The meeting was called to order by SSSA President Mary Collins. Board participants were:

Mary Collins, SSSA President
Rattan Lal, SSSA President-Elect
John Havlin, SSSA Past President
Glenn Wilson, S-1 Board Rep.
Richard Dick, S-3 Board Rep.
Michel Ransom, S-5 Board Rep.
Nicholas Comerford, S-7 Board Rep.
Randal Southard, S-9 Board Rep.
David Lindbo, S-10 Board Rep.
Sally Logsdon, SSSA Editor-in-Chief, ex officio
George Ham, ASF Rep., ex officio
Ellen Bergfeld, Executive Vice President, ex officio

Incoming Board participants:
Gary Peterson, Incoming SSSA President-Elect
David Radcliffe, Incoming S-1 Board Rep.
Daniel Sweeney, Incoming S-4 Board Rep.

Staff participants:
Susan Chapman, Director of Member Services
Cathy Goudreau, Assistant to the Executive Vice President and Recording Secretary

Ellen Bergfeld provided an update on plans for the August 9-10 SSSA Board Retreat to be held in Madison. Board members were encouraged to complete the pre-session survey that they will be receiving in the near future.

ACS237 Membership and Society Identity
1. Susan Chapman walked the Board through the 2005 Member Survey which was conducted to provide a greater understanding of the characteristics, preferences, needs, and suggestions from members. The Board and headquarters staff will continue to study and analyze the data. Subcommittees of the Membership Committee are also reviewing the survey. Susan will look into the possibility of breaking out some of the responses by Division. Sally Logsdon prepared a summary of all survey questions related to publications. She will share a copy of the summary with the Board.

ACS536 Washington Presence
Mary Collins updated the Board on Karl Glasener’s activities regarding the House Soils Caucus. To date, 19 members of the House have signed on to be a part of the caucus. A copy of the list will be shared with the Board.
S580 Smithsonian Soils Exhibit
John Havlin provided an update on fundraising activities for the Smithsonian Soils Exhibit. It is anticipated that a major corporate donor will contribute at the $1 million level - $250,000 allocated over 4 years. A decision is expected in September.

S591 K-12 Committee
Susan Chapman reported that the K-12 Committee met in Philadelphia during the World Congress of Soil Science. A business plan will be developed for presentation to the SSSA Board in November. The committee is also looking into the possibility of interacting with the Smithsonian exhibit.

S700 Meetings
1. Mary Collins reported that the World Congress of Soil Science held in Philadelphia July 9-15 was a huge success regardless of the numbers. Ellen Begfeld provided some preliminary numbers and indicated that a full report on number of registrants, number of countries represented, etc. will be shared with the Board when it is finalized.

2. Rattan Lal provided a brief update on the 2006 annual meeting. The meeting looks pretty positive based on the number of abstracts received thus far.

Meeting adjourned.