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.
Mary Beth Kirkham, C-4 Board Rep.
Daniel J. Undersander, C-6 Board Rep.
Henry T. Nguyen, C-7 Board Rep.
David B. Baltensperger, C-8 Board Rep.
Michael A. Grusak, C-9 Board Rep.
James G. Coors, ASF Rep., ex-officio
Ellen Bergfeld, Chief Executive Officer, ex-officio
Unable to participate:
Randy Wells, C-2 Board Rep.
Emerson D. Nafziger, C-3 Board Rep.
Michael D. Richardson, C-5 Board Rep.
E. Charles Brummer, CSSA Editor-in-Chief, ex-officio
Also participating:
Mark A. Brick, Incoming CSSA President-Elect
Wes Meixelsperger, Chief Financial Officer
James Giese, Director of Science Communications
Karl Glasener, Director of Science Policy
Mark Mandelbaum, Director of Publications
Keith Schlesinger, Director of Meetings and Conventions
Cathy Goudreau, Recorder

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

2. ACTION: It was moved by Mike Grusak to approve the June 7, 2011 Board conference call minutes. Seconded by Joe Lauer. Carried unanimously.

3. The next Board conference call is scheduled for September 6 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. An orientation for incoming Board members and the 2012 Division Chairs will be held just prior to the Board meeting, 10:00 – 11:00 AM.
C201.4 Strategic Planning
At the May Board meeting, the Strategic Plan and quarterly report addressing goals, tactics, milestones and expected accomplishments for 2011 were reviewed. During those discussions, David suggested the Board target a fundable topic or two for the remainder of the year. Ellen will review this with Maria to ensure the priorities are aligned.

C211 Budget and Finance
1. Wes reported a net income from operations for the six months ending June 30, 2011. The B&F Committees will meet August 10-11 to work on the 2012 budget. A final draft of the 2012 budget will be presented for approval at the October 20 Board meeting in San Antonio.

2. Per discussions at the May Board meeting, an open call for B&F Chair was placed in the July issue of *CSA News*, however, no applications were received. Emerson will complete his term as B&F Chair on December 31, 2011 and previously indicated a willingness to serve another year if needed.

CONSENSUS ACTION: It was the consensus of the Board to reappoint Emerson Nafziger to a one-year term as B&F Chair.

Maria will follow up with the official appointment.

C301 Editorial Affairs, Policies and Practices
Mark Mandelbaum introduced himself and provided a vision for his role as the new Director of Publications. His current focus is on developing a comprehensive digital library. He will also work with appropriate editorial committees to bring best practices of scholarly publishing to the Society, including review of current policies.

C466 Golden Opportunity Scholars Institute
Jim reported on activities being planned for the annual meeting to highlight the 5th anniversary of the Golden Opportunity Scholars Institute. All of the past scholars will be invited to participate, along with the 22 new scholars selected this year.

AC536 Science Policy
1. Maria reported on her recent meetings in Washington, DC with experts in the education community about including crop science in state and national STEM education initiatives. The meetings resulted in several areas where CSSA can become more involved independently and as a member of the STEM Coalition. The meetings focused on:

   - Golden Opportunity Scholars program – opportunities for collaboration and funding support. Karl will follow up with Jim Coors and Alexander Barton regarding potential development of a funding proposal to be submitted to U.S. AID Bureau of Food Security.
   - K-12 Committee – how to strengthen, partner, and fine tune their activities. Important to work with state boards on curriculum requirements and to include teacher representation on the K-12 Committee.
   - Coalition for a Sustainable Agricultural Workforce (CSAW) – with federal support, CSAW proposes to develop new partnerships to attract students and train them in the agricultural sciences.
2. Maria and Ellen provided an update on CSAW activities. The June meeting focused on strategy development and the potential to tie in with industry’s Global Harvest Initiative to leverage resources and dollars to support capacity building and educational efforts.

3. Per discussions at the May Board meeting regarding the value of the work being done by the Science Policy Office and the desire for additional investment in the program, Maria requested Karl share with the Board the expectation of duties for this new position.

C711 Program Planning
1. Jeff reported that the program is pretty much in place for the 2011 annual meeting. Sam Dryden from the Gates Foundation will deliver the Opening Keynote; Marianne Banziger from CIMMYT will be the CSSA Plenary/Awards Breakfast speaker; Jim Hightower, commentator and Don McMillan, comedian will be featured at the Closing Reception.

2. Mike Strauss will complete his term as the CSSA Program Planning Officer on December 31, 2011.

CONSENSUS ACTION: It was the consensus of the Board to reappoint Mike Strauss to a second 3-year term as CSSA Program Planning Officer.

Maria will follow up with the official appointment.

3. Per discussions at the May Board meeting, Mike Richardson was encouraged to organize a working lunch at the annual meeting with industry representatives to discuss potential areas of cooperation, as well as changes in the annual meeting structure that would be attractive to industry. Mike has contacted several individuals but received confirmation from only a few that are willing and able to attend the luncheon. Therefore, Board members were encouraged to submit names from their Divisions that could be potentially contacted to attend the luncheon. Suggested agenda items for discussion at the luncheon should also be forwarded to Mike.

Maria recommended at least one member of the Executive Committee attend the luncheon.

4. Maria will forward the draft talking points for Board Reps. to take to the Division business meetings in San Antonio.

C800 Scientific Affairs
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 Animal Genome meeting to increase CSSA membership and visibility. Maria reported that CSSA will have a presence at the PAG meeting through the following: workshop on translational genomics being organized by Katrien Devos and Henry Nguyen; poster competition for graduate students and post docs; booth in the exhibit area.

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