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

**Board Members Present:**
Jessica Davis, ASA President
Steve Evett, ASA President-Elect
Paul Fixen, ASA Past President
Alan Schlegel, Ag. Production Systems Section
Jeff Coulter, Biometry & Stats Computing Section
Tim Reinbott, Land Management & Conservation Section
Dennis Timlin, Climatology & Modeling Section
Sally Flis, ICCA Board Rep.
Jim Ippolito, Environmental Quality Section
Beth Guertal, ASA Editor-in-Chief, ex-officio
Danielle Cooney, Graduate Student Rep.
Dave Clay, Finance Board Rep.

**Also Participating:**
Ellen Bergfeld, Chief Executive Officer, ex-officio
Mitch Hunter, Incoming Graduate Student Rep., ex-officio
Karl Anderson, Government Relations Director
Susan Chapman, Member Services Director
Bill Cook, Meetings Director
Susan Fisk, Science Communications Director
Ian Popkewitz, IT/Operations Director
Luther Smith, Business Relations Manager
Sara Uttech, Governance & Membership Senior Manager

### A003 ASA Board of Directors

1. **ACTION:** Motion by Tim Reinbott, seconded by Jim Ippolito, to approve the May 4, 2017 ASA Agenda. Unanimous approval.
2. **ACTION:** Motion by Jeff Coulter, seconded by Danielle Cooney, to approve the April 20, 2017 ASA Board Minutes. Unanimous approval.
3. CEO Ellen Bergfeld provided a review of the ASA Strategic Plan Summary and Progress Report. Unanimous approval.
5. President Jessica Davis initiated a discussion on her Presidential Goals and other ASA Issues, including:
   - Need to embrace vision component of improving the human condition: nutrition, hunger, poverty, service, water
   - Increase collaboration: international, foundations, APIA, International Society of Agronomy 2020 meeting, European Society of Agronomy, etc.
   - Leadership, professional development, connect industry and students
   - Funding: messaging, target appropriation cycle, advocacy, state/district level CVDs, call in days

### A211 Budget & Finance

CFO/Director Wes Meixelsperger presented an update of the 2017 ASA Financials.

### A711 ASA Program Planning

1. CFO/Director Wes Meixelsperger, Technical Program Manger Nate Ehresman, and Senior Meetings Manager Jeanne Pleumer presented an update of the 2017 Annual Meeting Oct. 22-25 in Tampa [acsmeetings.org]:
   - Sunday Oct. 22 ASA Board Meeting, 2:00-4:00pm
   - Sunday Oct. 22 Opening Keynote: Cathie Woteki, Former Chief Scientist/Ag Under Secretary
   - Tuesday Oct. 24 Movie Night: *Between Earth and Sky: Climate Change on the Last Frontier*
   - Wednesday Oct. 25 ASA Award Breakfast/York Plenary: Scott Angle, IFDC
   - Wednesday Oct. 25 Closing Keynote: George Kourounis, Adventurer/Explorer
   - Discussion on changes for Section Business Meetings/Community Planning Sessions/All ASA Business Meeting/ASA Awards Ceremony.
2. Discussion on the challenges and plans for the 2018 and 2019 Annual Meetings:
   - 2018 ASA & CSSA Annual Meeting in Baltimore, Nov. 4-7
2019 SSSA Annual Meeting in San Diego, Jan. 6-9

3. Upcoming conferences include:
   - *Crop Residues for Advanced Biofuels*, Aug. 15-17, Sacramento
   - *Hemp Industries Association (HIA) Conference*, Sept. 8-11, Lexington
   - **ACTION**: Consensus to approve Sustainable Agronomy and Nitrogen and Ecosystem Management specialized conferences/workshops targeting CCAs and develop task force to flesh these out more.

4. CEO Ellen Bergfeld reviewed the Code of Conduct posted: [www.acsmeetings.org/code-of-conduct](http://www.acsmeetings.org/code-of-conduct), particularly with regard to issues of harassment.

**A522 SSSA Communications**
Director Susan Fisk presented an update on Science Communications, including information about the ASA Communications Committee. There are two communications workshops planned for the 2017 Annual Meeting.

**A537 Science Policy**
Director of Government Relations Karl Anderson provided an update on science policy. Brief discussion about having Science Policy Staff attend the SASES regional meeting in the spring to discuss science policy, advocacy, and engagement. Discussed developing process for white papers; possibility of op-ed placement.

**A237.1 ASA Membership Task Force**
Director Susan Chapman provided an update on Member Services, including current membership statistics and the impact of dues restructuring that has shifted membership numbers.

**A092.4 International Certified Crop Adviser Board**
Director Luther Smith presented an update on Professional Development and Business Relations. The Precision Agriculture Specialist certification was approved by the Executive Committee. Seeking sponsors for webinars to cover costs and participation increases 10 fold if free. We have two Annual Meeting symposia related to CCAs with one-day registrations. There are two specialized meetings slated for summer 2018: Sustainable Agronomy; and Nitrogen and Ecosystems Management. The first one is directly relatable to CCAs. The second one is more research focused, but could be followed up with a CCA oriented session at our Annual Meeting in Baltimore.

**A301 Editorial Affairs, Policies and Practices**
Director Bill Cook presented an update on Publications, including information on the Digital Library, and the second annual Editors’ Conference May 25-26, 2017 in Madison. He discussed the three journals initiated in the last 18 months: *Agricultural and Environmental Letters*, *Urban Agriculture and Regional Food Systems*, and *Plant Phenome Journal*. All remaining member print subscriptions are discontinued at the end of the year. Discussion of moving journals to Open Access focused on economic outcomes, number of papers, and Digital Library impact. Data publication was discussed.

**ACS090 Agronomic Science Foundation**
CEO Ellen Bergfeld provided an update on ASF and requested that the ASA Board consider areas where ASF could assist in fundraising.

Consensus to Adjourn.