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

Maria Gallo, CSSA President
Joseph G. Lauer, CSSA Past President
Jeffrey F. Pedersen, C-1 Board Rep.
Mary Beth Kirkham, C-4 Board Rep.
Michael D. Richardson, C-5 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

Unable to participate:
Jeffrey J. Volenec, CSSA President-Elect
Randy Wells, C-2 Board Rep.
Emerson D. Nafziger, C-3 Board Rep.
Daniel J. Undersander, C-6 Board Rep.
Henry T. Nguyen, C-7 Board Rep.
James G. Coors, ASF Rep., ex-officio

Also participating:
Mark A. Brick, Incoming CSSA President-Elect
James Giese, Director of Science Communications
Cathy Goudreau, Recorder

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

2. ACTION: It was moved by Joe Lauer to approve the May 11-12, 2011 Board meeting minutes as revised. Seconded by Mike Grusak. Carried unanimously.

3. Maria cancelled the July 5 Board conference call due to the holiday. The next Board conference call is scheduled for August 2 at 8:00 AM CDT.

4. The Board will meet during the Annual Meeting in San Antonio on October 20, 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM.

C211 Budget and Finance
Ellen reported a net income from operations for the four months ending April 30, 2011. Results are favorable and in line with the 2011 budget.

C290 Headquarters
Ellen announced that Mark Mandelbaum will join the staff in early July as the new Director of Publications. A welcome article will appear in an upcoming issue of CSA News.
ACS536 Washington Presence

1. Per Board action at the May 11-12 meeting David Baltensperger, Mike Grusak, Joe Lauer, and Henry Nguyen served on an ad hoc committee to identify potential candidates for the position of NIFA Director. It was the consensus of the Board that the following individuals be contacted to determine if they are interested in having their names submitted:
   • Molly Jahn, UW-Madison (Joe Lauer to call)
   • Dick Sayre, Danforth Center (Mike Grusak to call)
   • Rich Jorgensen, University of Arizona (Mike Grusak to call)
   • Allen Bennet, University of California-Davis (Maria to call)
   • Randy Woodson, North Carolina State University (Jeff Volene or Mike Richardson to call)

2. Per discussions at the May 11-12 Board meeting regarding the value of work being done by the Science Policy Office, Ellen presented a draft budget to expand the office. Ellen and Karl propose an additional full-time policy support position. Interns would continue to provide support on issues and activities related to crops, soils and agronomy, thereby freeing up staff time to increase networking and building of relationships with key legislators and federal agencies. Total additional outlay for CSSA is anticipated at approximately $27,000 to $35,000 due to efficiencies of sharing staffing with SSSA and ASA and the desire by SSSA to have a larger profile in science policy activities, thereby shouldering a greater degree of the financial burden.

   ACTION: It was moved by Mike Richardson to support additional funding for the Science Policy Office as presented. Seconded by Joe Lauer. Carried unanimously.

3. Per discussions at the May 11-12 Board meeting regarding grant writing opportunities, rather than creating and funding a full-time position, Ellen recommends grant opportunities be identified and consultants be hired to assist with grant writing activities, based on their skill/ability/success in procuring grants. Anticipated expenses are likely to be approximately $50-$75/hr with the potential of 100-250 hrs for a total expenditure to be approximately $7,500-15,000.

   ACTION: It was moved by David Baltensperger to approve the process as presented for identifying grant writing opportunities and hiring consultants to assist with grant writing activities. Seconded by Jeff Pedersen. Carried unanimously.

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