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  
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.  
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  
Wes Meixelsperger, Chief Financial Officer  
Karl Anderson, Director of Government Relations  
Karl Glasener, Director of Science Policy  
Mark Mandelbaum, Director of Publications  
Keith Schlesinger, Director of Meetings and Conventions  
Cathy Goudreau, Recorder

Unable to participate:
Jeffrey F. Pedersen, C-1 Board Rep.  
Randy Wells, C-2 Board Rep.  
James G. Coors, ASF Rep., ex-officio  
Larry C. Purcell, Incoming C-2 Board Rep.  
Eric Watkins, Incoming C-5 Board Rep.

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

2. ACTION: It was moved by Jeff Volenec to approve the October 20, 2011 Board meeting minutes. Seconded by Mike Richardson. Carried unanimously.

3. By consensus the Board agreed to cancel the January 3, 2012 conference call. The next call will be held on February 7, 2012 at 8:00 AM Central Time.

4. The following schedule was confirmed for the May Board meeting: Board members to arrive late afternoon May 14; meet all day on the 15th and a half day on the 16th; depart late afternoon on the 16th.
C005 Committees
Mike Richardson will complete his term on the Organization, Policy and Bylaws Committee and Randy Wells will complete his term on the Budget and Finance Committee on December 31, 2011. Jeff Volenec will appoint two Board members to fill the vacancies.

Marsha Stanton will complete her term on the Science Policy Committee on December 31, 2011 and is eligible for reappointment. Jeff will follow up on this appointment.

C101 Nominations for President-Elect
Maria has received 3 candidates for the office of President-Elect. The Nominations Committee will meet via conference call on December 21 to select two nominees to run on the ballot.

C211 Budget and Finance
Emerson reported a net income from operations for the ten months ending October 31, 2011.

C301 Editorial Affairs, Policies and Practices
CSSA/ASA/SSSA publications currently offer two open access models:

- **Author-pays model**: For an additional fee (above the standard publishing page-charge fee) funded from the research grant, an author may choose to have his/her paper placed in the open access archive, and the article is immediately made freely accessible to the world.

- **Society-policy model**: ASA-CSSA-SSSA have adopted a policy that all published papers become open access after 12 months. In addition, all papers published between 2000 and 2010 are also available freely to the world. Articles published prior to 2000 are available to paid subscribers (i.e., individual or institution) of each journal.

Charlie and Mark Mandelbaum presented a proposal to change the open access policy.

**ACTION:** It was moved by Dan Undersander to eliminate open access for the bulk of the content that is currently freely available, i.e., the journals literature published between 2000 and 2010; and to eliminate the automatic open access model for papers greater than 12 months old. Seconded by Mike Richardson. Carried unanimously.

This will take effect early in 2012. Detailed revenue and expense projections will be made over the next two months to track performance and make adjustments as necessary.

It was clarified that the ASA and SSSA Boards of Directors need to take the same action before this can be implemented across the three Societies. ASA has approved it; SSSA will consider it on December 22.

C537 Science Policy
Maria and Karl updated the Board on science policy activities including:

- **ACHIEVE** – CSSA has been designated a critical stakeholder; now able to comment on next generation science standards.

- **STEM Education Coalition** – Through membership in the coalition and visits with the National Science Teachers Association, an ASA-CSSA-SSSA STEM Education Task Force has been appointed to assist the Societies to participate in developing core science education standards.
Agency meetings

**U.S. AID Bureau of Food Security**
- Interested in Golden Opportunity Scholars Institute (GOSI). Potential of funds being made available for development of international component of GOSI. CSSA requested to submit a concept paper.
- Showed interest in ICCA program, particularly India, as well as CSAW activities

**NSF BREAD program**
- Discussed GOSI, Diversity Committee, and opportunity to hold NSF workshops at CSSA annual meetings
- BREAD workshop planned for 2012 annual meeting in Cincinnati

After School Alliance – Encouraged them to write a *CSA News* article to educate Society members about their activities.

**NIFA**
- Attempting to get some of their project director meetings on climate change to be held at the 2012 annual meeting in Cincinnati
- Awaiting RFP – response due prior to January 13
- Potential to provide publishing venue for resulting information

C711 Program Planning
1. Board members were encouraged to share feedback on the 2011 annual meeting, including plenary speakers, with Jeff Volenee, Mark Brick and Mike Strauss, CSSA Program Planning Officer.

2. Mike Richardson reported on the outcome of the industry roundtable luncheon held at the 2011 annual meeting. Some of the overriding issues are:
   - Timing of the meeting is not ideal for most private breeders
   - Content should be made available on-line to engage more industry members or attract them back to the meeting
   - Industry doesn’t have strong ownership in the Society; viewed as academic

As a first step in addressing the ownership issue, Mike recommended Division Chairs be encouraged to engage industry members in developing industry-focused sessions. Mark will follow up on the recommendation.

Mike encouraged the Board use his report as a basis to develop more focused ideas to engage industry members. In an effort to continue the discussions, Jeff Volenee recommended another industry roundtable be held at the 2012 annual meeting.

3. **ACTION:** Per the recommendation from the Annual Meetings Planning Committee, it was moved by Jeff Volenee that the CSSA Board of Directors endorse holding the 2019 and 2024 annual meetings in San Antonio. Seconded by Mike Grusak. Carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned.