The meeting was called to order by President Paul Bertsch. Board participants were:

- Paul M. Bertsch, SSSA President
- Nicholas B. Comerford, SSSA President-Elect
- Gary A. Peterson, SSSA Past President
- David E. Radcliffe, S-1 Board Rep.
- Daniel W. Sweeney, S-4 Board Rep.
- Harold M. van Es, S-6 Board Rep.
- April Ulery, S-9 Board Rep.
- Martin C. Rabenhorst, S-10 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
- Wes Meixelsperger, Chief Financial Officer
- Ian Popkewitz, Director of IT and Operations
- Keith Schlesinger, Director of Meetings and Conventions
- Cathy Goudreau, Recorder

S003 Board of Directors
1. ACTION: It was moved by Dan Sweeney to approve the June 29, 2009 Board of Directors conference call minutes, as amended. Seconded by Dan Neary. Carried unanimously.

2. The next Board conference call is scheduled for August 20 at 10:00 AM Central Daylight Time.

S050 Regional Branches
Per discussions at the May Board meeting, Rob Mikkelsen, David Radcliffe and Harold van Es were tasked with researching Branch activities and meetings, as well as budgetary implications. David Radcliffe reported that there are no budgetary implications at this time to be concerned about. Harold van Es recommended the Board engage in a more comprehensive discussion about the role of the Branches.

S211 Budget and Finance
Wes Meixelsperger reported that revenues and expenses for the six months ending June 30, 2009 are on track. The Budget and Finance Committee will meet in Madison August 4-5 to work on the 2010 budget, the investment policy, and the proposed new headquarters building.

ACS237 Membership and Society Identity
1. The Board discussed the feasibility of a check-off box on the membership form for support of SSSA international activities, working through the U.S. National Committee, to enhance participation with the International Union of Soil Sciences. Because ASA and CSSA may also have requests for check-off boxes on the membership form, the issue will be discussed at the August ACSESS Board meeting. SSSA will continue to discuss the feasibility of a check-off box option on a future conference call.
2. The Board discussed the feasibility of removing the limitation on number of Divisions of interest a member can choose, which is currently four.

ACTION: It was moved by Harold van Es to remove the limitation on the number of Divisions of interest a member can select. Seconded by Gary Peterson. Carried with one abstention.

ACS536 Washington Presence
1. ACTION: It was moved by David Radcliffe to approve the Grand Challenge statements, as amended, for posting on the SSSA website. Seconded by Gary Peterson. Carried unanimously.

Paul Bertsch will modify the first Grand Challenge to include the word ‘soil.’

2. It was the consensus of the Board that the Executive Committee proceed with appointment of the Policy Development Committee based on Board input of suggested committee members. In addition to the suggested members, the Executive Committee and Karl Glasener will also serve as committee members. It is anticipated the committee will be charged with developing key questions to be posted with the Grand Challenge statements, as well as being proactive in development of white papers.

3. Per discussions on the June 29 Board conference call, Divisions S-4 and S-9 expressed interest in participating in a Nutrient Trading Workshop. Paul Bertsch encouraged the Board Reps. to forward names of additional members that would be interested in participating. A white paper, as well as a proposal for funds to hold the workshop, will be developed in the near future. The white paper will be forwarded to the Board for input.

4. Paul Bertsch will work with a subset of the Policy Development Committee to develop a proposal for the BREAD workshop. Board Reps. were requested to forward names of potential participants to Paul by the first week of August. SSSA will take the lead on soil and water issues. It is anticipated the workshop will be held in October or November 2009.

5. Per discussions at the May Board meeting regarding appointment of an ad hoc committee to identify additional areas where SSSA can provide a leadership role, it was the consensus of the Board to postpone this.

S711 Program Planning
1. Per discussions on the June 29 Board conference call, Nick Comerford presented a recommendation for establishment of an ASA-CSSA-SSSA Annual Meetings Planning Committee. After reviewing the responsibilities, structure, composition, and term of the proposed committee, the Board recommended the following revisions:

   • The term for graduate student representative on the committee be changed from 3 years to 1 year

   • The Sustaining Member, Graduate Student and Early Career Committee members should be nominated approximately equal across ASA, CSSA, and SSSA.

ACTION: It was moved by Harold van Es to approve establishment of an ASA-CSSA-SSSA Annual Meetings Planning Committee, as amended. Seconded by April Ulery. Carried unanimously.

2. ACTION: It was moved by Nick Comerford to appoint an SSSA 75th Anniversary (2011) Ad Hoc Committee. Seconded by Dan Neary. Carried unanimously.

It is anticipated that Chuck Rice will Chair the committee.

Meeting adjourned.