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.
Emerson D. Nafziger, C-3 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.
Michael A. Grusak, C-9 Board Rep.
E. Charles Brummer, CSSA Editor-in-Chief, ex-officio
Lee E. Sommers, ASF Rep., ex-officio
Ellen Bergfeld, Chief Executive Officer, ex-officio
Also participating:
Jeffrey J. Volenec, Incoming CSSA President-Elect
Mary Beth Kirkham, Incoming C-4 Board Rep.
David D. Baltensperger, Incoming C-8 Board Rep.
Wes Meixelsperger, Chief Financial Officer
James Giese, Director of Science Communications
Fran Katz, Director of Publications
Ian Popkewitz, Director of IT and Operations
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 conference call agenda. Seconded by Mike Grusak. Carried unanimously.

2. ACTION: It was moved by Ken Quesenberry to approve the September 7, 2010 CSSA Board of Directors conference call minutes. Seconded by Corley Holbrook. Carried unanimously.

3. The Board will meet November 4, 2010 from 8:00-9:00 AM, with an orientation for incoming Board members and 2011 Division Chairs from 7:00-8:00 AM. Current Board members were encouraged to attend the orientation session.

ACS090 Agronomic Science Foundation
1. Lee Sommers presented the following recommendations on behalf of the ASF Board of Trustees:
   - Consolidate the Beachell, Clark, Dixon, Johnson, Mott, Reed and Troug funds into a single “Scholarship Fund” that can be used to provide scholarships to undergraduate, graduate and Ph.D. students who are interested in pursuing careers in agronomy, crops or soils. The combined value is ~ $225,000.
- Consolidate the L.B. Nelson, L.R. Frederick and Bouyoucus funds to create an “International Travel Study Fund” that could be used to encourage international teaching experiences for students and instructors. The combined value is ~$550,000.
- The Golden Opportunity Fund will be considered one of the three “high priority” funds by ASF in terms of promotion and soliciting additional funds for sustained growth. There is not a recommendation to combine this fund with the other Scholarship Fund at this time.

The ASF Board has reviewed the funds and Fund Agreements which govern the management and distribution of awards resulting from these investments. The funds would be consolidated, while continuing to preserve the naming conventions and donor intent, to enhance the stature and visibility of the award opportunities. Such consolidation would result in creating the top three priority funds that would be marketed to the Societies’ membership as well as corporate supporters.

**ACTION:** It was moved by Ken Quesenberry that the CSSA Board of Directors go on record as supporting the recommendations to consolidate the funds. Seconded by Mike Grusak. Carried unanimously.

Lee will present the recommendations to the ASA and SSSA Boards on their October conference calls. Upon approval of all three Boards, ASF will contact the donors or their families to explain the consolidation of funds and seek their approval. A progress report will be provided at a future Board meeting.

2. Lee encouraged Board members to forward him names for potential appointment to the ASF Board of Trustees.

**C201.4.13 Grand Challenges**

The Grand Challenge Statements are posted on the Society website as a WIKI to engage members. The document will be a discussion topic for the Division business meetings in Long Beach in an effort to get Division buy-in.

**C211 Budget and Finance**

Emerson Nafizger reported a positive net income from operations for the eight months ending August 31, 2010.

**C304 The Plant Genome**

*The Plant Genome* journal has been struggling with low submission numbers. The Board reviewed a report from Dave Somers, Editor of the journal. Per Charlie Brummer’s recommendation, the journal will be a topic for discussion at the Division business meetings in Long Beach and then a plan of action to grow the journal will be developed. The Board encouraged an article be published in *CSA News* emphasizing the positive aspects of the journal.

**AC309 Plant Management Network (PMN) Joint Executive Committee**

The Board reviewed Tom Gerik’s report from the PMN Joint Executive Committee meeting, August 19-20, 2010. The ‘Focus on Potato’ and ‘Focus on Soybean’ sponsored programs have been successful, therefore, they are looking into expanding their sponsored programs to include corn, peanut, and other crops. For the first time in its 10-year history PMN will break even this year.
C466 Golden Opportunity Scholars Institute
ASA, CSSA, and SSSA each contributed $10,000 to the Golden Opportunity fund in 2010. Those dollars will be used in an outreach effort for matching funds. Board members were encouraged to forward ideas to Joe Lauer on permanently funding the Golden Opportunity Scholars Institute.

C537 Science Policy
James Giese reported that the committee has met via conference call and determined that Crop Adaptation to Climate Change will be the first position paper with an early December deadline for completion of the paper. CSSA is also involved with ASA and SSSA in producing a joint position paper on climate change which should be available in November.

C711 Program Planning
1. Maria Gallo reported that everything is moving smoothly for the 2010 annual meeting. The November 3 CSSA Breakfast/Awards Program/Plenary Address will continue to be promoted to members and guests to ensure the event is well attended.

2. The Board reviewed the draft discussion items for the Division business meetings. The final document will be posted on the Board website and copies will be available in each Board folder in the registration area at the annual meeting.

C800 Scientific Affairs
Corley Holbrook reported on his attendance at the 4th Annual Plant Breeding Workshop, August 15-17, 2010 at Pioneer Headquarters. During the business meeting of the Plant Breeding Coordinating Committee, a vote was taken to create the National Association of Plant Breeders. Corley recommended CSSA send a representative to the May 23-25, 2011 meeting at Texas A&M. The University of Florida has offered to host the 2013 meeting which presents an opportunity for a joint meeting as the CSSA Annual Meeting will be held in Tampa in 2013. In addition, Ellen Bergfeld will explore the potential of ACSESS providing some administrative support to the group. A status report will be provided at a future Board meeting.

ACTION: It was moved by Greg Welbaum to adjourn. Seconded by Dan Undersander. Carried unanimously.