

Minutes - North Central Division
American Phytopathological Society

June 27-29, 1978

North Dakota State University, Fargo, North Dakota

1. The Agenda, Minutes for 1977, Treasurer's Report and Councilor's Report were distributed at the door.
2. President Glen B. Statler called the meeting to order at 12:30 p.m.
3. Announcements relative to the meeting were made.
4. Roland Timian was appointed Parliamentarian.
5. The minutes were corrected and approved as distributed.
6. The Treasurer's Report was accepted as distributed. The year began with a balance of \$290.44, including receipts of \$591 for a balance of \$881.44. Expenditures were \$401.95 leaving an unencumbered balance of \$479.49.
7. Meeting sites. Invitations and plans for meetings to be held in the North Central Region are as follows: University of Illinois, Urbana, 1979; University of Minnesota, St. Paul (with APS), 1980; South Dakota State University (with NC Div. of AS Agronomy), Brookings, 1981; University of Wisconsin, Madison, 1982; and Ohio State University, Columbus, 1983. The committee recommendation was accepted. Dr. Ford welcomed the group to the University of Illinois for next year.
8. Nominating Committee Report, Roland Timian, Chairman. The following slate of offices was put forward for the membership to consider: President, R. E. Ford, University of Illinois; Vice-President, Howard Bissonette, University of Minnesota; Secretary-Treasurer, Glen Statler, North Dakota State University; Councilor, Paul Williams, University of Wisconsin; Association of Department Heads of Plant Pathology, Richard Kiesling. There being no nominations from the floor, Dr. A. L. Hooker moved (B. J. Jacobsen seconded) that the nominations

close and that the secretary be instructed to cast a unanimous ballot for this slate. Motion carried unanimously.

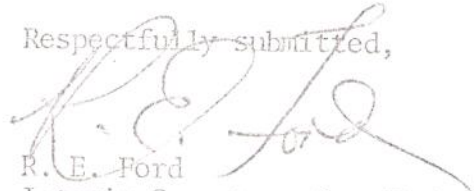
9. President D. F. Bateman of the American Pathological Society attended the North Central Division meetings and have the following report. He brought greetings on behalf of the society. He reviewed last year's meeting at Michigan State University. Dr. Bateman has attended all divisional meetings this year. He reported that currently the society has 40 subject matter committees. Four new groups have requested official subject matter committee status in the society. They are (1) Seed Pathology, (2) Mycoplasmas and Mycoplasma-like Organisms, (3) Mycorrhizae, and (4) Collections and Germ Plasms. The council will recommend 1 through 3 to the membership. They will recommend that a general policies committee be established on topic 4. In a review of publications he reported that Phytopathology has been surveyed by publishers and they find that it is one of the most cited journals in agriculture. Phytopathology News is serving a very valuable function in providing communications for the society membership. The proceedings have not been well received by libraries, they cost \$10,000 per year, and thus the council voted to disband them. This year the proceedings will publish its abstracts in Phytopathology News and symposium papers in Phytopathology. The Compendia have been much more successful than anticipated. Twenty three thousand copies of the corn compendium have been sold. The wheat and soybean compendia have done well. A trial mailing to 23,000 selected growers throughout the United States resulted in sales of \$4,000 worth of the compendia. Further ways to market the compendia are being explored. A book Methods of Pesticide Evaluations is being developed as a joint project by the American Phytopathological Society and the Society of Nematology. The Plant Disease Reporter was recommended for discontinuance by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Dr. Bateman reported that its budget was restored for 1979 based upon the very active participation of Plant Pathology Department Heads, Readers, and interested subscribers.

Drs. Bateman, Schafer and Mr. Tarleton went to Washington, D.C. to negotiate with the U.S. Department of Agriculture a transfer of the Plant Disease Reporter to the American Pathological Society which costs \$200,000 per year to publish. The registry, discussed for some years by the membership, will be published in Phytopath News and acted on by mail ballot. If accepted, the registry will operate under a separate charter with its own officers, goals and finances, and will report to the APS Council. The American Phytopathological Society has 3,200 members. Dr. Bateman feels that our activities should be made more relevant to the Pest Management area by bringing into membership professionals, county extension agents, etc. The Intersociety Consortium on Plant Protection is quite effective in that federal agencies are now seeking advice from it. Dr. Bateman expressed the need to establish more chapters such as the one in Iowa. Georgia and at North Carolina would establish chapters if the APS By-Laws were not so restrictive. The Council is working on revising them to allow more flexibility. The national headquarters is in good hands, is impressive and serves the society in a very professional manner.

10. Councilor A. L. Hooker commented briefly on his written report which is attached. He reported on the continual struggle by APS to provide maximum service at a reasonable cost. The Council proposes a \$5.00 increase in dues for full membership and \$2.50 for student membership for 1979. An additional proposal will be voted on at the 1978 annual meeting whereby dues may be adjusted based on the consumer price index. He discussed the manner of coordination of publication through the publications committee. Finally he noted an aside that the leadership for the compendium series has come from the North Central Division. President Bateman recognized that and lauded our efforts.

- 11. Necrology Report was presented by Art Lamey. Wanda Wentzel Renninger of North Dakota State University died since the last meeting. The membership stood for a moment of silence in her memory.
- 12. Old business - none
- 13. New business - Dr. R. W. Stack extended an invitation to the North Central Division to attend the 50th anniversary celebration of the Canadian Phytopathological Society in Lethbridge, Alberta, Canada, the 3rd week of June, 1979. Dr. A. L. Hooker moved (Thor Kommedahl seconded) that the North Central Division of APS assume the expenses of the North Central Councilor incurred in attending the midseason meeting of the American Phytopathological Society Council. The motion carried unanimously. Dr. Thor Kommedahl resolved that the North Dakota State University staff be applauded and thanked for their excellent planning, fine hospitality, and most adequate facilities. The meeting adjourned at 1:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



R. E. Ford
Interim Secretary for Clair Kenaga