The meeting was called to order by President Maria Gallo. Board participants were:

Maria Gallo, CSSA President  
Jeffrey J. Volene, CSSA President-Elect  
Joseph G. Lauer, CSSA Past President  
Jeffrey F. Pedersen, C-1 Board Rep.  
Randy Wells, C-2 Board Rep.  
Emerson D. Nafziger, C-3 Board Rep.  
Mary Beth Kirkham, C-4 Board Rep.  
Michael D. Richardson, C-5 Board Rep.  
Daniel J. Undersander, C-6 Board Rep.  
David B. Baltensperger, C-8 Board Rep.  
Michael A. Grusak, C-9 Board Rep.  
Ellen Bergfeld, Chief Executive Officer, ex-officio

Also participating:  
Wes Meixelsperger, Chief Financial Officer  
James Giese, Director of Science Communications  
Meg Ipsen, Editorial Assistant  
Cathy Goudreau, Recorder

C003 Board of Directors
1. ACTION: It was moved by Randy Wells to approve the conference call agenda. Seconded by Mike Richardson. Carried unanimously.

2. ACTION: It was moved by Mike Grusak to approve the February 8, 2011 CSSA Board of Directors conference call minutes. Seconded by Mary Beth Kirkham. Carried unanimously.

3. The next conference call is scheduled for April 5 at 8:00 AM Central Daylight Time.

C201.4 Strategic Planning
Following up on discussions from the February 8 conference call, Ken Quesenberry has agreed to monitor the Division web pages and encourage Divisions to keep them current.

C211 Budget and Finance
Emerson Nafziger reported a net income from operations for the month ending January 31, 2011.

C301 Editorial Affairs, Policies, and Practices
1. A recommendation on procedure for appointment of the Editor-in-Chief and journal Editors will be presented on the April 5 Board conference call.
2. As reported on the February 8 Board conference call, several *Crop Science* Technical Editors were not aware of the Society’s reimbursement policy for secretarial expenses, thus have not requested reimbursement for several years. The Budget and Finance Committee and Editor-in-Chief were to review the reimbursement policy for Technical Editors, including obligations for prior years, and provide a recommendation on the March 1 Board call.

The current reimbursement policy is: “The three societies supply stationery and envelopes to journal editors and technical editors. The Societies will, if requested, also reimburse editors for postage. Journal editors and technical editors are eligible to receive reimbursement for secretarial expenses. The amount for secretarial reimbursement is evaluated annually. Those entitled to reimbursement are informed at the beginning of their term of the policies regarding reimbursement and are updated annually on the allowed maximum amounts for the coming year.”

**ACTION:** It was moved by Emerson Nafziger to limit reimbursements to actual expenses for 2010 and 2011 for Technical Editors of CSSA journal. Seconded by Dan Undersander.

**AMENDMENT:** It was moved by Emerson Nafizger to remove the year 2010 from the original motion. Seconded by Dan Undersander. Carried unanimously.

**AMENDED ACTION:** It was moved by Emerson Nafziger to limit reimbursements to actual expenses for 2011 for Technical Editors of CSSA journals. Seconded by Dan Undersander. Carried with 5 in favor; 4 opposed; Jeff Pedersen abstained.

Headquarters will reimburse those Technical Editors that have submitted expenses for 2010 up to $4,335.

The B&F Committee and Editor-in-Chief will further evaluate the reimbursement policy and recommend a long term solution to the Board.

**C537 Science Policy**

1. David Baltensperger presented the latest version of the Crop Adaptation to Climate Change position paper. Board members were requested to read the paper and provide feedback to David by March 3. Final approval from the Science Policy Committee is expected later in the week.

2. James Giese reported that the CSSA-ASA-SSSA joint position paper on Climate Change has been finalized. Outreach will include a press release, web page featuring the position paper along with background material, a *CSA News* article, and a webinar in a few weeks. In addition, the Science Policy office will present the paper to Agencies, Congressional staffers, etc.

3. Per discussions at the November 4, 2010 Board meeting, the Science Policy Committee was requested to clarify its function and develop a more defined structure. The process for identifying topics and developing position papers is still in development by the committee. In addition, the committee is beginning to discuss the role of Divisions in developing Division specific policy statements.
C800 Scientific Affairs
1. Action was taken at the November 4, 2010 Board meeting to support the request from Divisions C-1 and C-7 to explore the feasibility of CSSA cosponsoring a workshop at the Plant Genome meeting to increase CSSA membership and visibility. Henry Nguyen has suggested that CSSA consider cosponsoring a plenary session rather than a workshop. Maria Gallo will follow up with Henry or Katrien Devos, C-7 Past Chair, on potential costs involved.

2. Ellen Bergfeld reported that the National Association of Plant Breeders is interested in the potential of ACSESS providing some administrative support. She is also exploring the feasibility of a joint annual meeting with NAPB in 2013.

3. Ellen reported that Headquarters staff met with American Phytopathological Society staff to explore the potential of hosting their journals on the ACSESS Mark Logic server. APS is interested in moving forward, therefore, discussions will continue.

ACTION: It was moved by David Baltensperger to adjourn. Seconded by Mike Grusak. Carried unanimously.