The meeting was called to order by President Mark Brick. Board participants were:

Mark A. Brick, CSSA President
David D. Baltensperger, CSSA President-Elect
Jeffrey J. Volenee, CSSA Past President
Mohamed Mergoum, C-1 Board Rep.
Larry C. Purcell, C-2 Board Rep.
Kraig L. Roozeboom, C-3 Board Rep.
Mary Beth Kirkham, C-4 Board Rep.
Eric Watkins, C-5 Board Rep.
Yoana C. Newman, C-6 Board Rep.
Mark E. Sorrells, C-7 Board Rep.
Gary A. Pederson, C-8 Board Rep.
Ellen Bergfeld, Chief Executive Officer, ex-officio

Also participating:
Bud Crouch, Strategic Planning Facilitator
Wes Meixelsperger, Chief Financial Officer
Karl Anderson, Director of Government Relations
Susan Chapman, Director of Member Services
Mark Mandelbaum, Director of Publications
Ian Popkewitz, Director of IT and Operations
Cathy Goudreau, Recorder

Board members unable to participate:
Michael A. Grusak, C-9 Board Rep.
E. Charles Brummer, CSSA Editor-in-Chief, ex-officio
John L. Havlin, ASF Chair, ex-officio

C003 Board of Directors
1. ACTION: Moved by David Baltensperger to approve the April 2, 2013 Board conference call minutes. Seconded by Mohamed Mergoum. Carried unanimously.

2. The Board Strategic Planning Session will be held May 21-22 in Madison.

C211 Budget and Finance
1. Wes reported a net loss from operations for the three months ending March 31, 2013. Financials will continue to be tracked closely to assess whether Board actions, particularly in the publications area, produce the revenue that was anticipated.

2. Mark Mandelbaum provided a publications update highlighting the following:
   - Digital Library revenue from institutional and member subscriptions as of March 31 is ahead of projections
   - Page charge revenue as of March on accepted papers processed in 2012 is ahead of projections
   - Decline in nonmember subscriptions to individual journals/journal packages, due to continued downward trend, and shift in revenue to the Digital Library, are below projections

Periodic updates will be provided and a complete analysis will be available for the B&F Committee meeting in August.
ACS237 Membership and Society Identity
The CSSA membership survey conducted in February builds on the 2005 membership survey. Susan led the Board through a review of the survey results, focusing on the format and how to read and interpret the data. Board members were encouraged to familiarize themselves with the survey results in preparation for the May 21-22 Strategic Planning Session.

C301 Editorial Affairs, Policies, and Practices
In response to the February 22, 2013 OSTP Memorandum directing Federal Agencies that fund more than $100 million annually in scientific research, to develop policies to increase public access to research funded by the Federal Government, the SSSA Board of Directors drafted a document summarizing the views of SSSA related to increased access to SSSA publications, data preservation, archiving, and increasing the availability of the full spectra of scientific data related to research and research findings of Federally-funded scientific research. Realizing that policies are not yet developed and that more discussion is needed, the SSSA Board did approve the document as SSSA’s position on the issue. Jeff Volenec and Sylvie Brouder will carry the document forward and represent the Societies at the National Academy of Sciences planning meetings on May 14-15 (publications) and May 16-17 (data).

The CSSA Board was encouraged to adopt a similar position on the issue for Jeff and Sylvie to present at the NAS planning meetings. Following a lengthy discussion of the OSTP Memo and CSSA’s proposed position, it was the consensus of the Board that Jeff have further conversations with Ellen and Mark Mandelbaum on the next steps.

C537 Science Policy Committee
Karl presented the committee’s final draft of the germplasm position paper titled “Plant Genetic Resources: An Essential Heritage for U.S. and Global Provisioning, Economy, Sustainability and Security.” The Board held a lengthy discussion focusing on the following concerns:

▪ NPGS representatives on the paper withdrew as they became uncomfortable with the document, particularly the recommendations
▪ The five recommendations in the paper will create problems
▪ CSSA has representatives on the Advisory Council (Stephen Smith and Gary Pederson) that advises the Secretary of Agriculture, and that is where CSSA should have input.

ACTION: Moved by David Baltensperger to send the germplasm position paper back to the Science Policy Committee for further review and revision, particularly the recommendations. Seconded by Kraig Roozeboom. Carried. Jeff Pederson, USDA-ARS, refrained from voting.

David will work with Karl and the Science Policy Committee to revise the recommendations and will seek input from NPGS representatives.

ACTION: Moved by Mohamed Mergoum to adjourn. Seconded by Gary Pederson. Carried unanimously.