SSSA Board of Directors Conference Call
March 17, 2011
(Call started at 1:30 PM CDT; ended at 2:10 PM)

The meeting was called to order by President Chuck Rice. Board participants were:
Charles W. Rice, SSSA President
Gary M. Pierzynski, SSSA President-Elect
Donald L. Suarez, S-2 Board Rep
Daniel W. Sweeney, S-4 Board Rep.
Carolyn G. Olson, S-5 Board Rep.
Mary Beth Adams, S-7 Board Rep.
Thomas A. Doerge, S-8 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
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 Marty Rabenhorst to approve the agenda. Seconded by Tom Doerge. Carried unanimously.

2. ACTION: It was moved by Marty Rabenhorst to approve the February 17, 2011 Board conference call minutes. Seconded by Mary Beth Adams. Carried unanimously.

3. The next conference call is scheduled for April 21 at 1:30 PM Central Daylight Time.

S211 Budget and Finance
1. The Board discussed the proposal from the 75th Anniversary Committee for an additional $20,000 for the SSSA awards ceremony and reception at the annual meeting in San Antonio. It was clarified that $182,700 was approved for the 75th anniversary when the Board took action on November 4, 2010 to approve the 2011 budget. As the committee is within budget, no further action is needed to approve the $20,000 expenditure for the awards ceremony and reception. Gary will forward the committee’s budget to Wes to ensure it corresponds with figures in the 2011 budget document that was approved by the Board in November.

2. Wes reported a positive net income from operations for the month ending January 31, 2011.

ACS536 Science Policy
1. The Board provided feedback on the proposed ASA-CSSA-SSSA climate change position paper. Board members were encouraged to provide their comments and concerns in writing to Chuck Rice and James Giese for consideration by the task force. In addition, Chuck will visit with Karl about the potential for an SSSA position paper on climate change.

ACTION: It was moved by Mary Beth Adams to approve the ASA-CSSA-SSSA Working Group recommendation to approve the climate change position paper. Seconded by Gary Pierzynski. Carried with 5 in favor. Don Suarez, Carolyn Olson, and Marty Rabenhorst abstained.

2. A status report on the budget amendment to the Science Policy Office budget will be provided on the April 21 Board conference call or sooner via email.

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