

MINUTES OF THE NORTH CENTRAL DIVISION
BUSINESS MEETING

AMERICAN PHYTOPATHOLOGICAL SOCIETY
Albuquerque, New Mexico
August 9, 1994

The meeting was called to order by President James A. Percich, University of Minnesota at 4:30 p.m. in the Picuris Room of the Albuquerque Convention Center.

Distinguished Service Award

Committee Chair Marcia McMullen presented a list of the nominees. She acknowledged the help of her committee, Neil Anderson, Don Scott, and Stan Jensen. The committee selected Abe Epstein (Iowa State) and Carol Windels (University of Minnesota, Crookston) as co-recipients of the 1994 NCD Distinguished Service Award. Each received a check for \$100.00 and a plaque.

Minutes

Written copies of the minutes of the 1993 business meeting were provided to those in attendance. Secretary-Treasurer Ries asked for a motion to dispense with reading of the minutes since everyone had a copy. A motion was made by Stan Jensen, seconded by Fred Schwenk, and unanimously carried.

Treasurer's Report

Written copies of the Treasurer's Report were provided to attendees. The balance on hand as of May 31, 1993 was \$2,671.61. Income for the past year, consisting primarily of dues, was \$1,200.00. Expenses included the newsletter (\$607.73) and the Poster Competition at Fargo (\$175.00). The balance on hand as of June 30, 1994 was \$2,888.80. A motion to approve the report (Wayne Pedersen) and second (Don Scott) was approved. A committee consisting of Jim Percich and Tom Chase audited this report after the meeting.

Necrology

This report was given by Secretary-Treasurer Ries. There were 3 deaths of former division members within the past year. They were:

Monroe Thomas Vermillion received his MS in 1931 in Botany from Ohio State University. He died in January, 1993.

Joseph M. Daly, 71, died August 18, 1993. Dr. Daly was a professor at the University of Nebraska. He was a member of the National Academy of Sciences and the American Academy of Arts and Sciences.

Clyde Christensen, a mycologist at the University of Minnesota died on October 11, 1993. He was a fellow of APS.

Councilor's Report

Counciler Doug Jardine provided a written report of council activities to attendees of the business meeting. He briefly mentioned that the society is proposing an "Office of Public Affairs and Education" to serve as the outreach branch of the society. The Public Relations, Youth, and Public Responsibilities committee would be disbanded and their responsibilities included as part of the Office of Public Affairs and Education.

The futuring document, PLANT PATHOLOGY: BEYOND 2000 PRIORITIES FOR THE EARLY 21st CENTURY, begun during the term of Past-president Randy Rowe is in final revision.

Council is proceeding with plans to meet in Montreal in 1999. The Canadian Phytopathological Society has been invited to join us. APS meeting plans include Pittsburgh, 1995; Indianapolis, 1996; Rochester, 1997; and Las Vegas (with Entomology Society), 1998.

Old Business

President Percich discussed the reasons for cancellation of the 1994 meeting to have been hosted by the University of Minnesota last June. He explained that low pre-registration numbers (41) was significantly below the goal of 75 and probably reflected a lack of interest in the symposium topic title "The Regionalization of Plant Pathology Curriculum and Instruction."

During discussion Forrest Nutter (Iowa State) thought that the lack of oral presentations may have reduced interest. He pointed out that there haven't been short papers (10 min) for the past few years. Doug Jardine (Kansas State) agreed that these short oral papers are needed at the regional meetings because they draw students and provide an opportunity for students to gain experience. Jardine suggests that we adopt a practice currently used in the Potomac Division where only an Abstract Title is submitted at pre-registration and the abstract and fee is brought to the meeting. Wayne Pedersen (Illinois) agreed with both Jardine and Nutter and suggested that industry representatives would probably prefer just an oral presentation (no written abstract). Marcia McMullen (North Dakota) suggested that South Dakota (next year's host) might try this format.

Steve Ries, Illinois, shared the Illinois' experience when hosting the 1992 divisional meeting and potential low attendance. He thought that personal phone calls to friends at other NCD institutions encouraging a better turnout was very beneficial in making the meeting a success.

Fred Schwenk (Kansas State) complimented Jim Percich on the excellent job arranging to have posters from the canceled NCD meeting displayed in Albuquerque.

New Business

Doug Jardine (Kansas State) suggested that the DeBary Bowl was a unique and successful activity at this year's annual meeting. He recommended that the division should begin preparing another team for competition at next year's annual meeting. A backup "board" is desirable/needed and a contribution toward purchasing one from the NCD would be great. Marcia McMullin moved that \$250.00 be spent from the treasury toward obtaining one. This motion was seconded and carried. Marcia then moved and Janell Johnk Stevens (Minnesota) seconded that the monetary award for student competition (poster and abstract) be increased from \$100.00 (First Place) and \$75.00 (Second Place) to \$200.00 and \$100.00, respectively.

This motion passed. Tom Chase (South Dakota) then moved that our current dues structure (\$2.00/year), probably would have difficulty with these increased financial demands and moved that annual dues be increased to \$5.00. This motion was seconded by Don Scott (Purdue) and the motion passed.

Tom Chase then moved that an ad hoc committee be appointed to study the issue of how to improve NCD meeting interest and therefore attendance. Abe Epstein (Iowa State) seconded this motion and it too was passed. The committee as appointed is Forrest Nutter, Peggy Thorson, and Fred Schwenk.

Future Meeting Sites

Purdue University is scheduled to host our NCD meeting in 1996 and the University of Wisconsin in 1997. The Canadian Phytopathological Society wishes to meet with us in 1996, possibly in Winnipeg. This possibility is being studied.

1996

Fred Schwenk (Kansas State) nominated Greg Shaner (Purdue) as Vice-President for 1995, to become President in 1996, and therefore, to host the 1996 meeting of the division. This motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

President Percich then passed the gavel to Tom Chase. President Chase then invited us to South Dakota next year. The dates are June 20, 21, and 22 and the location will be the Holiday Inn in Brookings. Transportation from Sioux Falls airport is planned. The format will include posters, paper competition, and a symposium on the Interactions of Environmental Stress and Plant Diseases. Special activities being considered include tours of the research plots and the Northern Plains Biostress Laboratory. A BBQ is also in the offering.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Stephen M. Ries
Secretary-Treasurer
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