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

Jeffrey J. Volenec, CSSA President
Mark A. Brick, CSSA President-Elect
Maria Gallo, CSSA Past President
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
Ellen Bergfeld, Chief Executive Officer, ex-officio

Also participating:
Kraig L. Roozeboom, Incoming C-3 Bd Rep.
Mark E. Sorrells, Incoming C-7 Bd Rep.
Wes Meixelsperger, Chief Financial Officer
Mark Mandelbaum, Director of Publications
Keith Schlesinger, Director of Meetings and Conventions
Cathy Goudreau, Recorder

Board members unable to participate:
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.
James G. Coors, ASF Chair., ex-officio

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

2. ACTION: Moved by Dan Undersander to approve the October 25, 2012 Board meeting minutes. Seconded by Maria Gallo. Carried unanimously.

3. Mark will work with Cathy on appointments for the 2013 Board committees, namely Budget & Finance and Organization, Policy and Bylaws.

4. Board conference calls in 2013 will be held the first Tuesday of the month at 9:00 AM Central Time. The January 1 conference call was cancelled and unless there are urgent agenda items, the call will not be rescheduled. The next call will be held February 5 at 9:00 AM Central Time.

5. Board members were requested to hold the week of May 20 for the Spring meeting in Madison – likely the beginning of the week. The exact dates will be determined in the near future.
C211 Budget and Finance
Wes reported a net income from operations for the nine months ending September 30, 2012.

C301 Editorial Affairs, Policies and Practices
1. Mark Mandelbaum provided an update on the number of member and nonmember institutional subscriptions to the Digital Library. He remains very encouraged with the interest expressed by consortia and individual institutions. Additional subscription data should be available in December and January.

2. Henry reported that *The Plant Genome* special issue, focused on legume genomics, is moving forward as planned; anticipate on-line publication of the special issue by mid-2013.

C665 Global Plant Council (GPC)
Henry provided an informational report on the Global Plant Council Meeting in Jeju Island, South Korea, October 27-28. Member attendees unanimously agreed that during the next two years GPC must prove itself as a viable organization that achieves high international visibility, impact and credibility in advancing frontier plant research and breeding as solutions for global challenges. The September 2011 Plant Science Research Summit report makes reference to the GPC.

C711 Program Planning
1. Keith Schlesinger provided statistics from the 2012 annual meeting highlighting attendance, total papers presented, exhibitors, and mobile app downloads. The early career registration rate was a test for 2012, with 135 individuals registering at the reduced rate. The 2013 annual meeting budget assumes the Society will continue the reduced early career registration rate, however, the Board should formally decide on this in January or February.

2. Ellen indicated it is likely SSSA will move forward with an independent annual meeting in 2018 based on results of their recent survey. It is anticipated a final decision will be made on the December 20 SSSA Board conference call.

C800 Scientific Affairs
Henry reported that Division C-7 will again organize a translational genomics workshop at the January 2013 PAG meeting in San Diego. A copy of the program was provided to the Board.

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