The meeting was called to order by SSSA President Gary Peterson. Board participants were:

- Gary A. Peterson, SSSA President
- Paul M. Bertsch, SSSA President-Elect
- Rattan Lal, SSSA Past President
- Carolyn G. Olson, S-5 Board Rep.
- Randal J. Southard, S-9 Board Rep.
- David L. Lindbo, S-10 Board Rep.
- Gary M. Pierzynski, S-11 Board Rep.
- Sally D. Logsdon, SSSA Editor-in-Chief, ex officio
- Ellen Bergfeld, Chief Executive Officer, ex-officio
- Also participating:
  - Fran Katz, Chief Operations Officer and Director of Publications
  - Cathy Goudreau, Recorder

**S003 Board of Directors**

**ACTION:** It was moved by Richard Dick to approve the November 8, 2007 SSSA Board of Directors Meeting minutes. Seconded by Paul Bertsch. Carried unanimously.

**S301 Editorial Affairs, Policies, and Practices**

**ACTION:** It was moved by Gary Pierzynski to give authors the option of open access for a fee of $800 for SSSA journals, in addition to the normal publication charges. Seconded by Randy Southard. Carried unanimously.

**ACTION:** It was moved by David Lindbo to change page charges for *Journal of Environmental Quality* to $80 per page up to 6 pages and $175 per page for 7 pages and up. Seconded by Carolyn Olson. Carried unanimously.

The above actions will take effect January 1, 2008.

**S500 Profession Advancement**

SSSA has learned that *National Geographic* will be featuring an article on soils in a future issue thus Headquarters was requested to investigate rates for possible placement of an ad in the publication. After much discussion, it was the consensus of the Board to seek input from the Advocacy/Education Task Force regarding possible placement of an ad. In addition, Fran Katz will work with Headquarters staff to distribute press releases promoting SSSA to *National Geographic* and other appropriate publications. It is anticipated that a final decision on placement of an ad will be made at the May 2008 SSSA Board meeting.

**S673 American Geological Institute**

AGI has contacted SSSA with a request to consider a joint book project entitled “Unstable Ground.” It was the consensus of the Board that the ‘Proposal for an ASA, CSSA, or SSSA Publication’ form be completed and submitted to the Book and Multimedia Publication Committee for consideration. David Lindo will take the lead in following up.
S711 Program Planning
Paul Bertsch requested that the agenda for the January Board conference call include a discussion on a possible up-front financial commitment for the 2008 joint annual meeting of ASA, CSSA, SSSA, GSA, and the Gulf Coast Association of Geological Societies.

S800 Scientific Affairs
The Board reviewed a request to formalize a Digital Detection, Interpretation, and Mapping of Soil and Landscape Properties Working Group under the umbrella of Division S-5.

ACTION: It was moved by Randy Southard to approve establishment of a Digital Detection, Interpretation, and Mapping of Soil and Landscape Properties Working Group. Seconded. Carried.

Gary Peterson will appoint the Chair.

S900 International Activities
The Board considered a request from Rattan Lal that SSSA make a monetary contribution to the Bangladesh Relief Fund because of the powerful cyclone that hit Bangladesh in mid-November. Because SSSA hosted the President of Bangladesh when he spoke at the award ceremony during the recent annual meeting in New Orleans, it was the consensus of the Board that Rattan Lal draft an email to the SSSA membership informing them of the opportunity to make a contribution to the Bangladesh Relief Fund or other appropriate group.

Meeting adjourned.