CSSA President Marilyn Warburton called the meeting to order.

Board members present:

President: Marilyn Warburton, USDA-ARS (2022)
President-Elect: Seth Murray, Texas A&M (2022)
Past President: Vara Prasad, Kansas State Univ. (2022)
C-1: Mark Sorrells, Cornell (2022)
C-2: Felix Fritschi, Univ. of Missouri (2023)
C-3: Ignacio Ciampitti, Kansas State Univ. (2024)
C-4: Stephen Malone, USDA-AMS-S&T-SRTD (2022)
C-5: Cale Bigelow, Purdue (2023)
C-6: John Guretzky, Univ. of Nebraska (2024)
C-7: Jianming Yu, Iowa State Univ. (2024)
C-8: Melanie Harrison, USDA-ARS (2022)
C-9: Lee Tarpley, Texas A&M (2022)
Grad Student: Karl Kunze, Cornell (2023)
Interim CEO: Luther Smith

Editor-in-Chief: Bingru Huang, Rutgers (2024)

C101 Board of Directors

1. The board meeting opened 15 minutes early for optional networking.

2. Consent Agenda Items approved:
   - March 23, 2022 CSSA Board Agenda
   - Jan. 26, 2022 & Feb. 28, 2022 CSSA Board Minutes
   - ACS320.1 Methods of Soil Analysis Subcommittee Guidelines Revisions
   - C304 The Plant Genome Editorial Board proposal to add a new Technical Editor position for Review and Special Topics

3. President Marilyn Warburton reported the following CEO Search update:
   - Over the course of the last month, the ACSESS Search Committee has held multiple rounds of interviews with promising candidates.
   - ACSESS’s consultant, Talbott Talent, is developing the framework for an offer to facilitate a smooth process when a final candidate is ready to be moved forward to the full ACSESS Board of Directors for consideration.

4. ACTION: Motion by Mark Sorrells, seconded by Vara Prasad, to approve the CSSA Certification of Educational Content Proposal and develop an exploratory task force to explore in more detail and to fund a limited market analysis. Unanimous approval.

5. Vote in CSSA Elections through April 7: www.crops.org/elections

6. Publications Update: Editorial Appointments and Reappointments for 2023

7. ACTION: Motion by Steve Malone, seconded by Seth Murray, to proceed with forming an exploratory Task Force to explore pathways towards leadership. Unanimous approval. Suggested that Task Force members include current and former board members, including former presidents. Seth Murray volunteered. If interested in volunteering or suggesting someone, contact Marilyn Warburton or Luther Smith.

8. There was consensus to hold an in-person 1-2 day Summer CSSA Board Meeting with a virtual component at headquarters in Madison. We will conduct a Doodle for dates. Begin thinking about agenda topics for consideration.

C211 Budget & Finance Committee

CFO Wes Meixelsperger, Budget & Finance Chair Tom Chastain reviewed the CSSA 2021 Year-End Financials.

C711 Program Planning Committee

Annual Meeting, Nov. 6-9, Baltimore: www.acsmeetings.org
- ASA, CSSA, SSSA Boards voted to require proof of vaccinations on the on Feb. 28, 2022 call
- Abstracts, Registration, Hotels opened March 15

**CS37 CSSA Science Policy Committee**
CSSA Science Policy Chair Vara Prasad reported on the Virtual Congressional Visits Day March 8-10, 2022. Students, researchers, and certified professionals completed 99 meetings with congressional offices across 30 states requesting increased support for USDA competitive grants programs AFRI, AgARDA, and the Equipment Grants Program. We had a unique opportunity to respond to a request from Senator Boozman related to CRP conversion and measures to provide relief to the global food supply given the Ukraine crisis.

**C201 CSSA Organization, Policy & Bylaws Committee**
Following discussion, there was consensus to add on-going governance education as a responsibility of the CSSA Organization, Policy, & Bylaws Committee as requested by Board Member Lee Tarpley. The committee will meet to formally add it to the committee guidelines and discuss next steps.

Consensus to Adjourn.