The meeting was called to order by ASA President Jessica Davis.

Board Members Present: 
Jessica Davis, ASA President
Steve Evett, ASA President-Elect
Alan Schlegel, Ag. Production Systems Section
Jeff Coulter, Biometry & Stats Computing Section
John Holman, Education & Extension Section
Tim Reinbott, Land Management & Conservation Section
Danielle Cooney, Graduate Student Rep.
Beth Guertal, ASA Editor-in-Chief, ex-officio
Dave Clay, Finance Board Rep.
Jeff Volenec, ASF Board Chair, ex-officio
Ellen Bergfeld, Chief Executive Officer, ex-officio

Unable to Attend: 
Paul Fixen, ASA Past President
Dennis Timlin, Climatology & Modeling Section
Jim Ippolito, Environmental Quality Section
Sally Flis, ICMA Board Rep.
Sieg Snapp, Global Agronomy Section
Bill Cook, Publications Director
Susan Fisk, Science Communications Director
Wes Meixelsperger, CFO/Meetings Director
Nate Ehresman, Technical Program Manager
Sara Uttech, Governance & Membership Senior Manager

A003 ASA Board of Directors
1. ACTION: Motion by Paul Carter, seconded by Beth Guertal, to approve the Feb. 23, 2017 ASA Board Agenda. Unanimous approval.
2. ACTION: Motion by Tim Reinbott, seconded by Paul Carter, to approve the Jan. 19, 2017 ASA Board Minutes. Unanimous approval.
3. Jessica Davis reported on a CSA News article and survey that addresses inclusiveness and special interest groups and asked the board to provide her with any feedback. One comment was that this could promote exclusiveness rather than inclusiveness. Putting people in boxes could be a result. This is not the intent, but it is a concern that will be addressed.
4. The ASA Board Meeting in Madison is Thursday May 4, forward agenda topics to Jessica/Ellen/Sara. Plan to fly to Madison on May 3, fly out on May 4 after 5pm, or on May 5; input your flight info into the online Google Doc and HQ will make hotel reservations.

A211 Budget and Finance
CFO Wes Meixelsperger reviewed the 2016 year-end ASA financials and provided the following summary: Operations through December 2016 had income of $199,598. Overall income after investments was $1,089,328 and a nice improvement over the 2015 income of $28,395, the difference was investment income of $889,731 in 2016 as compared to an investment loss in 2015 of ($134,906). Overall 2016 was a good year financially for ASA, managed our finances within the budget and very consistent with the prior year. Other highlights:
- Profit improvement in Publications over 2015 showed an increase of $137,216. Total in 2016 was $496,736.
- Overall ASA revenue was up in 2016, membership dues specifically was up 12% for a total of $411,280.
- The annual meeting profit contribution was lower in 2016 due to the unexpected lighter turnout in Arizona. Profit of $191,485 compared to 2015 of $240,112. Over multiple years, annual meeting profits were on an upward trend that ended with the downturn in Phoenix.
- After 2011, expenses for the Digital Library and publication costs resulted in negative balances, but the last two years were positive, even though investment income was negative in 2015.

A711 Program Planning
The board reviewed a request by a Community to change the ASA formula for allocating Annual Meeting Program Enhancement Funds to include workshops. Jeff Coulter spoke to this, and also stated that workshops don’t seem to be acknowledged as an official community activity, which can make it appear that communities that focus on workshops are not active. Wes Meixelsperger reminded us that the formula for allocating program enhancement funds does not take into account anything but papers given in sessions and symposia. The Community also requested that workshops be counted in the annual review of Community health when defining active communities. Following discussion, there
was consensus for a subset of the board to meet to craft a proposal for the board to review on the next call. The individuals include: Jeff Coulter, Dave Clay, Jim Ippolito, and staff Nate Ehresman and Wes Meixelsperger.

A808 ASA Corn Stover Ethanol Working Group/A733 Agronomy Conference Meetings
Wes Meixelsperger reviewed the sponsorship prospectus for the ASA-CSSA-SSSA Corn Stover for Advanced Biofuels Workshop, a two-day meeting to be held in late summer in Sacramento, CA. Organizers are seeking sponsorships. Steve Evett suggested they apply for meeting funds with USDA-ARS.

A463 ASA Presidential Award
Jessica Davis requested the board review the ASA Presidential Award description and provide her with nominations.

A101 Nomination for President-Elect
Jessica Davis encouraged the board to participate in the 2017 ASA Election, Feb. 15-March 16, 2017 at www.agronomy.org/elections

A212 Reinvest ASA
There is up to $100,000 in Reinvest ASA funds for multiple member-driven projects, activities, and events, including the Annual Meeting program. The deadline to initiate application is March 29: www.agronomy.org/awards/view/176 Graduate Student Representative Danielle Cooney asked if they could apply and was advised that yes they could and to get in touch with Susan Chapman.

Consensus to Adjourn.