The meeting was called to order by President Roch Gaussoin. Board members present:

Roch Gaussoin, CSSA President
David Baltensperger, Past President
Michael Grusak, President-Elect
Georgia Eizenga, C-1 Board Rep.
Diane Rowland, C-2 Board Rep.
Kraig Roozeboom, C-3 Board Rep.
Steve Malone, C-4 Board Rep.
Yoana Newman, C-6 Board Rep.
Mark Sorrells, C-7 Board Rep.
Gary Pederson, C-8 Board Rep.
Shannon Pinson, C-9 Board Rep.
Mary Beth Kirkham, B&F Chair, ex-officio
Ellen Bergfeld, CEO ex-officio

Mark Brick, Program Planning Officer, ex-officio
Emilio Oyarzabal, Industry Board Rep., ex-officio
E. Charles Brummer, Editor-in-Chief, ex-officio
Not able to attend:
Aaron Patton, C-5 Board Rep.
Also participating:
Warren Dick, former ASA Editor-in-Chief
Wes Meixelsperger, CFO
Bill Cook, Publications Director
Susan Chapman, Member Services Director
Karl Anderson, Government Relations Director
Susan Fisk, Public & Science Communications Director
Sara Uttech, Senior Mgr–Governance & Membership

C003 CSSA Board of Directors
1. ACTION: Motion by David Baltensperger to approve the Feb. 25, 2015 agenda. Shannon Pinson seconded. Unanimous approval.
2. ACTION: Motion by Kraig Roozeboom to approve the Jan. 27, 2015 minutes. Steve Malone seconded. Unanimous approval.
3. Roch Gaussoin provided an overview of his vision for the year:
   - Revisit the Strategic Plans more frequently – should be a more dynamic document.
   - Increase Science Literacy/Agriculture Literacy. Get the issues and messages out to the public to help people understand agriculture and food safety.
   - Do we have the right people on the board/division level talking about the right topics? How do we increase diversity in our representation and in the things we want to do. For our May meeting, rather than informational items, have meaningful discussions on how to keep the Crop Science Society representing the future and not the past.
   - How good are we at on-boarding new members of the board, division reps, and division chairs? We are good at providing a list of tasked and responsibilities for each elected position, but also need to facilitate an early awareness amongst our elected leaders that they should provide an active, engaged voice on boarder issues related to their Division, and to Crop Science in general.
   - Using the ACSESS structure to work with organizations and other societies to from partnerships.

C211 CSSA Budget and Finance
Wes Meixelsperger and Mary Beth Kirkham provided an update on CSSA Year-End 2014 Financials, reporting a small operating loss of $46,154.

C301 CSSA Editorial Affairs, Policies, and Practices
Editor-in-Chief Charlie Brummer, former ASA Editor-in-Chief Warren Dick, and Publications Director Bill Cook presented a proposal, which is going before all three boards, to develop an open-access letters length journal with a working title of Agricultural Letters. ACTION: Motion by David Baltensperger to approve the formation of an Ag Letters journal. Seconded by Kraig Roozeboom. Following some discussion a friendly amendment was suggested by David Baltensperger to table the motion until more information was distributed to the board, including links to 2-3 examples of Letters
journals, and then to hold an email vote. Motion by Steve Malone to adopt the friendly amendment. Seconded by Georgia Eizenga. Unanimous approval. Bill Cook was tasked with sending out examples of articles from existing Letters journals.

**C450 CSSA General Awards**
The Board was reminded to review the posted CSSA Awards Policy regarding award nominations and reference letters.

**Upcoming CSSA Meetings**
- The May CSSA Board Meeting will be held in Madison, WI, May 26-27, 2015. Ellen Bergfeld directed the board to review the posted CSSA Strategic Plan and ASA/CSSA Collaborative Plan in advance of the May meeting. Sara Uttech will send an email with information for board members to make their travel arrangements.
- Next CSSA Board Call: Tuesday March. 24, 2015 at 2:00pm Central.

Consensus to adjourn.