The meeting was called to order by President Joe Lauer. Board participants were:

Joseph G. Lauer, CSSA President
Maria Gallo, CSSA President-Elect
Kenneth H. Quesenberry, CSSA Past President
C. Corley Holbrook, C-1 Board Rep.
Randy Wells, C-2 Board Rep.
Emerson D. Nafziger, C-3 Board Rep.
Gregory E. Welbaum, C-4 Board Rep.
Daniel J. Undersander, C-6 Board Rep.
Henry J. Nguyen, C-7 Board Rep.
Thomas E. Carter, Jr., C-8 Board Rep.
Michael A. Grusak, C-9 Board Rep.
E. Charles Brummer, CSSA Editor-in-Chief, ex-officio
Ellen Bergfeld, Chief Executive Officer, ex-officio

Also participating:
Fran Katz, Chief Operations Officer and Director of Publications
Wes Meixelsperger, Chief Financial Officer
Susan Chapman, Director of Member Services
James Giese, Director of Science Communications
Karl Glasener, Director of Science Policy
Keith Schlesinger, Director of Meetings and Conventions
Cathy Goudreau, Recorder

C003 Board of Directors
1. ACTION: It was moved by Ken Quesenberry to approve the March 2, 2010 CSSA Board of Directors conference call minutes. Seconded by Mike Grusak. Carried unanimously.

2. The next Board conference call is scheduled for June 1, 2010 at 8:00 AM Central Daylight Time.

ACSO90 Agronomic Science Foundation
The ASF Board of Trustees is in the process of working out operational details to consolidate pertinent scholarship funds into a general scholarship fund and pertinent travel related funds into a general international travel fund. It is anticipated that a recommendation from ASF will be forthcoming to CSSA in the near future.

C201.4 Strategic Planning
Board members requested additional time to review the Strategic Plan document resulting from the March 11 meeting. It was agreed that Board members send revisions/comments to Ellen no later than May 18. The revised document will be posted to the Board website by May 25 for discussion and action on the June 1 conference call.

C211 Budget and Finance
Emerson Nafziger reported a slight net loss from operations for the three months ending March 31, 2010. Investment activity through the first quarter has been positive.
ACS237 Membership and Society Identity
ACTION: It was moved to approve the Membership and Society Identity Committee’s recommendation that the membership year for ASA, CSSA, and SSSA – currently operating on a calendar year basis – change to an anniversary date year, effective for the 2011 membership year or as soon as possible. Carried unanimously.

It was noted that the ASA Board has approved the recommendation. The SSSA Board will consider the recommendation on their May conference call.

C301 Editorial Affairs, Policies, and Practices
Fran Katz and Charlie Brummer presented an informational report on the use of Ithenticate, a software product that checks for duplications in new papers when compared with published papers with DOIs. Appropriate communications with authors will occur informing them that papers will be screened.

ACS324.1 Journal of Environmental Quality
ACTION: It was moved by Charlie Brummer to ratify the appointment of Dennis Corwin to a second 3-year term as Editor of the Journal of Environmental Quality. Seconded by Ken Quesenberry. Carried unanimously.

C500 Profession Advancement
1. Maria Gallo updated the Board on the Coalition for a Sustainable Agricultural Workforce (CSAW). Further details will be provided as they become available.

2. Mike Grusak updated the Board on the Botanical Society of America’s Planting Science program. An informational display on the program will be available at CSSA’s annual meeting in Long Beach.

C537 Science Policy Committee
Per the recommendation of the Executive Committee, the Board discussed establishment of a Science Policy Committee as a Standing Committee of CSSA.

ACTION: It was moved by Ken Quesenberry to accept the draft description of the Science Policy Committee as a Standing Committee of the Board of Directors. Seconded by Henry Nguyen. Motion withdrawn.

ACTION: It was moved by Ken Quesenberry to approve appointment of a Science Policy Committee as a Standing Committee, with the composition, tenure, and functions of the committee to be included in the Manual on Committees. Seconded by Henry Nguyen. Carried unanimously.

Details on the composition, tenure, and functions of the committee will be developed by the Executive Committee for discussion and approval on the June 1 Board conference call.

C700 Meetings
1. Maria Gallo will represent CSSA at the July 28-29, 2010 Global Plant Council Meeting to be held prior to the American Society of Plant Biologists meeting in Montreal.

2. Corley Holbrook will represent CSSA at the August 15-17, 2010 National Association of Plant Breeders meeting in Johnston, Iowa.

ACTION: It was moved by Maria Gallo to adjourn. Seconded by Mike Grusak. Carried unanimously.