The meeting was called to order by President Jeff Volenec. Board participants were:

Jeffrey J. Volenec, CSSA President
Mark A. Brick, CSSA President-Elect
Mohamed Mergoum, C-1 Board Rep.
Larry C. Purcell, C-2 Board Rep.
Emerson D. Nafziger, C-3 Board Rep.
Mary Beth Kirkham, C-4 Board Rep.
Eric Watkins, 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
James G. Coors, ASF Chair., ex-officio
Ellen Bergfeld, Chief Executive Officer, ex-officio

Also participating:
Wes Meixelsperger, Chief Financial Officer
Karl Anderson, Director of Government Relations
Mark Mandelbaum, Director of Publications
Keith Schlesinger, Director of Meetings and Conventions
Cathy Goudreau, Recorder

Board members unable to participate:
Maria Gallo, CSSA Past President
James G. Coors, ASF Rep., ex-officio

C003 Board of Directors
1. ACTION: Moved by Mike Grusak to approve the conference call agenda. Seconded by Mohamed Mergoum. Carried unanimously.

2. ACTION: Moved by Emerson Nafziger to approve the August 14, 2012 conference call minutes. Seconded by Henry Nguyen. Carried unanimously.

3. The agenda for the October 25 Board meeting was reviewed.

4. Next conference call scheduled October 2, 1:00 PM CDT. The call may not be needed but Jeff requested Board members keep it on their calendars.

C211 Budget and Finance
1. The Board has taken the following actions regarding page charges:
   ▪ May 15-16, 2012 Board Meeting: take Crop Science 100 percent electronic without page charges for the first 7 pages and $50 per page beyond that, beginning January 2013.
   ▪ June 5, 2012 conference call: take the Journal of Plant Registrations 100 percent electronic without page charges for the first 4 pages and $50 per page beyond that, beginning January 2013.
   ▪ June 5, 2012 conference call: Board consensus not to make any changes for The Plant Genome but to revisit the issue a year from now.
Per discussions on the August 14 Board conference call, the 2013 draft budget was re-worked taking into account concerns of the B&F Committee over the projected net operating loss due to reduction in page charges for *Crop Science* and *Journal of Plant Registration*. The operating projection with reduced publishing revenue in both models assumes a 14% increase in digital library revenue. Following an extensive discussion of the pros and cons of instituting a $50/page charge for *Crop Science, The Plant Genome*, and *Journal of Plant Registrations*, it was the consensus of the Board that the actions from the May 15-16 and June 5 minutes not be changed, thus the rates will be:

**Crop Science**
- $0/page 1-7
- Pages 8 + $50.00 per page
- Tables/Figures, $0
- Open Access, $1000/ article

**Journal of Plant Registrations**
- Pages 1-4, $0
- Pages 5+ $50/page
- Tables/Figures, $0

**The Plant Genome**
- Pages 1-10, $1,500 (Flat fee)
- Pages 11+, $200/page
- Table/ Figure, $20; Supplemental data, $100/ item

2. SSSA is taking the lead on recommending page charges for the *Journal of Environmental Quality*. It is anticipated that a proposal will be presented for approval on the October 2 Board conference call.

3. Per previous Board discussions the B&F Committee was to requested to provide an overview of the Reinvest ASA Program for the use of assets that are deemed in excess of a strategic asset base for purposes of funding new activities. The B&F Committee determined that the ASA program did not fit well for CSSA at the present time but the concept could be reconsidered at a future date.

C301 Editorial Affairs, Policies and Practices
Charlie Brummer’s term as Editor-in-Chief ends December 31, 2012 and he is eligible for reappointment. The Editor-in-Chief is nominated by the President and confirmed by the Board of Directors.

**ACTION:** Jeff Volenec nominated Charlie Brummer to serve a second term (2013-2015) as Editor-in-Chief. Seconded by Mike Grusak. Carried unanimously.

C664 International Crop Science Society
Jeff reported that Shawn Kaepller has been appointed Vice President of the International Crop Science Society for 2012-2020 and will serve as the liaison with CSSA.
C711 Program Planning
The Board reviewed the Program Regulations addressing classes of papers, membership requirement, number of oral papers, and publication policy, as revised by the Annual Meetings Planning Committee. There was agreement in spirit but several Board members expressed concern with the verbiage under the publication policy section. Jeff requested Charlie work with Mark Mandelbaum and Keith Schlesinger to revise the publication policy section of the document and present it to the Board for approval at a later date.

Moved by David Baltensperger to adjourn. Seconded by Mike Grusak. Carried unanimously.