective in 2010. Seconded by Emerson Nafziger. Carried unanimously.

Several Board members recommended that CSSA take a leadership role in development of white papers. The Board will discuss a mechanism to accomplish this on a future conference call.
C711 Program Planning
1. Joe Lauer reported on discussions during the recent Program Planning Meeting in Pittsburgh.

ACTION: It was moved by Joe Lauer that a Long Range Program Planning Committee be formed and that the committee be recognized by all three Societies. It is recommended that the committee consist of the following: ASA Program Planning Officer, ASA Society Program Chair (president-elect), ASA Society Program Chair-elect (incoming president-elect), CSSA Program Planning Officer, CSSA Society Program Chair (president-elect), CSSA Society Program Chair-elect (incoming president-elect), SSSA Program Planning Officer, SSSA Society Program Chair (president-elect), SSSA Society Program Chair-elect (incoming president-elect), Sustaining Member Representative, Graduate Student Representative, Early Career Representative, ASA CSSA SSSA Chief Operations Officer, Ex Officio, ASA CSSA SSSA Director of Meetings and Conventions, Ex Officio. As this is a motion from a committee, it doesn’t require a second.

ACTION: It was moved by Mike Grusak to table the motion until a committee charge is developed in writing and presented to the Board. The committee chair also needs to be identified. Seconded by Mike Richardson. Carried unanimously.

If a tri-Society Long Range Planning Committee is eventually appointed, Joe recommends that the C712 Annual Meetings Long Range Planning Committee be disbanded.

2. Joe Lauer reported that plans are progressing on schedule for the 2009 annual meeting. A WEBEX meeting room will broadcast the plenary session and selected symposia. The speaker for the Klepper Lecture has committed via email. Abstract submissions are slightly ahead of last year and he expects a great meeting in Pittsburgh.

3. Per discussions at the March Board meeting, it was recommended that CSSA investigate the feasibility of hosting smaller, targeted meetings. Mike Grusak is in the process of working with Keystone for a potential Manipulating Plant Metabolism to Benefit Human Health conference in 2011. Ken Quesenberry requested Board members forward him any additional recommendations for targeted meetings.

4. Bill Wiebold will update the Board on the food conference at the University of Missouri during the September conference call. In addition, Bill suggested the Board consider whether CSSA would be interested in partnering with other organizations and not necessarily taking the lead on meetings/conferences.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 AM.