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  
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:  
Nicholas B. Comerford, Incoming SSSA President-Elect  
Harold M. van Es, Incoming S-6 Board Rep.  
April Ulery, Incoming S-9 Board Rep.  
Fran Katz, Chief Operations Officer and Director of Publications  
Susan Chapman, Director of Member Services  
Karl Glasener, Director of Science Policy  
Keith Schlesinger, Director of Meetings and Conventions  
Cathy Goudreau, Recorder

S003 Board of Directors
1. ACTION: It was moved to approve the April 17, 2008 SSSA Board of Directors conference call minutes. Seconded. Carried unanimously.

2. ACTION: It was moved to approve the May 6-7, 2008 SSSA Board of Directors Meeting minutes. Seconded. Carried unanimously.

3. It was confirmed that the SSSA Board will meet in Houston on October 9, 2008 from 11:00 AM-1:00 PM.

4. Cathy Goudreau will email the Board regarding their availability for a July 24 conference call at 10:00 AM Central Daylight Time.

S201.4.3 Advocacy/Education Task Force  
Susan Chapman reported that the draft national survey on soil science will be distributed to the Board the end of June for comment/review. The list of potential respondents is also being finalized and will be shared with the Board to ensure the list is complete. Gary Peterson will remind the Board that a quick turn-around for Board review is needed to adhere to the timelines established for the project.
S211 Budget and Finance
1. As a follow-up to the May 6-7, 2008 Board meeting, Headquarters conducted a survey to gather information from Emeritus members regarding the proposed dues implementation. Susan Chapman reported that all Emeritus members received the survey either electronically or by mail, with a 41 percent response rate. Highlights of the results include (percentages are rounded):

- Majority of Emeritus members (73%) have held membership from 36-55 years. Of the responses, 51% hold SSSA membership.
- Reasons for retaining their membership are to receive CSA News, support the profession, and support the Society.
- 29% were strongly or somewhat supportive of implementing Emeritus member dues; 28% were neutral; 43% were somewhat or highly unsupportive.
- 48% would support Emeritus member dues that are 50% of the Active member level of dues; 6% would support a higher level of dues; 47% would drop their membership

Committee recommendation presented by Doug Beegle at May 6-7, 2008 Board meeting:
Effective with the 2009 membership year, Emeritus members (both current and incoming) pay 50 percent of the active member dues, based on the number of Societies in which they retain Emeritus membership. The 25 year membership requirement and retired status remain.

ACTION: Gary Peterson called for a vote on the original recommendation. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Per discussions at the May 6-7, 2008 Board meeting, Gary Peterson requested the Board to send him suggestions of individuals to appoint to the Alternative Revenue Task Force. Nick Comerford volunteered to serve on the task force.

3. Ellen Bergfeld reviewed the draft schedule for the August 4-8 B&F Committee/ACSESS Board/ASF Board meetings in Madison. Further details will be provided when the schedule is finalized.

S300 Publications
1. Nominations for SSSA Editor-in-Chief and Vadose Zone Journal Editor are due June 30, 2008 to Gary Peterson. Action will be taken on the July Board conference call regarding the two positions.

2. Fran Katz reported that the Soil! Get the Inside Scoop book will be published by SSSA and is due to go to press very soon.

ACS536 Washington Presence
1. Karl Glasener reviewed the schedule of activities for the July 16-17, 2008 Science Advocacy Workshop. Further information will be provided to the Board the end of June.

2. Paul Bertsch updated the Board on the National Academy of Science, U.S. National Committee for Soil Science symposium, “Soil: Sustaining Life on Planet Earth.” The symposium is scheduled for July 18, 2008 in conjunction with the opening of the Soils Exhibit. Further background, including RSVP information, will be provided to the Board.
S591 K-12 Committee
Per discussions at the May 6-7, 2008 Board meeting, Susan Chapman reported that money has been included in the budget for further activities.

S711 Program Planning
1. Action was taken at the May 6-7, 2008 Board meeting to adopt the proposal for a Program Planning Officer with the President-Elect continuing to serve as overall Program Chair.

ACTION: It was moved to appoint Mike Singer to a 3-year term as the SSSA Program Planning Officer. Seconded. Carried unanimously.

2. Per discussions at the May 6-7, 2008 Board meeting, Richard Dick, Rob Mikkelsen, and Randy Southard will prepare a draft proposal on program enhancement funds. It is anticipated the draft proposal will be available for discussion on the July Board conference call.

3. Per discussions at the May 6-7, 2008 Board meeting, the Executive Committee will appoint a task force to develop a proposal on enhancing workshops and how to fund them.

4. Paul Bertsch previously recommended SSSA input on an annual basis to organize a joint symposium at AAAS meetings. He will draft a proposal for a symposium at the AAAS 2010 meeting.

Meeting adjourned.