

**Minutes - APS NC Division Business Meeting**  
**Iowa State University, Ames, Iowa**  
**June 23, 1998**

The business meeting of the APS NC Division was held on Tuesday, June 23, at the Iowa State University Field Extension Education Lab. The meeting was called to order by President Charlie Martinson. The minutes of the previous business meeting were read by Marcia McMullen, Secretary/Treasurer, and approved. The Treasurer's report also was read and approved. The balance in the Treasury was \$6,122.29. The Necrology Report indicated that Drs. Henry Darling, Earl Wade, and Janell Johnk had passed away since the previous meeting.

The Division Councilor's report was given by Councilor Pat Lipps. He stated that divisions now have the opportunity to have APS headquarters handle Division abstracts. Abstracts may be submitted on diskette to the appropriate Division office who will forward them to Headquarters. Abstracts will be collated for publication in the Division meeting program and put on-line immediately on APSnet. Subsequently they will be published in the annual *Phytopathology Supplement*. Pat also reminded meeting attendees of the importance of staying up-to-date by reading each issue of *Phytopathology News*.

APS President Lee Campbell gave a President's Report. He thanked Pat Lipps for doing a good job as Councilor. Being a great history buff, Lee Campbell reviewed some of the Division's history with landmark pathologists and discoveries. He also reviewed some of the activities within APS headquarters and APS press, including providing more on-line publications and selling some items at lower prices but in greater volumes. A new Publications Board is being put in place. Lee said that the Strategic Planning Process is occurring again, and Ed Braun from our Division is on the committee. A membership survey is being done in conjunction with the Strategic Plan. A new APS Century Project will provide biographical sketches of the 100 most influential Plant Pathologists, from 1870 to 1970. A committee of APS Fellows will decide on sketches included, and it will be limited to 10% living individuals. The goal is to be done with this project by 2000.

**Old Business:** A discussion about student scholarships to increase meeting attendance was held. The first ad hoc committee looking into student scholarships consisted of Forrest Nutter, Iowa State University, and Fred Schwenk, Kansas State University, while Forrest and Doug Jardine, Kansas State University, served as an ad hoc committee the second year. A vote on use of Division treasury money for this purpose was held in 1997, and 97% of respondents approved. Six out of a possible 15 scholarships were given in 1998; numbers weren't higher because of lack of applicants. The group decided to continue these scholarships through the Ohio meeting and then re-evaluate their success.

A discussion about getting abstracts into the Division in time for publication in the September supplement ensued. The 1999 deadline for abstracts to get into the Supplement will be April 29. A discussion about this early time requirement occurred. The members were reminded that once the abstract is in, it is published on-line almost immediately, but some

concerns were expressed about appropriateness of on-line citations. Members of the NC Division at the business meeting voted and approved to meet the deadline of the National APS for next year's supplement publication. Also, there was some discussion about publication of abstracts in the *Phytopathology* Journal. If a member doesn't go to the annual meeting or get this journal, then person doesn't get abstracts. Tom Gulya, North Dakota State University, charged Pat Lipps to see if every member could get a supplement, instead of just those who subscribe to *Phytopathology*.

**New business:** Pat Lipps invited Division members to Ohio State University for the year 2000 Division meeting, and it was moved, seconded, and approved to have the meeting there. Steve Nameth, Ohio State University, was nominated to be Vice-President. He said that the theme for the 2000 meeting will be "Gateway to the New Millennium".

Fred Schwenk invited members to Kansas State University for the 2001 Division meeting. Lee Campbell announced that Doug Jardine from Kansas State will be the new APS Secretary, starting in November. Ed Braun thanked Charlie Martinson for the great job he did as Division President this past year. Ray Martyn, Purdue University, announced that the Eastern Region Soil Fungus conference will be held at Purdue in March, 1999. Fred Schwenk suggested that a specific format for contributions to the Division newsletter be sent out, which may help increase responses for the Division newsletter.

A nominating committee was appointed, which included Pat Lipps, Craig Grau, Univ. of Wisconsin, and Debi Drzycimski, Pioneer Hi-Bred Int. A new Division councilor and new Secretary/Treasurer will have to be elected to take office after the 1999 meeting.

Jim Steadman, Univ. of Nebraska, was introduced as the new president of the NC Division, and he took over the gavel from Charlie Martinson. Jim announced that the 1999 meeting will be at the Cornhusker Hotel in downtown Lincoln, and the proposed topic for the symposium will be "Comparative Pathobiology; How similar are plant and animal disease systems?". He welcomed any suggestions from members for the meeting. The 1998 business meeting was adjourned and the group was led on a tour of the Field Extension Education Laboratory by Gary Munkvold, Iowa State University.

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