The meeting was called to order by Past President Newell Kitchen. Board participants were:

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.
Warren A. Dick, ASA Editor-in-Chief, ex-officio
Robert M. Lacey, Program Planning Officer, ex-officio
James G. Coors, ASF Chair, ex-officio
Ellen Bergfeld, Chief Executive Officer, ex-officio
Also participating:
David B. Mengel, Incoming ASA President-Elect
Kathleen M. Yeater, Incoming Biometry and Statistical Computing Section Board Rep
Steven R. Evett, Incoming Climatology and Modeling Section Board Rep
Timothy R. Reinbott, Incoming Land Management and Conservation Section Board Rep
Wes Meixelsperger, Chief Financial Officer
Karl Anderson, Director of Government Relations
Mark Mandelbaum, Director of Publications
Cathy Goudreau, Recorder
Board members unable to participate:
Kenneth A. Barbarick, ASA President
Alexandra N. Kravchenko, Biometry and Statistical Computing Section Board Rep.
Steven E. Petrie, Finance Board Rep.
Frederick F. Vocasek, ICCA Registrants Board Rep.
James G. Coors, ASF Chair, ex-officio

A003 Board of Directors
1. ACTION: Moved by Sharon Clay to approve the agenda as modified. Seconded by Jessica Davis. Carried unanimously.

2. ACTION: Moved by Jeff Hattey to approve the October 25, 2012 Board meeting minutes. Seconded by Jim Ippolito. Carried unanimously.

3. Board conference calls in 2013 will be held the second Tuesday of the month at 9:00 AM Central Time. The next call will be held January 8 at 9:00 AM Central Time.

4. Board members were requested to hold the week of May 20 for the Spring meeting in Madison – likely the latter part of the week. The exact dates will be determined in the near future.
A005 Committees
1. Sharon reported the following individuals have agreed to serve: Steve Evett – Organization, Policy and Bylaws Committee; Kathy Yeater – Budget and Finance Committee; Tim Reinbott – Reinvest ASA Committee; Jessica Davis – Science Policy Committee.

2. Per discussions at the October 25 Board meeting, Newell presented a draft description for a Section and Community Stewardship and Review Committee. The committee’s primary charge will be to assess the progress and project upcoming needs of ASA Sections and Communities. Board members were encouraged to review the draft committee description and to provide feedback to Newell by December 20. A revised document will be presented for further discussion and approval on the January 8 Board conference call.

A101 Nominations Committee
Newell reported the Nominations Committee is in the process of ranking the six nominees that have been received for ASA President-Elect. The committee will narrow the pool to two candidates to run on the ballot next spring.

A302 Agronomy Journal
As a matter of information to the Board, Warren reported that Agronomy Journal, under the direction of Editor Bill Raun, has voted to move to an editorial board structure that has six Technical Editors with responsibility to process papers. This is similar to the structure of Crop Science and SSSA Journal.

A537 Science Policy Committee
Karl provided an update on behalf of the Science Policy Committee highlighting the following:
- Gary Peterson and Rattan Lal taking the lead on Water Security Task Force position paper – all writing assignments to be completed by end of month
- ‘Green dreams, blue waves, and shades of gray – the reality of water’ symposium is scheduled for February 17 at the AAAS meeting in Boston
- Over 1300 members signed the petition to Congressional leadership on avoiding cuts to science funding
- March 18-19 Congressional Visits Day – application deadline for graduate students is December 17
- President’s Council of Advisors on Science and Technology (PCAST) Report on Agricultural Preparedness and the Agriculture Research Enterprise will be unveiled December 7. Staff has developed a press release to the national science media highlighting the report and the Societies’ role in developing it. Ellen has been invited to be a panel speaker at the roll-out event.

A691.1 CAST
Drew Lyon, ASA Representative to CAST and incoming Board member, provided a written report on the November 14-15 CAST meeting, but was not able to join the conference call. Karl reported the CAST model is not changing – no DC presence and no increase in advocacy efforts. Ellen supported Karl’s assessment of CAST’s ineffectiveness as well as funding concerns. By consensus, the Board agreed to delay action on ASA’s membership in CAST until the January 8 Board conference call when Drew can participate in the discussion.
A711 Program Planning
Ellen indicated it is likely SSSA will move forward with an independent annual meeting in 2018 based on results of their recent survey. It is anticipated a final decision will be made on the December 20 SSSA Board conference call. In addition, 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.

ACTION: Moved by Bill Heer to adjourn. Seconded by Robert Lascano. Carried unanimously.