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

Mark A Brick, CSSA President
Jeffrey J. Volenec, CSSA Past President
David D. Baltensperger, CSSA President-Elect
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.
Michael A. Grusak, C-9 Board Rep.
E. Charles Brummer, Editor-in-Chief, ex-officio
Ellen Bergfeld, CEO ex-officio

Also participating:
Roch Gaussoin, Incoming CSSA President-Elect
Wes Meixelsperger, Chief Financial Officer

C003 Board of Directors
ACTION: It was moved by Mike Grusak to approve the meeting agenda. Seconded by Eric Watkins. Mark Brick requested that the agenda be amended to include a brief discussion on the 2014 President-Elect Nominations. Carried unanimously.

ACTION: It was moved by Eric Watkins to approve the November 7, 2013 meeting minutes. Seconded by Jeff Volenec. It was requested that we use the full name of individuals in the meeting minutes for historical purposes. Carried unanimously.

C301 Editorial Affairs, Policies, and Practices
ACTION: It was moved by David Baltensperger to accept Editor in Chief Charlie Brummer’s recommendation of Dr. Ed Gregorich as Editor of the *Journal of Environmental Quality* beginning January 1, 2014 for a three-year term. Seconded by Mike Grusak. Carried unanimously.

C665 Global Plant Council
Global Plant Council Vice Chair and ASA-CSSA member Henry Nguyen joined the call to share the focus of the Global Plant Council, their Strategy Plan, and their request for $5,000 each from CSSA and ASA to support their work in promoting plant research, crop science and plant breeding. David Baltensperger requested Henry to encourage the Global Plant Council to consider publishing any publications or proceedings in the ACSESS Digital Library. No motion was made until after the next two agenda items were considered.

C691.1 Council for Agricultural Science and Technology
David Baltensperger led a discussion about joining the Council for Agricultural Science and Technology (CAST) for a $3,000 annual membership dues as it would give us a presence at the grassroots of agriculture and our name and our members would be authors on their papers and presentations. Karl Anderson commented that CSSA is authoring white papers through the Science Policy Committee. David Baltensperger requested that we defer any decision until a January or February call.

Society Involvement
Director of Science Policy Karl Anderson and Director of Membership Susan Chapman presented a Society
Involvement spreadsheet that list the various societies, organizations, and coalitions that we are members of or that we regularly interact with. Following discussion, Jeff Volenec recommends expanding it to include a pro/con column, cost/benefits column to include how each group fits our strategic plan.

**C665 Global Plant Council**

ACTION: It was moved by David Baltensperger to approve a $5,000 contribution for the Global Plant Council. Seconded by Gary Pederson. Carried unanimously.

**C003 Board of Directors**

Eric Watkins presented a report of the Ad Hoc Task Force that recommends adding a CSSA Board position dedicated to an industry representative from the crop science industry. Jeff Volenec requested that the board define an industry member, for example, would working for a non-profit or a consultant qualify? Mark Brick asked the Task Force bring forward the formal change to the bylaws to add this board representative along with a definition of the industry representative on a future call.

**C101 Nominations Committee**

As there was only one President-Elect nomination, Mark Brick will put out another call for nominations. He will email the Nomination Committee with the nominations, and will hold a call if necessary.

**Future CSSA Board Meetings:**

It was agreed to send a Doodle Poll to schedule the 2014 CSSA Board Calls. The Board was encouraged to complete the current Doodle Poll to decide the date of Spring 2014 CSSA Board Meeting in late May/early June in Madison, WI with plans to overlap with ASA Board.


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