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
- 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.
- Sally D. Logsdon, SSSA Editor-in-Chief, ex officio
- Ellen Bergfeld, Chief Executive Officer, ex-officio

Also participating:
- Carolyn Olson, Incoming S-5 Board Rep.
- Dave Giulieri, Smith Barney Representative
- Cathy Goudreau, Recorder

**S201 Organization, Policy, and Bylaws**

The Alliance of Crop, Soil and Environmental Science Societies (ACSESS) Board met in late August to further revise the Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws. The ACSESS Articles and Bylaws will be presented to the SSSA Board for discussion and a vote in October or November. The ACSESS Board elected the following officers for 2008: Jerry Hatfield as Chair; Bill Wiebold as Vice Chair; and Gary Peterson as Secretary/Treasurer.

The Board discussed the motions brought forward from the August ACSESS Board meeting.

**ACTION:** Per the recommendation of the ACSESS Board, it was moved by Mary Collins to transfer $150,000 from the SSSA portfolio to ACSESS for a reserve. Seconded by Craig Cogger. Carried unanimously.

It was clarified that the transfer will be made after the IRS letter of determination regarding the 501(c)(3) status of ACSESS is received. The ASA and CSSA Boards of Directors have taken the same action for their respective Societies.

**ACTION:** Per the recommendation of the ACSESS Board, it was moved by Gary Peterson that the ACSESS fee for SSSA be allocated by direct expense plus a management fee of $25,000 per year. Seconded by Mickey Ransom. Carried unanimously.

It was clarified that the management fee will cover emergencies and other unexpected expenses and will be reviewed on an annual basis. The ASA and CSSA Boards of Directors have taken the same action for their respective Societies.
ACTION: Per the recommendation of the ACSESS Board, it was moved by Diane Stott to cap the ACSESS reserve at 100 percent of annual operating expense with a bottom limit of 20 percent of annual operating expenses. Seconded by Mary Collins. Carried unanimously.

The ASA and CSSA Boards of Directors have taken the same action for their respective Societies.

S211 Audit, Budget and Finance
Smith Barney previously recommended that the Societies move from managed investments to exchange traded funds. This recommendation was recently discussed by the B&F Committee. Dave Giulieri provided an overview of how the account is currently managed (50 percent in bonds and 50 percent in stocks) and answered several questions from the Board. Moving to exchange traded funds will increase performance, reduce risk and reduce investment expenses. The 50 percent bond portion will be retained.

ACTION: It was moved by Diane Stott to accept the new investment portfolio strategy as recommended by Smith Barney, namely, to move from managed investments to exchange traded funds. Seconded by Randy Southard. Carried unanimously.

S302 SSSA Journal
The SSSA Executive Committee, Ellen Bergfeld, and Fran Katz conducted phone interviews with the three applicants for SSSA Journal Editor. All three candidates had good ideas and strong credentials. Although the SSSA Editor-in-Chief did not participate in the phone interviews, she did see the three applications and provided input to the Executive Committee. It was the general consensus of the Board that the Editor-in-Chief be included on future phone interviews and that the procedure for selection of journal Editors be reviewed during the October 18 Board conference call.

ACTION: Per the recommendation from the SSSA Executive Committee it was moved by Mary Collins to ratify appointment of David Myrold to a 3-year term (2008-2010) as Editor of SSSA Journal. Seconded by Gary Peterson. Carried unanimously.

The official appointment will be made by Sally Logsdon, SSSA Editor-in-Chief.

S400 Awards
SSSA administers the Don and Betty Kirkham Soil Physics Award which recognizes a mid-career soil scientist who has made outstanding contributions in the area of soil physics. In addition to the award it is proposed that a Don and Betty Kirkham Medal be presented every 8 years at alternate Kirkham Conferences. The Medal will commemorate career achievements of those most extraordinary individuals throughout the world who uniquely contributed to soil physics because of their inspirational teaching, research, and professional activities.

ACTION: It was moved by Randy Southard to approve creation of the Don and Betty Kirkham Medal Committee. Seconded by Gary Peterson. Carried unanimously.

It was clarified that creation of the committee and award does not include a financial commitment from SSSA at this time.

S711 Program Planning
In an effort to facilitate future annual meeting planning and program development, creation of a technical program committee with three representatives each from ASA, CSSA, and SSSA has been recommended. It was the consensus of the group that Paul Bertsch forward background information on the recommendation to the full Board and be prepared to lead the discussion during the October 18 Board conference call.

Meeting adjourned.