SSSA Board of Directors
November 9, 2005
Salt Lake City, UT

The meeting was called to order by President John Havlin. Board members present were:

John L. Havlin, SSSA President
Mary E. Collins, SSSA President-Elect
J. Thomas Sims, SSSA Past President
Glenn V. Wilson, S-1 Board Rep.
Thomas E. Loynachan, S-3 Board Rep.
Marcus M. Alley, S-4 Board Rep.
Michel D. Ransom, S-5 Board Rep.
Douglas L. Karlen, S-6 Board Rep.
Nicholas B. Comerford, S-7 Board Rep.
Wayne H. Hudnall, S-9 Board Rep.
Janis L. Boettinger, S-10 Board Rep.
Warren A. Dick, SSSA Editor-in-Chief, ex-officio
Martin A. Massengale, ASF Rep., ex-officio
Ellen Bergfeld, Executive Vice President, ex-officio

Also present:
Rattan Lal, Incoming SSSA President-Elect
Diane E. Stott, Incoming S-6 Board Rep.
Sally D. Logsdon, Incoming SSSA Editor-in-Chief
Susan Chapman, Director of Member Services
Michela Cobb, Director of Financial Services
Paul Kamps, Development Officer
Fran Katz, Director of Publications
Scott Fetzer, Recorder, Kelly Services

S201.4 Strategic Planning
Strategy 1 - Society Structure

1. ACTION: It was moved to put the tabled motion regarding the creation of a supporting organization back on the floor. Seconded. Carried.

ACTION: It was moved to approve creation of a new 501(c)(3) supporting organization, as presented, and to empower the ASA, CSSA, and SSSA Executive Committees to implement the proposed structure. Seconded. Carried.
The Executive Committee remains open to suggestions of a name for the new supporting organization.

2. The Division Representatives reported on discussions held in their respective business meetings. Those items requiring Board action are recorded in these minutes under the appropriate strategies.

It was requested that the roles and responsibilities of Division Chairs and Board Representatives be clarified and made available.

*Strategy 2 - Membership and Member Services*

Susan Chapman reported some preliminary data from the recent membership survey. A more in-depth analysis of the survey will be prepared for the Board.

*Strategy 3 - Publications and Professional Meetings*

1. Warren Dick reported on various editorial meetings held during the week.

2. As discussed during the October 28, 2005 SSSA Board of Directors conference call, Rien van Genuchten will step down as *Vadose Zone Journal* Editor effective December 31, 2005. A call for nominations for the VZJ Editor position was included in the October issue of *CSA News*. The VZJ Editorial Board has proposed a new editorial structure for the journal, namely, an Editor and three Co-Editors. The Board requested clarification of the financial commitment and budgetary implications of the proposed editorial structure.

   John Havlin will ask VZJ leadership to clarify the proposed editorial structure. The Board will discuss the revised proposal during its next conference call.

*Strategy 4 - Professional Development*

1. Dan Neary reported that the CPSS group wants to raise the certification renewal fee from $40 to $50. The SSSA Budget and Finance Committee will take this into consideration when preparing the 2007 Society budget.

2. The Soil and Water Conservation Society has developed a proposal for a joint SSSA-SWCS award. The details of the award have not been finalized.

   **ACTION:** It was moved to postpone discussion on the proposed SSSA-SWCS award until further information is available. Seconded. Carried.

3. The Executive Committee met with the North American Proficiency Testing (NAPT) Oversight Committee to discuss the role of the committee, as well as the contract with the NAPT coordinator. John Havlin reported that significant progress was made at the meeting, however, the coordinator has not signed the contract agreement with SSSA for 2005. If the coordinator does not sign the contract by December 1, 2005 the Executive Committee will develop an RFP.

   It was the consensus of the Board that the NAPT Oversight Committee Chair provide verbal reports at future Board meetings.
Strategy 5 - Public Policy and Outreach

The Board was encouraged to read the June 13, 2005 K-12 Committee Proposal which was included in their packets. The proposal will be discussed during the next Board conference call.

Strategy 6 - Fiscal Strength and Development


ACTION: It was moved to approve the William H. Patrick, Jr., Memorial Lectureship and Nyle C. Brady Frontiers in Soil Science Lectureship fund agreements, as amended. Seconded. Carried.

2. Paul Kamps reported that the Matching Challenge Grant from ASA-CSSA-SSSA-ASF for the Smithsonian Soils Exhibit has been very successful. A final summary will be provided during the next Board conference call.

3. The Board requested that the budget book include a preamble explaining how the budget and cost centers are set up.

ACTION: It was moved to accept the 2006 budget. Seconded. Carried.

The Board recommended that the Budget and Finance Committee begin to discuss a dues increase. Headquarters will provide B&F a model of dues increase that can be implemented.

ACTION: It was moved to adjourn. Seconded. Carried.