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
David E. Radcliffe, S-1 Board Rep.
Daniel W. Sweeney, S-4 Board Rep.
Carolyn G. Olson, S-5 Board Rep.
Diane E. Stott, S-6 Board Rep.
Robert L. Mikkelsen, S-8 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:
Nicholas B. Comerford, Incoming SSSA President-Elect
Karl Glasener, Director of Science Policy
Cathy Goudreau, Recorder

S003 Board of Directors
1. ACTION: It was moved by Carolyn Olson to approve the June 19, 2008 SSSA Board of Directors conference call minutes. Seconded by David Radcliffe. Carried unanimously.

2. The next Board conference call is scheduled for August 21 at 10:00 AM Central Daylight Time.

3. As a follow-up to discussions at the May 6-7, 2008 Board meeting, the Board Reps. were encouraged to continue working with the Division Chairs to complete their spreadsheet of Division specific Chairs’ responsibilities. The completed spreadsheets should be forwarded to Cathy Goudreau at Headquarters in time for discussion on the August 21 Board conference call.

S101 Nominations for President-Elect
The process for nomination of candidates to run on the 2009 ballot for President-Elect will soon begin. Gary Peterson requested the Board Reps to be thinking of candidates and forward any suggested names to him.

S211 Budget and Finance
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 lead the task force. It is anticipated that the task force will be appointed by the August 21 Board conference call.

S301 Editorial Affairs, Policies, and Practices
Sally Logsdon’s term as Editor-in-Chief ends December 31, 2008.

ACTION: It was moved by David Lindbo to reappoint Sally Logsdon to a second three-year term (January 1, 2009 - December 31, 2011) as SSSA Editor-in-Chief. Seconded by Dan Sweeney. Carried unanimously.
S303 Vadose Zone Journal
Jan Hopmans’ term as Editor of Vadose Zone Journal ends December 31, 2008, however, he is willing to serve an additional year. Dani Or’s term as Co-Editor of the journal ends December 31, 2008 and he is willing to serve as Editor when Jan Hopmans’ one-year term ends.

ACTION: It was moved by David Radcliffe to appoint Jan Hopmans as Editor of Vadose Zone Journal for an additional year (January 1, 2009 - December 31, 2009) and Dani Or to a three-year term as Editor of Vadose Zone Journal beginning January 1, 2010. Seconded by Paul Bertsch. Carried unanimously.

S400 Awards
In recognition of the need to develop more top-quality soil scientists, the National Society of Consulting Soils Scientists (NSCSS) approached SSSA recommending the establishment of NSCSS Scholarships, in cooperation with SSSA and the Agronomic Science Foundation. The intention of the scholarships is to attract the highest quality students whose careers will continue to advance soil science.

ACTION: It was moved by David Lindbo to approve in concept the Fund and Management Agreement for the National Society of Consulting Soil Scientists Scholarships. Seconded by Diane Stott. Carried unanimously.

It is anticipated that the first scholarships will be presented in 2009.

ACS536 Washington Presence
1. On behalf of the Board of Directors, Gary Peterson thanked Karl Glasener for organizing the Science Advocacy Workshop held in Washington, DC on July 16-17, 2008.

2 Per discussion at the May 6-7, 2008 Board meeting, Karl Glasener presented his draft of priority recommendations for the Science Policy Office. Gary Peterson requested the Board review the list of priorities and activities and provide feedback to Karl. The document will be reviewed on the August 21 Board conference call. It is anticipated that a final document will be presented for action at the October 9, 2008 Board meeting in Houston.

S589 Smithsonian Soils Exhibit
Several Board members commented on the spectacular activities surrounding the opening of the Smithsonian Soils Exhibit on July 17, 2008.

ACTION: It was moved by Diane Stott to present a President’s Citation for Outstanding Service to the Society to Patrick Drohan, John Havlin, and Pat Megenigal for their role in the Smithsonian Soils Exhibit. Seconded by Paul Bertsch. Carried unanimously.

S711 Program Planning
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 August 21 Board conference call.

Meeting adjourned.