The meeting was called to order by President Chuck Rice. Board participants were:

Charles W. Rice, SSSA President  
Gary M. Pierzynski, SSSA President-Elect  
Nicholas B. Comerford, SSSA Past President  
David E. Radcliffe, S-1 Board Rep.  
Harold M. van Es, S-6 Board Rep.  
Mary Beth Adams, S-7 Board Rep.  
Thomas A. Doerge, S-8 Board Rep.  
April Ulery, S-9 Board Rep.  
Martin C. Rabenhorst, S-10 Board Rep.  
Robert C. Michitsch, Early Career Members Rep., ex officio  
Sally D. Logsdon, SSSA Editor-in-Chief, ex officio  
Ellen Bergfeld, Chief Executive Officer, ex-officio

Also participating:
Wes Meixelsperger, Chief Financial Officer  
James Giese, Director of Science Communications  
Karl Glasener, Director of Science Policy  
Cathy Goudreau, Recorder

S003 Board of Directors
1. ACTION: It was moved by Nick Comerford to approve the agenda as modified by Harold van Es. Seconded by Mary Beth Adams. Carried unanimously.

2. ACTION: It was moved by April Ulery to approve the January 20, 2011 Board conference call minutes. Seconded by Sally Brown. Carried unanimously.

3. The next conference call is scheduled for March 17 at 1:30 PM Central Daylight Time.

S011.06 Division S-6 Soil and Water Management and Conservation  
The Board reviewed the proposed Fund Agreement between SSSA and the Agronomic Science Foundation for the S-6 Soil and Water Conservation Scholarship. Ellen reported that the ASF Board has approved the fund agreement.

ACTION: It was moved by Harold van Es to accept the proposal for the S-6 Soil and Water Conservation Scholarship. Seconded by Marty Rabenhorst. Carried unanimously.

Chuck Rice will follow-up with a thank-you letter.
**S201 Organization, Policy, and Bylaws**  
Marty Rabenhorst led a discussion on the process of voting for Division officers and his concern that members are voting in Divisions based on name recognition rather than being an active participant in the Division. Per SSSA Bylaws members can vote in all Society and Divisional elections, thus any departure from that would require a Bylaws change.

**ACTION:** It was moved by Marty Rabenhorst to approve a statement be added to the top of the elections ballot encouraging members to vote only in those Divisions where they are actively involved. Seconded by Harold van Es. Carried unanimously.

The above action will take effect with the 2012 election and is an interim solution. The Task Force on Evaluation of Division Reorganization will be asked to include the voting process as part of their charge. A progress report from the Task Force will be requested for the October Board meeting in San Antonio.

**S201.4 Strategic Planning**  
The Board has voted on the 20 logo submissions. The top three logos will be given to the Executive Committee and Ellen to work with an artist to design a logo for SSSA. Several Board members commented on different elements from the three logos they would like included in the new logo. It was the consensus of the Board that the artist present 2-3 logos for discussion at the May 13-14 Board meeting.

**S211 Budget and Finance**  
Wes Meixelsperger reported a net income from operations for the twelve months ending December 31, 2010.

**ACS536 Science Policy**  
The Board discussed the need to increase the Science Policy Office budget to allow additional time and attention to the Federal budget situation.

**ACTION:** It was moved by Mary Beth Adams that the Executive Committee and Budget & Finance Committee develop a short-term budget amendment to the Science Policy Office budget to meet the near-term Federal budget situation and to also deal with long term budgetary needs of the Science Policy Office. Seconded by Dan Neary. Carried unanimously.

**ACTION:** It was moved by Mary Beth Adams to adjourn. Seconded by Dan Neary. Carried unanimously.