The meeting was called to order by President Sharon Clay. Board participants were:
Sharon A. Clay, ASA President
David B. Mengel, ASA President-Elect
Kenneth A. Barbarick, ASA Past President
Drew J. Lyon, Agronomic Production Systems Section Board Rep.
Steven R. Evett, 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 participating:
Wes Meixelsperger, Chief Financial Officer
Karl Anderson, Director of Government Relations
Ian Popkewitz, Director of IT and Operations
Keith Schlesinger, Director of Meetings and Conventions
Cathy Goudreau, Recorder
Board members unable to participate:
John L. Havlin, ASF Chair, ex-officio

A003 Board of Directors
1. ACTION: Moved by Ken Barbarick to approve the agenda and the January 8, 2013 Board conference call minutes. Seconded by Tim Reinbott. Carried unanimously.

2. The following schedule for the Spring Board meeting in Madison was confirmed:
   Monday, May 20th – CSSA Board arrives in time for dinner
   Tuesday, May 21st – CSSA Board meeting all day; ASA Board arrives in time for joint ASA/CSSA Board dinner
   Wednesday, May 22nd – joint ASA/CSSA Board meeting. Late afternoon reception planned at Headquarters for the Pesek-Olson Training Room dedication; CSSA Board can depart after 5:00 PM
   Thursday, May 23rd – ASA Board meeting all day; ASA Board can depart after 5:00 PM

3. The next Board call is scheduled March 12, 9:00 AM Central Daylight Time.

A016.3 Nutrient Loss Assessment and Prevention Community
On behalf of the Community Stewardship and Review Committee, Drew recommended the Board approve the request from the Nutrient Loss Assessment and Prevention Community leadership to change the name to Nutrients and Environmental Quality Community.
Although the title implies the Community will encompass all environmental issues, Jessica indicated the request is not clear whether air quality related to nutrients will be included. In addition, this may overlap with the Soil Carbon and Greenhouse Gas Emissions Community.

**ACTION:** Moved by Steve Evett to approve the request to change the name of the Nutrient Loss Assessment and Prevention Community to Nutrients and Environmental Quality Community. Seconded by Steve Petrie. Carried with 1 opposed.

**A211 Budget and Finance**
Wes provided an overview of the draft revenue and expense statement for the twelve months ending December 31, 2012. Board members engaged in a discussion of the net loss from operations. Financials will be tracked closely to determine whether Board actions, particularly in the publications area, produce the revenue that was anticipated.

**A400 Awards**
1. Sharon reported that Jerry Hatfield will serve as the ASA representative on the AAAS Golden Goose Award Nominations Committee. The award honors federally funded researchers whose work may initially seem obscure or odd, yet contributes to discoveries that serve society in profound ways.

2. A concept paper introducing the Future of the Farm Prize was presented on the January 8 Board conference call. This will be a student-led, student-focused, annual national business plan prize to inspire, educate, and nurture the next generation of agriculture innovators and entrepreneurs, modeled after the MIT Clean Energy Prize. Based on discussions and a meeting with Molly Jahn, UW-Madison, Ellen reported the concept is moving forward with anticipated announcement of the prize this Spring. It is likely the UW will serve as the host institution. The ASF Board expressed support for the concept and recently took action to commit $10,000 to support the prize. Ellen recommended ASA provide a lead role by making a financial commitment. She will present a similar recommendation to the CSSA and SSSA Boards of Directors.

Board members engaged in a lengthy discussion of the proposal. Several expressed support for the concept while others raised concerns about lack of specificity and structure, whether a financial contribution guarantees a seat at the table, and the size of the projected budget in light of ASA’s current financial condition.

**ACTION:** Moved by Ken Barbarick that ASA invest $10,000 to the Future of the Farm Prize. Seconded by Jessica Davis. Carried with 1 opposed.

Ellen will follow up with Molly Jahn and provide an update to the Board electronically.

**A537 Science Policy Committee**
1 Fred provided the following update:
   - ‘Green dreams, blue waves, and shades of gray – the reality of water’ symposium is scheduled for February 17 at the AAAS meeting in Boston
   - Proposal has been submitted to the Program Planning Committee to replicate the water symposium at the 2013 ASA Annual Meeting
   - Moving along on the Water Security Task Force position paper

2. Karl reported that plans are progressing for the March 18-19 Congressional Visits Day, with approximately 38 participants.
A711 Program Planning

1. The early career annual meeting registration rate was a test for 2012. Of the 259 early career members in attendance, 135 registered at the reduced rate, and 61 became new members in 2012. The 2013 annual meeting budget assumes the Society will continue the reduced registration rate, however, Keith requested the Board make a formal decision on continuing the rate and clarify the definition of “early career.”

ACTION: Moved by Steve Evett to continue the annual meeting early career registration rate for two more years and to define early career as a person that has achieved their terminal degree within the last seven years. Seconded by Kathy Yeater. Carried unanimously.

It was clarified that a terminal degree is considered the highest degree attained by a person in their field of study. This is contingent upon a person not attaining another degree. If a previously recognized early career member completes an additional degree, this person will not be considered again as an early career member.”

2. Keith is drafting a proposal to enhance the pool of program enhancement funds available for distribution to Sections and Communities that doesn’t solely depend on number of papers presented the previous year. The proposal will be presented to the Board on a future conference call.

3. SSSA will hold an annual meeting separate from CSSA and ASA in 2018. The SSSA Board of Directors adopted the following resolution in an effort to address the perception that the Society is pulling away from agriculture:

   The SSSA Board of Directors reaffirms its long standing and synergistic relationship with ASA and CSSA. Agriculture will always be one of the focal areas for SSSA. The 2018 annual meeting, separate from ASA and CSSA, does not signify an intent to meet apart from ASA and CSSA permanently, but rather represents an opportunity to collaborate with other closely related scientific societies.

4. ASA and CSSA have been asked to join their 2018 annual meeting with other ag societies to create an International Agricultural Summit. Staff is in discussions with the American Society of Animal Science, American Dairy Science Association, European Association of Animal Production, Poultry Science Association, and other societies. ASA and CSSA membership are being polled regarding potential dates (August, October, November), locations (Vancouver, Baltimore), and their likelihood of attending the proposed summit.

   Steve and Kathy expressed concern with the Vancouver location as USDA will continue to cut travel budgets, particularly foreign travel.

   Ellen will update the Board as discussions progress.

Meeting adjourned.