The meeting was called to order by SSSA President Carolyn Olson. Board members present:

Carolyn Olson, SSSA President
Jan Hopmans, SSSA Past President
Harold van Es, SSSA President-Elect
John Kovar, Ag Soil & Food Systems Group
Miguel Cabrera, Ag Soil & Food Systems Group
Aaron DeJoia - Ed & Practicing Professionals Group
Ole Wendroth, Fundamental Soil Science Group
Thomas Fox, Soil & Ecosystem Processes Group
Andrew Sharpley, SSA Editor-in-Chief, ex-officio
Ellen Bergfeld, Chief Executive Officer, ex-officio

Not able to attend:
Aaron Thompson, Fundamental Soil Science Group
Alan Franzluebbers, Ag Soil & Food Systems Group
Mary Tiedeman, Grad Student Rep.
John Galbraith, Fundamental Soil Science Group
Oren Reedy, Certified Professional Soil Scientists Rep.

Also attending:
Karl Anderson, Director of Government Relations
Bill Cook, Director of Publications
Susan Fisk, Director of Public & Science Communication
Wes Meixelsperger, CFO
Sara Uttech, Senior Mgr–Governance & Membership

S003 SSSA Board of Directors
1. ACTION: Motion by Ole Wendroth to approve the July 23, 2015 Board Agenda. Aaron DeJoia seconded. Unanimous approval.
2. ACTION: Motion by Aaron DeJoia to approve the June 25, 2015 Board Minutes. Jan Hopmans seconded. Unanimous approval.

S211 Budget and Finance
CFO Wes Meixelsperger and B&F Chair Miguel Cabrera presented the SSSA 2Q 2015 Financials.

S711.17 International Year of Soils
Susan Fisk presented an update on the International Year of Soils campaign, highlighting the following:
- Soils Matter Blog: soilsmatter.wordpress.com Website: soils.org/iys
- Like/Share/Comment/Retweet IYS posts: facebook.com/SSSA.soils | twitter.com/SSSA_soils
- Themes: July – Soils are Living; August – Soils Support Health

S774 Kirkham Conferences
The Kirkham Conference, April 10-14, 2016 at Ben Gurion University, Israel, is accepting travel grant requests from grad students, post docs, and early career scientists through Oct. 20, 2015. Up to $20,000 total is supported by the Agronomic Science Foundation’s van der Ploeg and Kirkham funds.

S301 Editorial Affairs, Policies and Practices
1. ACTION: Harold van Es moved to take from the table the motion to discontinue publication of Soil Horizons, tabled from the May 2015 SSSA Board meeting. Seconded by John Kovar. The motion to discontinue publication of Soil Horizon passes 8-0, with one abstention.
2. ACTION: Motion by John Kovar to approve Vadose Zone Journal Editor Harry Vereecken. Seconded by Jan Hopmans. Unanimous approval.

S732 Annual Meeting Program Planning
The following Annual Meeting updates were presented:
- Sunday Nov. 15, 8:00am – SSSA Board Meeting in Minneapolis at the Hilton
- Wednesday Nov. 18, 7:00am-9:00am – SSSA Awards Breakfast & Brady Lecture - Hilton
- Special guest attending: Dr. Olegario Muñiz Ugarte, President of the Cuban Soil Science Association
- SSSA Program Planning Officer nominations due to Carolyn Olson by Sept. 1, 2015.
Consensus to Adjourn.