the CSSA Board should strongly urge the USDA Agricultural Research Service to assume financial responsibility for maintaining current genetic stock collections of economic crops. Furthermore, CSSA should inform the American Seed Trade Association and the National Council of Commerical Plant Breeders of whatever action is taken and request the support of those organizations. It would be the feeling of the Board members that this matter ought to be investigated more thoroughly before any action is taken on behalf of the society.

**ACTION:** It was moved that the Board authorize the President to charge the CSSA Committee to further study this topic and to report back to the Executive Committee by at least next August. Seconded. Carried.

C. It was recommended that CSSA sponsor a symposium on germplasm preservation and genetic vulnerability with participation from national and international groups. The symposium could encompass such topics as how does the germplasm program function and what are the interrelationships of the various U.S. programs and how do international programs interrelate with U.S. programs.

The committee had in mind that this symposium could be the responsibility of Division C-1 because it would fall in conjunction with next year's annual meeting program. The comment was made that with the proper help in identifying the people who would have to do this responsibility, there would be no problem in holding such a symposium at the 1975 annual meeting. To clarify the recommendation, Dr. Skrdla stated that when talking about national and international groups, the committee meant the people affiliated with the groups, and not the groups themselves.

**ACTION:** It was moved that the CSSA Board of Directors encourage Division C-1 to organize a symposium in line with the above recommendation of Committee C51 to hold a symposium at the next annual meetings. Seconded. Carried.

**ACTION:** It was moved to accept the report of the CSSA Committee. Seconded. Carried.

## President's Annual Report

The 1973-74 society year which began following the Tuesday noon luncheon at the annual meetings in Las Vegas was a busy and productive year for officers, committees, and the Headquarters staff. The CSSA Executive Committee met four times during the year. Two of these meetings were at Madison (February 19-22 and July 23-24), one in Las Vegas following the 1973 meetings, and one in Chicago prior to the 1974 meeting. Some specific activities initiated and actions taken during the year are listed below.

### Crop Science Award
The ASA Board offered to relinquish the Crop Science Award to CSSA and the CSSA Board accepted the offer. The Executive Committee established a committee for developing a set of criteria and a procedure for selecting the nominee and making the award. The award will be made at the CSSA luncheon starting in 1975. Two significant changes in the Crop Science Award are the time period for considering the accomplishments of the nominee (last 10 years rather than 5 years), and the eligibility of research teams which have at least one CSSA member on the team, for the Crop Science Award in addition to individual members.

### Division Awards for Best Papers
The CSSA Board approved the establishment of awards for the best paper in each session, to be administered by the Division. An ad hoc committee was appointed to develop criteria, procedures and forms for selecting the awardees and making the awards. It was the prerogative of each division to decide whether or not they wish to participate in the program. At the 1974 annual meetings, Divisions C-1, C-3 and C-5 participated in the program.

### Changes in Bylaws
The CSSA membership voted to approve several changes in the bylaws recommended by the Executive Committee and the Board. Among the more significant changes approved were: 1) the establishment of three new classes of membership (Associate, Affiliate, and Subscriber), 2) authorization for the establishment of regional branches, 3) the most recent past-chairman of divisions rather than the chairman will be members of the Nominating Committee for President-Elect and, 4) sanctioning the presentation of awards.

### Procedures for Handling Divisional Tours During Annual Meetings
The Board of Directors charged the Executive Committee with developing a procedure whereby the Headquarters Office staff would handle the operational aspects of the Turfgrass Tour. A procedure was developed, approved by the ASA Executive Committee and transmitted to Division C-5 officers. The procedure and policy was adopted by the ASA Executive Committee to apply to all Divisional tours conducted during the annual meetings.

### Recognition of Past-Presidents
The Executive Committee took action to provide each past president of CSSA, dating back to 1956, a framed certificate similar to the one presently being used to recognize immediate past presidents at the annual meetings.

### Publications Approved and/or Published
CSSA continues to increase its activity in the area of publications. Those in process during the year are listed below:

1. **Seventy Generations of Selection for Oil and Protein in Maize.** This publication has been published as a hard-cover book.

2. **Proceedings of the Second International Turfgrass Research Conference.** This book is expected to be released before the end of the calendar year.

3. **The Effect of FDA Regulations (GRAS) on Plant Breeding and Processing.** This is a special publication of papers presented at a symposium at the 1975 annual meeting.

4. **Systems Analysis in Forage Crops Production and Utilization.** This is another special publication resulting from a symposium at the 1973 annual meeting.

5. **Oilseed Crops for Today's Society.** Another special publication resulting from a symposium at the 1973 annual meeting.

6. **Monographs.** By action of the ASA Board, CSSA now has the option to participate in Monographs. The CSSA recommended, and ASA and SSSA Executive Committees approved feasibility studies of possible monographs on "Nutritional Quality of Cereals" and "Tall Fescue." CSSA would have at least one-third interest in these monographs if they reach the publication stage.

### Slide Project
Division C-5 is continuing its effort to develop a Turfgrass Slide Monograph. A few chapters are in the review stage and will hopefully be ready for distribution in 1975. Divisions C-1, C-3 and C-4 are publishing slides. The publication of symposium papers as Special Publications have, in many cases, been delayed longer than desirable. In an effort to reduce the delay in publication, the CSSA Executive Committee adopted the policy to require papers for symposia that pass peer review to be considered for publication in a Special Publication to be in the hands of the organizer of the symposium and/or the Editor of the Special Publication at least 4 weeks prior to the date of the symposium, beginning in 1975. The ASA and SSSA Executive Committees adopted a similar policy.

### CSSA Fellows Program
With the approval of the establishment of a Fellows Program by the SSSA Board, the CSSA Executive Committee appointed an ad hoc committee to study the desirability of initiating a CSSA Fellows Program. Based on a sampling of CSSA membership, the ad hoc committee recommended that CSSA not establish a Fellows Program.

### Certification of Professionals
The ASA and SSSA Executive Committees took action authorizing a plan for Certifying Professionals in Agronomy, Crop Science, and Soil Science. While the CSSA Executive Committee played no active role in the certification plan, it will be open to crop scientists who wish to participate.

### CAST (Council for Agricultural Science and Technology)
CAST continues to do an outstanding job of supplying the Congress and federal agencies with factual information on agriculturally related materials. CSSA has every reason to be proud of whatever action is taken and request the support of those organizations in this venture. It was the feeling of the Board that the responsibility of Division C-1 because it would fall in conjunction with next year's annual meeting program. The comment was made that with the proper help in identifying the people who would have to do this responsibility, there would be no problem in holding such a symposium at the 1975 annual meeting. To clarify the recommendation, Dr. Skrdla stated that when talking about national and international groups, the committee meant the people affiliated with the groups, and not the groups themselves.