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

Maria Gallo, CSSA President
Jeffrey J. Volenec, CSSA President-Elect
Joseph G. Lauer, CSSA Past President
Jeffrey F. Pedersen, C-1 Board Rep.
Emerson D. Nafziger, C-3 Board Rep.
Mary Beth Kirkham, C-4 Board Rep.
Michael D. Richardson, C-5 Board Rep.
Henry T. Nguyen, C-7 Board Rep.
David B. Baltensperger, 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:
Mark A. Brick, Incoming CSSA President-Elect
Shawn M. Kaeppler, Crop Science Editor
Wes Meixelsperger, Chief Financial Officer
James Giese, Director of Science Communications
Karl Glasener, Director of Science Policy
Cathy Goudreau, Recorder

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

2. ACTION: It was moved by Mike Grusak to approve the March 1, 2011 CSSA Board of Directors conference call minutes. Seconded by Mike Richardson. Carried unanimously.

3. The May 3 conference call will be cancelled as the Board will meet May 10-12 in Madison, WI.

C211 Budget and Finance
Wes Meixelsperger reported a net income from operations for the two months ending February 28, 2011.

C301 Editorial Affairs, Policies, and Practices
1. Charlie Brummer presented the following recommendation on procedure for appointment of the Editor-in-Chief and journal editors:

   Before an Editor is reappointed to a second three-year term, he/she is asked by the appropriate Society Editor-in-Chief if he/she agrees to serve another term. Technical Editors and others will be contacted to determine whether the current Editor has support to continue in the position and whether there are any concerns. The Editor-in-Chief then makes a recommendation to the Society Board of Directors, who make the final approval.
If the Editor has completed two terms of service (six continuous years), does not desire to serve a second term, is terminated or non-renewed based upon action by the Board of Directors, or is unable to continue to serve for any reason, then an open call article will be published in CSA News. In some cases, an Interim Editor may be appointed by the Editor-in-Chief after approval of the Board of Directors. After the closing date published in the open call article, the Editor-in-Chief and the Executive Committee will review the applicants and make a recommendation to the Board of Directors for final approval.

Before an Editor-in-Chief is reappointed to a second term, he/she is asked by the appropriate Society President if he/she agrees to serve another term. Editors and others will be contacted to determine whether the current Editor-in-Chief has support to continue in the position and whether there are any concerns. The President and Executive Committee of the Society will make a recommendation to the Board of Directors, who make the final approval. If the Editor-in-Chief has completed two terms of service (six continuous years), does not desire to serve a second term, is terminated or non-renewed based upon action by the Board of Directors, or is unable to continue to serve for any reason, then an open call article will be published in CSA News. In some cases, an Interim Editor-in-Chief may be appointed by the Society president after approval of the Board of Directors. After the closing date published in the open call article, the current Editor-in-Chief and the Executive Committee will review the applicants and make a recommendation to the Board of Directors for final approval.

ACTION: It was moved by Mike Grusak to approve the procedure for appointment of the Editor-in-Chief and journal editors. Seconded by Jeff Volenec. Carried unanimously.

2. Action was taken on the March 1, 2011 Board conference call to limit reimbursements to actual expenses for 2011 for Technical Editors of CSSA journals. The intent was that requests for reimbursement were to include receipts. Shawn Kaeppler requested the Board maintain the current reimbursement policy, which does not require receipts, for 2011 to ensure transparency and uniformity for all Technical Editors.

ACTION: It was moved by Jeff Volenec that the current reimbursement policy be maintained for 2011 and that Technical Editors be reimbursed quarterly based on invoices submitted to Headquarters. Seconded by Henry Nguyen. Carried with 7 in favor. Mike Grusak and Jeff Pedersen abstained.

The Budget and Finance Committee will develop a new policy with clear guidelines during the August 2011 B&F Committee meetings and recommend a long term solution to the Board.

C304 The Plant Genome
ACTION: Per the recommendation of the Editor-in-Chief, it was moved by David Baltensperger to appoint David Somers to a second 3-year term (2012-2014) as Editor of The Plant Genome. Seconded by Joe Lauer. Carried unanimously.

C308 Crop Management
ACTION: Per the recommendation of the Editor-in-Chief, it was moved by Jeff Volenec to appoint Dan Sweeney to a second 3-year term (2012-2014) as Editor of Crop Management. Seconded by Mary Beth Kirkham. Carried unanimously.
C312 Journal of Plant Registrations
ACTION: Per the recommendation of the Editor-in-Chief, it was moved by David Baltensperger to appoint Kim Garland-Campbell to a second 3-year term (2012-2014) as Editor of *Journal of Plant Registrations*. Seconded by Mike Richardson. Carried unanimously.

C537 Science Policy
1. David Baltensperger presented the final version of the Crop Adaptation to Climate Change Position Statement.

ACTION: It was moved by David Baltensperger to approve the Crop Adaptation to Climate Change Position Statement. Seconded by Emerson Nafziger. Carried. Mary Beth Kirkham abstained.

2. David Baltensperger presented the final version of the ASA-CSSA-SSSA Climate Change Position Statement.

ACTION: It was moved by Emerson Nafziger to approve the ASA-CSSA-SSSA Climate Change Position Statement. Seconded by Joe Lauer. Carried. Mary Beth Kirkham abstained.

3. James Giese indicated that outreach for the position statements will include a press release, web page featuring the position statements along with background material, a *CSA News* article, and a potential webinar. The Science Policy Office will present the statements to Agencies, Congressional staffers, etc. In addition, David recommended the statements be distributed to public relations contacts at land grant universities.

4. The position paper process, including mechanistic points, as well as content, review and final approval, will be an agenda item for the May Board meeting.

C800 Scientific Affairs
1. Henry Nguyen provided an update on the request from Divisions C-1 and C-7 to explore the feasibility of CSSA cosponsoring a workshop or plenary session at the Plant Genome meeting to increase CSSA membership and visibility. Maria will ask Katrien Devos, C-7 Past Chair, to provide formal documentation on the cost and logistics for a workshop, plenary session, and vendor booth, as well as details on how it would be marketed and how CSSA would be identified as a sponsor. This will be an agenda item for the May Board meeting.

2. Maria provided an update on her discussions with Barry Tillman regarding the feasibility of a joint annual meeting with the National Association of Plant Breeders in 2013. In addition, Ellen is pursuing the potential of ACSESS providing some administrative support to NAPB. The Board will be kept informed as discussions progress.

ACTION: It was moved by Mike Grusak to adjourn. Seconded by Emerson Nafziger. Carried unanimously.