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.  
Nicholas Comerford, S-7 Board Rep.  
Randal Southard, S-9 Board Rep.  
David Lindbo, S-10 Board Rep.  
Craig Cogger, S-11 Board Rep.  
Sally Logsdon, SSSA Editor-in-Chief, ex officio  
George Ham, ASF Rep., ex officio  
Ellen Bergfeld, Executive Vice President, ex officio

Also participating:
Gary Peterson, Incoming SSSA President-Elect  
Daniel Sweeney, Incoming S-4 Board Rep.  
Bud Crouch, Tecker Consultants  
Nelly Mitchell, Recording Secretary

S201.4 Strategic Planning
1. The Board discussed the strategic planning document that resulted from the August 9-10, 2006 Board retreat. Any corrections to the document should be sent to Ellen Bergfeld. It was agreed that the draft version of the Strategic Plan will be posted on the SSSA website as soon as possible so that members may provide feedback at the annual meeting in Indianapolis. Mary Collins will present the Strategic Plan at the all-Divisions business meeting during the annual meeting and urged Board Representatives to encourage their Division members to attend.

Mary Collins will email the Board asking them to rank the various goals and strategies as well as suggestions for task force chairs and members. Since the American Society of Agronomy and Crop Science Society of America Boards of Directors have also recently developed strategic planning documents, it was the consensus of the group, where possible, to work in cooperation with ASA and CSSA in implementing the strategic plan.

2. It was the consensus of the Board that Goal C - SSSA will be recognized as the most powerful advocate for soil science, is an extremely high goal.

ACTION: It was moved to appoint a task force to address Goal C, Strategies C1 (organize a strategy session to develop plans for incorporating soil science into university curriculums) and C2 (Contact NASULGC to establish a strategy session to address the decline in soil science positions in academia, university-wide). Seconded. Carried.

John Havlin will take the lead on this task force.

S211 Budget and Finance
Based on the recommendation of the Budget and Finance Committee, the Board voted via email regarding implementation of annual member dues increase on general dues based on the previous year’s Higher Education Pricing Index. Mary Collins informed the Board that the dues increase was approved by the Board and will become effective with the 2007 membership year.

Meeting adjourned.