SSSA Board of Directors Conference Call
July 26, 2007
(Call started at 10:00 AM CDT; ended at 11:35 AM)

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

Rattan Lal, SSSA President
Gary A. Peterson, SSSA President-Elect
Mary E. Collins, SSSA Past President
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, Chief Executive Officer, ex-officio

Also participating:
Paul Bertsch, Incoming President-Elect
Carolyn Olson, Incoming S-5 Board Rep.
Fran Katz, Chief Operations Officer
Cathy Goudreau, Recording Secretary

S201.4 Strategic Planning
1. As a follow-up to the May 2007 Board meeting, Rattan Lal has drafted a letter to Deans of all land grant colleges emphasizing the importance of the discipline of soil science. The Executive Committee will continue to refine the letter and will share it with the Board for comment.

2. It was the consensus of the Board during the May 2007 meeting to prepare a position paper on the use of crop residues for biofuels. Paul Bertsch will draft the paper on behalf of SSSA.

3. It was the consensus of the Board during the May 2007 meeting to appoint a new task force to focus on a website that is a resource for soils information. Rattan Lal will appoint the chair.

S211 Budget and Finance
1. The B&F Committee will meet August 22-23 to work on the 2008 budget. Doug Beegle informed the Board that the 2008 budget will show a deficit due in large part to depreciation of the new computer system at headquarters, as well as a decrease in journal subscriptions and several one-time opportunity expenses such as the Smithsonian soils exhibit.

2. The President of Iceland will present the Brady Lecture during the annual meetings in New Orleans. The President of Bangladesh has also been invited to speak at the annual meeting but his attendance has not been confirmed. It is anticipated that the annual meeting budget will cover their lodging and SSSA will cover expenses for food and beverage for any special receptions.

ACTION: It was moved to approve up to $15,000 to cover expenses for the Presidents of Iceland and Bangladesh to attend the 2007 annual meeting. Seconded. Carried.
S300 Publications-General
During the May 17, 2007 SSSA Board conference call it was suggested that SSSA address its relationship to ASA and the International Certified Crop Adviser program. In response to this, Gary Peterson suggested that SSSA consider being a cosponsor of *Crops and Soils Magazine* since the magazine is mailed to individuals certified in SSSA’s certification program. ASA holds copyright to the magazine and wants to continue to do so. Two Certified Professional Soil Scientists (CPSS) are on the magazine’s advisory board, however, if SSSA desires further representation or input into content, that can be considered. It was the consensus of the Board to continue discussion at a later date on SSSA’s role in *Crops and Soils Magazine*.

S302 SSSA Journal
Three applications for *SSSA Journal* Editor have been received. The Executive Committee will conduct telephone interviews with each of the candidates. A recommendation from the Executive Committee for appointment of a new Editor will be forthcoming following the phone interviews.

S589 Smithsonian Soils Exhibit
ACTION: It was moved to approve the Sponsorship Agreement for the soils exhibition between SSSA and the Smithsonian Institution. Seconded. Carried.

S800 Scientific Affairs
Rattan Lal received a proposal for funding a workshop on wastewater reclamation and utilization in agriculture. The request will be shared with the Board and discussed during the August 16 Board conference call.

Meeting adjourned.