The meeting was called to order by ASA President Ken Barbarick. Board members present:

Kenneth A. Barbarick, ASA President
Sharon A. Clay, ASA President-Elect
Newell R. Kitchen, ASA Past President
Robert J. Lascano, Climatology and Modeling Section Board Rep.
James A. Ippolito, Environmental Quality Section Board Rep.
Jessica G. Davis, Global Agronomy Section Board Rep.
Steven E. Petrie, Finance Board Rep.
Frederick F. Vocasek, ICCA Registrants Board Rep.
Warren A. Dick, ASA Editor-in-Chief, ex-officio
Robert M. Lacey, Program Planning Officer, ex-officio
Ellen Bergfeld, Chief Executive Officer, ex-officio
Also present:
David B. Mengel, Incoming ASA President-Elect
Steven R. Evett, Incoming Climatology and Modeling Section Bd Rep.
Wes Meixelsperger, Chief Financial Officer
Karl Anderson, Director of Government Relations
Susan Chapman, Director of Member Services
Mark Mandelbaum, Director of Publications
Ian Popkewitz, Director of IT and Operations
Keith Schlesinger, Director of Meetings and Conventions
Luther Smith, Director of Certification and Licensing Programs
Rebecca Polk, Recorder
Unable to attend:
Alexandra N. Kravchenko, Biometry and Statistical Computing Section Board Rep.
James G. Coors, ASF Chair, ex-officio

A003 Board of Directors
1. Ken acknowledged the service of Newell Kitchen, Rob Mitchell, Sasha Kravchenko, Robert Lascano, and Bill Heer whose terms end December 31, 2012. David Mengel, Drew Lyon, Kathleen Yeater, Steven Evett, and Tim Reinbott were welcomed as new Board members effective January 1, 2013.

2. ACTION: Moved by Aaron Patton to approve the September 6, 2012 Board conference call minutes. Seconded by Rob Mitchell. Carried unanimously.

3. Ken cancelled the November 1 Board conference call. The next call is scheduled for December 6 at 10:00 AM Central Standard Time.
4. Board conference calls are currently held the first Thursday of the month at 10:00 AM Central Time. For 2013 Sharon proposed the conference calls be held on Tuesday, Thursday, or Friday. The Board will be polled to select the best day and time.

5. The Board will be polled for available dates for a mid-May 2013 meeting in Madison.

**A010 Sections/Communities**

Newell presented a power point entitled An Assessment of ASA Communities and Sections after Two Years. Highlights include:

- Role of the Board in facilitating the new structure
- 41 Communities have been formed within the 7 Sections
- Community activity requirements/tracking
- Section Presiding Chair and Vice Chair role

Newell recommended a subcommittee of the Board be appointed to assess the following and receive member feedback:

- How do we assess the health of a standing Section?
- Can membership be at the Section level only?
- How might CCA’s be better served through Communities?
- What could we do to reduce business meeting overload?
- We need a policy that states how a Community can gracefully discontinue
- Could Community leader elections be online (e.g. doodle poll) rather than the annual meeting?
- How do we encourage younger members to be more active in Community planning and leadership?

**A092 Certification**

Luther provided an update on the CCA program highlighting the following:

- New CCA International Council met during the annual meeting for the first time
- Stakeholder meeting resulted in good discussions from company reps in agribusiness
- Changes will be made to the process so session organizers are more aware of how to apply for ceu’s

**A111 Nomination of Division Officers**

Board members were encouraged to forward candidate names for Section Vice Chairs and Board Reps for the 2013 ballot to Cathy Goudreau at Headquarters in the near future.

**A211 Budget and Finance**

Steve provided an overview of the proposed 2013 budget.

ACTION: Moved by Steve Petrie to approve the 2013 budget. Seconded by Robert Lascano. Carried unanimously.

**A301 Editorial Affairs, Policies, and Practices**

1. Warren provided an editorial update highlighting the following:
   - General consensus that the stipend policy for editors should not be changed midstream, thus they may attempt to do this over a 3-year period
   - Plans are being developed to start a Method Book series, including potential appointment of an editorial board
   - Ethics policy will be updated
2. Mark provided a publications update highlighting the following:
   ▪ Status of digital library, including marketing to libraries and academic/government consortia worldwide.
   ▪ Plant Management Network – staff continues to work with PMN leadership to incorporate *Crop Management, Forage and Grazinglands*, and *Applied Turfgrass Science* into the digital library. Will provide further update following mid-December meeting of the PMN Joint Executive Committee.

Jessica reported a motion was passed at the Global Agronomy Section business meeting that a special rate for the digital library be considered for developing countries. Mark responded that this has been discussed and the potential impact will be studied using the UN description.

A537 Science Policy
Fred provided an update on behalf of the Science Policy Committee highlighting the following:
   ▪ ‘Green dreams, blue waves, and shades of gray – the reality of water’ symposium is scheduled for February 17 at the AAAS meeting in Boston
   ▪ Talking with some SSSA members on potential of a joint position paper on nitrogen management

Karl reported that sequestration will be at the forefront for the remainder of the year – watch for additional communications from the Science Policy Office.

A691.1 CAST
Drew Lyon, ASA representative to CAST, will attend the November CAST meeting which will focus on development of working paper ideas/topics and potential authors. The Board encouraged Drew to express their concern regarding CAST’s ineffectiveness and lack of representation in Washington, DC. He will report back to the Board following the November meeting.

A711 Program Planning
1. As requested on the September 6, 2012 Board conference call, Warren worked with the CSSA and SSSA Editors-in-Chief to review the publication policy section of the Program Regulations.

-action: Moved by Sharon Clay to approve the Program Regulations as presented. Seconded by Robert Lascano. Carried unanimously.

The regulations will be posted on the annual meeting website for paper submissions and will also be published with the Call for Abstracts in *CSA News*.

2. Action was taken at the May 2012 SSSA Board meeting that SSSA meet independently from ASA and CSSA in 2018. Ellen reported that concern was expressed at some of the SSSA Division business meetings that an independent meeting will likely require members to choose between the ASA-CSSA annual meeting or the SSSA annual meeting. In addition, the IUSS World Congress of Soil Science scheduled for August 12-17, 2018 in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil may also affect attendance at the SSSA annual meeting. Therefore, the SSSA Board will survey their membership to assess their intent on attending an independent SSSA annual meeting in 2018 in an effort to help determine the potential financial impact.

The American Society of Animal Science (ASAS) is looking into an overall ag meeting in 2018 – ASA and CSSA have been invited to participate. Timing could be an issue, as ASAS meets mid to late July. Ellen will keep the Board informed on the potential of this joint meeting.

Meeting adjourned.