The meeting was called to order by ASA President Dave Mengel.

**Board Members Present:**
- David Mengel, ASA President
- Jean Steiner, ASA President-Elect
- Sharon Clay, ASA Past President
- Drew Lyon, Ag. Production Systems Section
- Kathleen Yeater, Biometry & Stats Computing Section
- Jeffory Hattey, Education & Extension Section
- Mark David, Environmental Quality Section
- Jessica Davis, Global Agronomy Section
- Timothy Reinbott, Land Mgmnt & Conservation Section
- Steven Petrie, Finance Board Rep.
- Donald Blackburn, Industry Board Rep.
- Frederick Vocasek, ICCA Registrants Board Rep.
- Warren Dick, ASA Editor-in-Chief, ex-officio
- Darrin Lickfeldt, Program Planning Officer, ex-officio

**Also Participating:**
- Ellen Bergfeld, Chief Executive Officer, ex-officio
- Paul Fixen, Incoming President-Elect
- Karl Anderson, Dir. of Government Relations
- Susan Chapman, Director of Member Services
- Susan Fisk, Dir. of Public and Science Communications
- Mark Mandelbaum, Dir. of Publications and Meetings
- Wes Meixelsperger, CFO
- Luther Smith, Dir. of Certification & Licensing
- Ian Popkewitz, Director of IT & Operations
- Sara Uttech, Senior Mgr – Governance & Membership

**Unable to attend:**
- Steve Evett, Climatology & Modeling Section
- Shaun Casteel, Early Career Board Rep.

**Wednesday, May 28 Joint ASA/CSSA Board Meeting**
- David Baltensperger, Dave Mengel, and Ellen Bergfeld held an orientation for new and newly elected ASA and CSSA board members.
- Ellen Bergfeld reviewed the joint ASA/CSSA Strategic Plan developed in 2013. There were several updates, including:
  - ASA/CSSA Industry Relations - increased collaborations with other societies and coalitions
  - ASA/CSSA Education – holding online training for CEUs, both live and then recorded for self-paced learning
  - ASA /CSSA K-12 Outreach – Joint science fair book project; joint booth at Science & Engineering Festival, possible collaboration at National Science Teachers Association
  - ASA/CSSA Publications & Meetings - Will work with the B&F Committees to determine the financial impacts of an Open Access model. SSSA will meet separately Jan 6-9, 2019 in San Diego, and is assuming 750 attendees.
  - Agronomic Science Foundation - Reviewed the ASF financials, including ASA & CSSA fund balances; Golden Opportunity Scholars and the new Greenfield Scholars program and the new ASF Sustainable Research Program
  - ACSESS Board Update – Newly formed ACSESS Data Standards Task Force chaired by Jeff Volenec

**Thursday, May 29 ASA Board Meeting**

**A003 Board of Directors**
1. **ACTION:** Moved by Tim Reinbott and seconded by Jessica Davis to approve the May 29, 2014 agenda. Unanimous approval.
2. **ACTION:** Moved by Drew Lyon and seconded by Don Blackburn to approve the April 3, 2014 ASA Board conference call minutes. Unanimous approval.
3. Ellen Bergfeld presented an overview of the ASA Strategic Plan and an update on current goals and progress.

**A211 Budget and Finance**
1. Dave Mengel presented membership and financial trends, requesting that the board consider these trends during discussions.
2. Wes Meixelsperger reported on the first quarter financials for 2014 that includes a net operating loss.
3. Wes Meixelsperger presented information on purchasing a 1,800-2,000 square foot office space in Washington DC for the Science Policy Office, where the Societies currently rent 1,200 square feet. ACTION: After amendment, a motion was made by Steve Petrie and seconded by Kathy Yeater to encourage headquarters staff to pursue purchasing a building in Washington DC and provide options for ownership to the other societies.

4. ACTION: Moved by Steve Petrie to remove the formula that is used for Reinvest ASA and establish it as a budget line normal budgetary process. Seconded by Kathy Yeater. Unanimously passed.

A537 Science Policy Committee
Director of Government Relations Karl Anderson presented a Science Policy update, including a request by Sonny Ramaswamy, USDA-NIFA to work with a broad coalition of scientific societies to develop a document that identifies future ag research priorities. ACTION: It was moved by Jeff Hattey to support the efforts of headquarters staff working with the executive committee to pursue a unified message for identifying future of ag research priorities. Steve Petrie seconded. Unanimous approval.

A522 Communications Committee
Director of Science and Public Communications Susan Fisk presented an update that included plans for the International Year of Soil in 2015 and International Year of Pulses in 2016. ACTION: It was moved by Tim Reinbott and seconded by Sharon Clay to establish an ASA Communications Committee. Unanimous approval.

A301 Editorial Affairs, Policies and Practices
Director of Publications and Meetings Mark Mandelbaum presented an update on publications, including the Digital Library and the Plant Management Network.

1. ACTION: It was moved by Drew Lyon to approve the recommendation by the ASA Editor in Chief Search Committee to appoint Beth Guertal as the next ASA Editor in Chief for a three year term beginning January 1, 2015. Seconded by Tim Reinbott. Unanimous approval.

2. ACTION: It was moved by Drew Lyon to approve the recommendation by ASA Editor-in Chief Warren Dick to reappoint Agronomy Journal Editor Bill Raun. Seconded by Don Blackburn. Unanimous approval.

A732 Annual Meetings
Director of Publications and Meetings Mark Mandelbaum and ASA Program Planning Officer Darin Lickfeldt presented an update on the Annual Meetings, including:
- Program Planning Committee will meet in Long Beach in July
- Special Sessions:
  - OECD Organic Conference held Saturday-Sunday
  - Opening Keynote: Jeff Raikes, former CEO of the Gates Foundation
  - Closing Plenary: Randy Olson on how scientists can tell their story, will hold a workshop on Sunday
  - ASA Awards Breakfast: Barbara Burlingame, FAO Nutritionist
  - Lunch & Learn topics are being worked on, but noted logistical challenges
  - Graduate Student Leadership Forum Saturday-Sunday
  - Consensus to hold the ASA Board Meeting at the Annual Meeting on Thursday morning at 8am

ASA Membership Committee
Director of Membership Susan Chapman presented an update on membership. ASA active membership is trending downward while graduate student membership is increasing. Warren Dick suggested looking at the potential of international members.

Dave Mengel led a discussion on dues, including adding an affiliate membership program to target CCAs as only 17% are members. He is working on the appointments for a task force to look at membership and dues for CCAs and former graduate student members who don’t become active members.

A213 Community Stewardship and Review Committee
ACTION: The ASA Stewardship and Review Committee moves to accept these four new Communities as a pilot program for both CCAs and ASA members to join: 1. Integrated Pest Management Professionals Community; 2. Crop Management Professionals Community; 3. ASA Community-Nutrient Management Professionals; 4. ASA Community-Soil and Water Management Professionals. Unanimous approval. ACTION: The Stewardship and Review Committee
presented an updated procedure for dissolving a Community, and these are to be included in the next publishing of the ASA Leadership Handbook. Unanimous approval.

A092.4 International Certified Crop Adviser Board
Director of Luther Smith presented an update on Certification. We want ASA to be the professional home for all agronomists – scientific or professional. The number of individuals taking the certification exam is up, but the number of individuals becoming certified is down.

Consensus to adjourn.

Next ASA Board Call to be determined based on Doodle poll for July-August and September-December dates.