The meeting was called to order by SSSA President Rattan Lal. Board participants were:

- Rattan Lal, SSSA President
- Gary A. Peterson, President-Elect
- Mary E. Collins, SSSA Past President
- David E. Radcliffe, S-1 Board Rep.
- Daniel W. Sweeney, S-4 Board Rep.
- Michel D. Ransom, S-5 Board Rep.
- Diane E. Stott, S-6 Board Rep.
- Randal J. Southard, S-9 Board Rep.
- David L. Lindbo, S-10 Board Rep.
- Sally D. Logsdon, SSSA Editor-in-Chief, ex officio
- Ellen Bergfeld, Executive Vice President, ex-officio

Also participating:
- Karl Glasener, Director of Science Policy
- Cathy Goudreau, Recording Secretary

S003 Board of Directors

The Board was planning to meet May 3-4 in Columbus, OH. It was recently learned that there is not sufficient housing available in Columbus due to a city-wide event on those dates. The meeting will now be held May 3-4 in Madison, WI.

The first half of the May Board meeting will be devoted to current task force reports/action items. Task force reports are due the end of March in order to provide copies to the Board in advance of the meeting. The second half of the meeting will be devoted to the next round of priorities and task forces to be appointed for the 2009 budget. Opportunities for joint symposia with AAAS and other organizations will also be an agenda item. Ellen Bergfeld will send a pre-meeting survey to the Board in early March. Ellen will work with Karl Glasener to explore the possibility of inviting Wisconsin Congresswoman Tammy Baldwin, or a member of her staff, to the meeting to discuss the House Soils Caucus. Ellen will also invite Craig Cox, Executive Director of the Soil and Water Conservation Society, for discussions on how SSSA and SWCS may enhance interactions.

S200 Operations

Ellen Bergfeld reported that ASA leadership is looking at the beginning concept phase of a new Headquarters building. Proposals have been solicited and received and will be discussed at a future ASA Executive Committee conference call. This will be a long term project and ASA leadership is considering this for a Centennial capital campaign. If this is approved by the ASA Board, it will be presented to the SSSA and CSSA Boards for interaction and collaboration.

S600 Collaboration

The Board discussed a proposed Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Society of Wetland Scientists and the National Society of Consulting Soil Scientists.

ACTION: It was moved to approve in concept a Memorandum of Understanding with the Society of Wetland Scientists. Seconded. Carried.
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The MOUs will be prepared following the Society’s standard format being developed by Ellen Bergfeld and presented to the Board for final approval.

S800 Scientific Affairs
1. The Board discussed the desirability of an additional task force on science policy regarding the Farm Bill areas of focus. By consensus, the Board agreed to appoint the following: Research Title Working Group, Conservation Title Working Group, Energy Title Working Group. By consensus, the Board approved the list of suggested names to represent SSSA on each of the working groups. It is anticipated that there will also be ASA and CSSA representation on each working group.

2. During the January 18, 2007 SSSA Board conference call, Rattan Lal suggested the Society develop a policy statement reflecting the significance and importance of national soil resources in an effort to introduce soil protection policy legislation. A draft soil science policy resolution was prepared and sent to the Board for review. The Board will provide changes by February 28 to Cathy Goudreau, with a copy to Rattan. Once the final version is approved by the Board, Chuck Rice will chair an ad hoc group to move this forward.

3. The Board reviewed a proposal to develop a working group under the leadership of Division S-5 that focuses on wastewater treatment systems.

ACTION: It was moved to establish a Land Based Wastewater Treatment Systems Working Group with Brad Lee as Chair. Seconded. Carried.

Rattan Lal will appoint the Chair. Formation of the working group will be announced in CSA News.

Meeting adjourned.