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.
Gregory E. Welbaum, C-4 Board Rep.
Michael D. Richardson, C-5 Board Rep.
Daniel J. Undersander, C-6 Board Rep.
Thomas E. Carter, Jr., C-8 Board Rep.
E. Charles Brummer, CSSA Editor-in-Chief, ex-officio
Ellen Bergfeld, Chief Executive Officer, ex-officio

Also participating:
Jeffrey J. Volenec, Incoming CSSA President-Elect
Jeffrey F. Pedersen, Incoming C-1 Board Rep.
Mary Beth Kirkham, Incoming C-4 Board Rep.
Wes Meixelsperger, Chief Financial Officer
Susan Chapman, Director of Member Services
Fran Katz, Director of Publications
Keith Schlesinger, Director of Meetings and Conventions
Cathy Goudreau, Recorder

C003 Board of Directors
1. ACTION: It was moved by Dan Undersander to approve the July 6, 2010 CSSA Board of Directors conference call minutes. Seconded by Tommy Carter. Carried unanimously.

2. The CSSA Board will meet during the Annual Meeting in Long Beach on Thursday, November 4, 8:00-9:00 AM. An orientation for incoming Board members and 2011 Division Chairs will be held prior to the Board meeting, from 7:00-8:00 AM.

3. The next Board conference call is scheduled for October 5, 2010 at 8:00 AM Central Daylight Time.

4. The Board will meet in Washington, DC the week of March 6-9, 2011.

C211 Budget and Finance
Wes Meixelsperger reported that CSSA is operating within budget as income and expenses are tracking close to last year.

C201 Organization, Policy, and Bylaws
Action was taken on the July 6, 2010 Board conference call to approve the Bylaws amendments and to circulate them to the membership for a vote. Following that Board action, the CSSA Executive Committee discussed the possibility of revising the Bylaws further to include additional members with desired qualifications/expertise on the Board of Directors. Ken Quesenberry reported that the O&P Committee did not reach a consensus regarding additional members on the Board of Directors, thus there was no recommendation from the committee. Therefore, the pros and cons of expanding the Board were discussed by the full Board.
ACTION: It was moved by Dan Undersander to proceed with forwarding the Bylaws that were approved on the July 6, 2010 Board conference call to the membership for a vote. Seconded by Corley Holbrook. Carried unanimously.

If in the future there is a specific reason to change the composition of the Board, it can be considered at that time.

C290 Headquarters
Fran Katz will retire as Director of Publications later this year. Ellen Bergfeld acknowledged Fran’s leadership and indicated that she will continue to interact with the Society in development activities. Although interviews will be scheduled in the near future, Ellen encouraged Board members to share the job description posted on the Society’s website with qualified candidates.

C302 Crop Science
The current Crop Science Editor will resign at the end of the year due to other commitments. A call for Editor will appear in the October CSA News with a deadline of October 25 for receipt of applications.

C304 The Plant Genome
The Plant Genome has been struggling with low submission numbers. Charlie Brummer will present a report at the November 4 Board meeting including benchmarks and a timeline for the journal. This will also be a topic for discussion at the Division business meetings in Long Beach.

ACS528 Minorities in Agronomy Committee
The SSSA Board of Directors took action to change the name of the ACS528 Minorities in Agronomy Committee to Diversity in Agronomy, Crops, Soils, and Environmental Sciences Committee. The CSSA and ASA Boards were requested to take similar action as this is an ACS committee. The reason for the name change is to make it more positive, less restrictive to membership, and recognize the other Societies. In addition to changing the name, it is recommended that the committee charge be rewritten to expand on the positive activities of the committee and make it more relevant to today’s membership.

ACTION: It was moved by Mike Richardson to change the name of the ACS528 Minorities in Agronomy Committee to Diversity in Agronomy, Crops, Soils, and Environmental Sciences Committee. Seconded by Maria Gallo. Carried unanimously.

C631 American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS)
CSSA has been invited by the AAAS Center for Science, Technology, and Security Policy to designate a representative to the Consortium of Affiliates for Security Policy - a new forum that will facilitate networking, discussion, and information exchange on security issues. It was noted that CSSA currently appoints the President-Elect to a 3-year term as liaison rep to AAAS Section G (Biological Sciences) and Section O (Agriculture, Food, and Renewable Resources).

ACTION: It was moved by Dan Undersander to appoint Jeff Volenec to the AAAS Consortium of Affiliates for Security Policy. Seconded by Tommy Carter. Carried unanimously.
C711 Program Planning
1. Maria Gallo reported that plans are moving along well for the 2010 annual meeting. The November 3 CSSA Breakfast/Awards Program/Plenary Address will be promoted to members and guests to ensure that the event is well attended.

2. Board members were encouraged to forward Joe Lauer items for discussion at the Division Business Meetings in Long Beach. The Board will have an opportunity to review and approve the discussion topics on the October 5 Board conference call.

C800 Scientific Affairs
Maria Gallo reported on the Global Plant Council (GPC) meeting held July 28-29, 2010 in Montreal. The GPC is a coalition of plant science societies of the world that brings plant scientists together to work synergistically toward solving the pressing problems facing humankind and that speaks with a strong voice from a plant science perspective to inform the global debate on those problems.

ACTION: It was moved by Maria Gallo that CSSA become a Founding Member of the Global Plant Council and support them with an annual contribution of $2,000. Seconded by Mike Richardson. Carried unanimously.

A CSSA representative to GPC will be appointed for a 3-year term.

ACTION: It was moved by Maria Gallo to adjourn. Seconded by Tommy Carter. Carried unanimously.