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

Roch Gaussoin, CSSA President
Michael Grusak, President-Elect
Georgia Eizenga, C-1 Board Rep.
Steve Malone, C-4 Board Rep.
Aaron Patton, C-5 Board Rep.
Yoana Newman, C-6 Board Rep.
Mark Sorrells, C-7 Board Rep.
Emilio Oyarzabal, Industry Board Rep., ex-officio
Ellen Bergfeld, CEO, ex-officio
Unable to attend:
David Baltensperger, Past President
Diane Rowland, C-2 Board Rep.
Kraig Roozeboom, C-3 Board Rep.
Gary Pederson, C-8 Board Rep.

Shannon Pinson, C-9 Board Rep.
Mary Beth Kirkham, B&F Chair, ex-officio
Mark Brick, Program Planning Officer, ex-officio
E. Charles Brummer, Editor-in-Chief, ex-officio
Also participating:
Glen Shewmaker, Incoming C-6 Board Rep.
Arron Carter, Incoming C-7 Board Rep.

C003 CSSA Board of Directors
2. ACTION: Motion by Mike Grusak to approve the Nov. 19, 2015 Board Minutes. Seconded by Georgia Eizenga. Unanimous approval.
3. Aaron Patton presented an analysis on how divisions voted in the last election. ACTION: Motion by Aaron Patton that for Division Chair and Board Representative elections, that only those members that have selected that division of interest would be allowed to vote. Seconded by Steve Malone. Following discussion, Motion failed.
4. The 2016 CSSA Strategic Planning Meeting will be held in Madison, likely in the middle of May.
5. Roch Gaussoin requested nominations for CSSA President-Elect to be sent to him as soon as possible.

C537 Science Policy
1. ACTION: Motion by Mike Grusak for CSSA to endorse the American Seed Trade Association's (ASTA) statement, "Promoting Innovation in Seed and Crop Plant Development" and that CSSA endorses the need for predictable, science-based standards for regulating new technology to promote genetic improvement of food, feed, fiber, and fuel while protecting the environment and ensuring food security. Second by Steve Malone. Unanimous approval.
2. Karl Anderson highlighted science policy opportunities for board members to encourage applicants from their divisions:
   • Congressional Science Fellowship – 1 year fellowship for early career/grad students who have completed their PhD to work in a Congressional office in Washington DC. Applications accepted until Jan. 15: www.crops.org/science-policy/fellowship

Consensus to adjourn.