The meeting was called to order by President Ken Moore. Board participants were:

Kenneth J. Moore, ASA President
Marcus M. Alley, ASA President-Elect
Jerry L. Hatfield, ASA Past President
Steven E. Petrie, A-7 Board Rep.
Tom W. Bruulsema, ICCA Registrants Board Rep.
Kenneth A. Barbarick, ASA Editor-in-Chief, ex-officio
Calvin O. Qualset, Agronomic Science Foundation Chair, ex-officio

Also present:
Steve Fales, Biomass Working Group Chair
Rob Rhykerd, Improving Communications Task Force Rep.
Fran Katz, Chief Operations Officer, Director of Publications, and Recorder
Ian Popkewitz, Director of IT and Operations
Luther Smith, Director of Certification Programs

A003 Board of Directors
1. It was the consensus of the Board to hold a meeting in the spring in Chicago. Ken Moore will work with Headquarters to determine the date of the meeting after receiving feedback from the Board on possible conflicts.

2. By consensus, the Board agreed to continue the schedule of Board conference calls the first Wednesday of each month at 11:00 AM Central time. The next call will be held December 5.

3. As a matter of information, the President-Elect will review, correct, and approve minutes of Executive Committee and Board of Directors meetings/conference calls. The full Board will have the opportunity to formally approve the minutes at the next conference call/meeting.

A101 Nominations for President-Elect
Due to apparent schedule conflicts, several Divisions were not represented at the A101 Nominations for President-Elect Committee meeting earlier in the week. Jerry Hatfield will follow up with the committee regarding candidates for President-Elect to run on the ballot in 2008.
A111 Nominations for Division Officers
Board Reps were requested to turn in names of candidates for the various Divisional offices to run on the ballot in 2008 to Cathy Goudreau at Headquarters.

A201 Organization, Policy, and Bylaws
1. Steve Fales, Chair of the Biomass Working Group, petitioned the Board to form a provisional division on Bioenergy and Agroindustrial Systems. It is anticipated that a Technical Editor will be appointed as papers on the subject will be published in *Agronomy Journal*.

ACTION: It was moved to form a provisional division on Bioenergy and Agroindustrial Systems. Seconded. Carried unanimously.

Nicolas Martin, a member of the Biometry Working Group, petitioned the Board to form a provisional division on biometry.

ACTION: It was moved to form a provisional division on Biometry. Seconded. Carried unanimously.

Per ASA Bylaws, after a 2-year trial period an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members voting in a ballot shall give a new division permanent status. For newly established divisions, the Chair-Elect, Chair, Past Chair and Board Rep. shall be appointed by the ASA President.

2. The Board reviewed the Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws of the Alliance of Crop, Soil and Environmental Science Societies (ACSESS), Inc.

ACTION: It was moved to approve the ACSESS Bylaws and Articles of Incorporation. Seconded. Carried unanimously.

3. The Board discussed changing officers on a calendar year basis rather than mid-week at the annual meeting. This will allow current Board members and incoming Board members to participate in the Board meeting at the annual meeting and will also allow time to close out business following the annual meeting.

ACTION: It was moved that ASA change officers on a calendar year. Seconded. Carried unanimously.

It was noted that this change includes the President-Elect, President, Past President, all Division officers, and all committee chairs and committee members. The ASA Bylaws will be revised to reflect the above action.

A201.4 Strategic Planning
1. Rob Rhykerd presented the Improving Communications Task Force report focusing primarily on electronic communications; communications with graduate students; and communications with non-academics. Although no specific action was taken, the Board will address the specifics of the report in due course.
2. The Board briefly discussed the Agronomy Journal Review Task Force report which contained 19 recommendations for consideration in order to move the journal forward into its second century of existence. Of the 19 recommendations, the following would result in the most dramatic changes:

- Adopt a new name for the journal
- Expand subject matter areas that are welcomed and published in the journal
- Make a concerted effort to internationalize the Editorial Board
- Reduce or eliminate page charges
- Offer a fast release option whereby authors could pay an optional one-time fee at time of publication making their paper immediately accessible for free on-line

A211 Budget and Finance
The Budget and Finance Committee, composed of members of the Board of Directors, met in August 2007. Steve Petrie, Chair of the committee, reported on the Society’s proposed 2008 operating budget. Journal subscriptions and publishing fees have declined as traditional journals face increasing pressure from a variety of sources. Headquarters has aggressively marketed the journal bundles and it is anticipated that journal revenue will improve in 2008. The recent IT upgrade at Headquarters, resulting in improved management efficiency and member services, will be depreciated over three years. Although the 2008 budget has a proposed deficit of $287,500 it is anticipated that the investment income will cover much of the operating loss. The budget is developed using conservative estimates of revenue and liberal estimates of expenses. Historically, the Society performs better than the budget.

ACTION: It was moved to accept the 2008 budget. Seconded. Carried unanimously.

A302 Agronomy Journal
ACTION: It was moved to change page charges for Agronomy Journal from a flat fee to $80 per page up to 6 pages and $175 per page for 7 pages and up. Seconded. Carried unanimously.

ACTION: It was moved to give authors the option of open access for a fee of $1,000 for Agronomy Journal and $800 for the Journal of Environmental Quality, in addition to the normal publication charges. Seconded. Carried unanimously.

This fee will allow anyone to access the paper on HighWire prior to the 18 month embargo but does not automatically allow posting on websites.

A651 Canadian Society of Agronomy
Mark Alley reported that the Canadian Society of Agronomy has expressed interest in growing a society outside the U.S. and Canada, especially in Central and South America. A meeting of collective leadership is being planned to proceed.

Meeting adjourned.