The meeting was called to order by President V.G. Allen. Those present were:

Vivien G. Allen, President (02)
P. Stephen Baenziger, President-Elect (02)
David A. Sleper, Past President (02)
Jeffrey I. Volenec, Ed.-in-Chief, ex officio without vote (03)

Division Chairs (01-02)
H. Thomas Stalker, C-1
R. Howard Skinner, C-2
Gregory E. Welbaum, C-4
Tom K. Danneberger, C-5
Vern S. Baron, C-6
Wayne A. Parrott, C-7
Brett F. Carver, C-8

Division Chairs-Elect (01-02)
Karen A. Moldenhauer, C-1
Bruce G. Bugbee, C-2
Paul L. Mask, C-3
David J. Parrish, C-4
Gwen K. Stahnke, C-5
Jennifer W. MacAdam, C-6
Henry T. Nguyen, C-7
Stephanie L. Greene, C-8

CSSA-ASA Board Representatives
Brett F. Carver, C-1 (04)
Donald M. Vietor, C-2 (02)
Allan J. Cihla, C-3 (03)
A. Susana Goggi, C-4 (04)
John L. Cisar, C-5 (02)
Michael D. Casler, C-6 (03)
Kimberlee K. Kidwell, C-7 (03)
Henry L. Shands, C-8 (04)

GUESTS
Kenneth J. Moore, Inc. President-Elect
David M. Kral, Assoc. Executive Vice President
Cathy Goudreau, Asst. to the Exec. Vice Pres.
Penny Magana, Recording Secretary

000–099 ORGANIZATION

C001.4 Executive Vice President
Ellen Bergfeld and Robert Hoeft, applicants for the Executive Vice President position, gave presentations to the Board.

C003 Board of Directors

Action: It was moved, seconded, and carried to accept the following reports that did not contain recommendations requiring Board action:

C011.01 ACS325.38 C632
C011.02 ACS325.39 C711
C011.03 ACS325.40 C852
C011.04 ACS325.41
C011.05 ACS325.42
C011.06 ACS325.43
C011.07 ACS325.44
C011.08 ACS325.45
C011.09 ACS325.46
C011.10 ACS325.47
C011.11 ACS325.48
C011.12 ACS325.49

C011.07 Division C-7 Cell Biology and Molecular Genetics

Action: Per the recommendation received, it was moved to approve a name change for Division C-7 to Genomics, Molecular Genetics, and Biotechnology. Seconded. Carried.

200–299 OPERATIONS AND FINANCE

C201 Organization, Policy, and Bylaws (All refer to the minutes of the 14 November 2002 Board of Directors meeting)

D.A. Sleper reported that the O&P Committee was charged with studying the suggestion that graduate student membership be increased from 5 yr to 7 yr. The O&P Committee, as well as the Executive Committee, suggests the following revised description for graduate student membership: “Graduate students in crops, agronomy, soils, or another closely related science shall be eligible for graduate student membership. Membership is limited to a maximum of 7 calendar years and shall cease at the end of the 7th calendar year or on completion or termination of graduate study, whichever comes first. One year of graduate student membership will be allowed while transitioning full time into the profession, provided that 7 yr of eligibility have not been completed. CSSA shall request evidence of graduate student status. Graduate student members shall have the same privileges as active members, except that they may not hold office. Full-time staff members and active members on leave for study are not eligible. Dues will be determined by the board of directors as provided in Article XI.”

Dr. Sleper reported that the O&P Committee was also charged to look into the Executive Committee suggestion of broadening the scope of membership on the C201 committee to more accurately reflect the membership, namely, to allow international members to serve on the committee, rather than just representation from the regions as it is currently structured. The following Bylaws wording is being suggested by the O&P Committee as well as the Executive Committee: “The committee shall be composed of 12 active CSSA members plus the chair. The CSSA Past President serves as chair. Each committee member shall serve a 3-yr term with one-third of the members being replaced each year. The chair serves a 1-yr term. This committee shall be responsible for necessary revisions and additions to the CSSA Bylaws and for other matters pertaining to organization and policy.”

The Board members were requested to take the above issues to their Divisional Business Meetings for discussion in preparation for action at the second Board of Directors meeting.

C211 Budget and Finance

Charles Krueger, Chair of the CSSA Budget and Finance Committee, presented a report on the Society budget for 2003. Per action of the Executive Committee, after consultation...