The General Session/Business Meeting was called to order by President William Richardson in the Medical Forum Conference Auditorium at 4:00 pm, Sunday, February 05, 2012.

President William Richardson reported the Board nominated Mark Cochran, University of Arkansas System, President-Elect for next year. No additional nominations were made from the floor. Motion made and nomination was approved.

Jack Payne, University of Florida, was introduced by William Richardson as the incoming SAAS President. He made brief comments on next year’s conference and the importance of SAAS and networking.

After some general SAAS congratulatory comments, President William Richardson expressed thanks to Southern Farm Bureau Life Insurance for sponsoring the Super Bowl Party and to the LSU AgCenter for printing the program book.

William Richardson adjourned the meeting at approximately 4:20 pm, and introduced the Key Note Speaker John Zippert, Director of Program Operations, Federation of Southern Cooperatives/Land Assistance Fund.

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