

## Minutes - NC APS Division Business Meeting

June 28, 1999  
Lincoln, Nebraska

The business meeting of the NC APS Division was called to order by President Jim Steadman on June 28, 1999. The minutes of the 1998 business meeting were read by Marcia McMullen, Secretary/Treasurer, and approved as read. The Treasurer's report also was approved as read. The balance in the Division Treasury on June 28, 1999 was \$7125.10. The Necrology Report indicated that the following members had passed away since the previous Division meeting: Michael N. Zook, Michigan State University; Ralph Anderson, University of Minnesota; Richard Lister, Purdue University; Mike Garroway, Ohio State University; and Dewey Moore, University of Wisconsin.

Pat Lipps, NC APS Division Councilor, announced that the new Division Councilor will be Forrest Nutter of Iowa State University. Forrest will assume his duties after Pat's term expires at the annual meeting in Montreal. Pat Lipp's Councilor's report included a discussion of the many current activities and responsibilities of APS. He said that some members of Council are concerned that the society is doing too much. Perhaps some boundaries need to be established for taking on new programs and services. APS is in the middle of attempting to define its priorities. Pat said that the 1998 APS Membership Survey was valuable in defining goals and providing input into the Strategic Plan. The Strategic Plan consists of a vision statement and five goals. The APS is in good financial health, with a net surplus of \$51,659. Electronic technology is moving forward within the society, with the relatively new Office of Electronic Communications, and a proposed new on-line journal titled 'Plant Pathways'. The Publication Board is cautious about moving 100% to on-line publications, seeking an appropriate pricing structure.

Discussion around the Councilor's report followed. Tom Chase, South Dakota State University, asked about the APS web site and the directory of members. The directory is now on-line. Charlie Martinson, Iowa State University, asked about costs of APS publications to libraries. Pat Lipps responded that our journals are very inexpensive compared to most. The British are developing a journal that will be competitive with APS's IPMI Journal. The Division meeting concept was discussed. Ray Martyn, Purdue University, indicated that 10 years ago a poll was taken of membership, and membership wanted Division meetings to continue. Doug Jardine, Kansas State University, said that in the future we may have subject matter driven division meetings. Bill Brown, Colorado State University, said that perhaps we should have division meetings in alternating years - would there be more to talk about? On another matter, Charlie Martinson, Iowa State University, asked about who votes in APS Council meetings. Pat Lipps responded that the voting members include the editors of the journals and the elected Councilors and officers. Charlie Martinson expressed concern that there are not enough elected members voting. Doug Jardine, APS Secretary, said the ratio is about 50:50 elected vs appointed. Pat Lipps said that in reality, Council vote usually isn't on a 50:50 basis and voting matters have considerable input from all sides.

Pat Lipps read the APS President's Report, as President Carol Windels was ill and unable to attend the meeting. President Windels' report said that the 1998 APS Members Survey indicated that most members are familiar with the APS journals and APS press, but are less familiar with new electronic offerings and the various new Boards and officers. A summary of journal activities included: IPMI will now be 12 issues/year; print and pricing and licensing issues for libraries for on-line subscriptions are under study by the Intellectual Property Rights Committee; print and on-line subscriptions are now available for all journals for members; Plant Disease will be requiring an interpretive summary for all

articles, to be associated with the Plant Disease table of contents on APSnet. APS Press has 175 products with 80% of products being marketed to nonmembers. Fungicide and Nematicide Test Results will now be on-line and the APS slide collection is being digitized over a three year period. The National Plant Pathology Board works with other scientific societies and coalitions on matters related to plant health, including the Plant Protection Act, and the Plant Pesticide Rule proposed by EPA. The APS Foundation provided 22 student travel grants the past year and supported the Melhus Student Speaker award. The Office of International Programs is attempting to expand available journals and CDs to other countries, and is fostering international symposia and promoting graduate student education and opportunities. The Office of Public Affairs and Education has a K through 12 focus, and promotes public outreach through news releases, APS Net, and through participation in the National Science Teachers Conference exhibit, The Carnegie Teaching Academy and Rebecca's Garden TV show.

In Old Business, NC Division Student travel scholarships were discussed. Eleven student awards of \$150 were provided in 1999, out of the 15 available, with some universities getting multiple awards because not all universities had student nominees. The scholarships will continue for 2000 and then the program will be reevaluated. Division meeting attendance has been around 90-100 each year in recent years. Some discussion occurred about increasing attendance by providing an interesting symposium or workshop, as well as encouraging student participation through the travel scholarships. The deadline for publication of abstracts in the current year's Abstract Supplement was discussed; the group decided to meet APS's deadline so that publication occurs the same year of the meeting. APS is providing Abstract Supplements to annual meeting attendees regardless of their subscription to Phytopathology, plus abstracts are available to all members on APSnet. The Division newsletter was sent out in February of 1999, and some discussion about increasing submissions occurred.

In New Business, Wayne Pederson, University of Illinois, was nominated as the new Secretary/Treasurer of the Division, to assume duties after the Lincoln meeting. Pat Lipps, Ohio State University, extended an invitation from incoming president Steve Nameth to attend the Division meeting in Columbus, Ohio, June 18-20th, 2000. The Symposium will be "Systemic Acquired Resistance - Immune Required response". Several tours are also planned and the web site for the meeting will be up soon. Bob Ziegler, Kansas State University, extended the invitation from Fred Schwenk, Vice-President Elect, to come to Kansas in 2001. In 2002, the national meeting is in Milwaukee, and the University of Wisconsin will be host for the business meeting and the student poster and paper competitions. Forrest Nutter suggested that in the year 2003, Michigan State may want to explore a joint meeting with the NE APS Division. Canadian province members will be invited to attend all of these meetings, but will not be expected to host a meeting, unless circumstances such as the joint CPS-NC Division meeting in Winnipeg in 1997 would allow such a joint sponsorship again. The group congratulated the Nebraska planning committee for a job well done and thanked the outgoing officers for their contributions and service. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectively submitted,

  
Marcia McMullen, Secretary/Treasurer