

Minutes of the North Central Division of APS – 2003
Kellogg Center, Michigan State University

Anne Dorrance – Secretary

Michigan State University hosted the NC-APS meeting at the Kellogg Center on the campus in East Lansing, Michigan. The business meeting was called to order by President Ray Hammerschmidt on June 27, 2003.

Frank Pflieger motioned to approve the minutes from 2002 submitted by previous Secretary-Treasurer, Wayne Pederson. Doug Jardine seconded and the motion passed.

Gary Bergstrom, APS President-Elect, presented a talk “APS: A Professional Community for Today and Tomorrow”. Expressed regret from APS President, Jackie Fletcher who was attending Pacific Division meeting. The APS Meeting will be held in August in Charlotte and the theme is “Plant Health and Security in the Age of Genomics”

Division Councilor Report: Ray Martyn, reported that 11 awards were presented to Graduate Students Traveling to the NC-APS meeting that were presenting posters or talks at this meeting. The students were recognized at the previous evening banquet included: University of Nebraska, Amy Ziems and Maricelis Acevedo; University of Wisconsin, Mee-Ngan Yap and Paul Rabedaux; Iowa State University, Anuthep Pasura, Ziaofan Niu and Blucher Menelas; North Dakota State University, Febina Mathew; The Ohio State University, Young-Ki Jo, Edgar Huitema, and Jorunn Boss. John Andrews, University of Wisconsin, is now elected president elect of APS and Allison Tally, Jr. Councilor at Large. The North Central Division now has a website. He also reminded every one that each division sponsors a team at the DeBary Bowl – competition will be on Monday afternoon and evening. Names of prospective contestants should be forwarded to Ray Martyn– only one member may be a faculty –

Ray Martyn also reported that APS Council would now like Divisions to begin thinking of strategic planning. Put together a committee to look at where we are and we are going. Ad-hoc committee will be formed to look at divisional issues: membership, programming, financial. He posed the question, on how do we meet some issues, particularly membership. NC there were 325 members in 2002, this year 289. NC Division has the lowest percentage of APS members – members of the division, 37% are members in division. He did have an e-mail campaign to remind long-time member to rejoin the Division.

Plant Management Network, in the North Central has the highest percentage of Institutions in the Plant Management Network...Once an institution buys a membership then it is available to all faculty, extension agents –7 of 11 Institutions are members in the North Central Region.

Next year’s National APS meeting will be held in Anaheim, California;
2005, Austin, Texas
2006 Quebec City,
2007 SanDiego, California

2008 St.Paul, MN (100th anniversary of APS)

Treasurers Report: Anne Dorrance reported a beginning balance of \$10,428.53 which is \$200 higher than the final balance of last year due to an uncashed check. Income for the year was \$1,785 and expenses were \$3,900. This was due to Student travel awards for both the 02 and 03 meeting were taken in the same year. Wayne Pederson motioned to accept the Treasurers report. Ray Martyn seconded and the motion passed.

Necrology Report: John Lawson Weihing, Director Panhandle Research and Extension Center, University of Nebraska. In addition, Dr. Bill Merrill, a faculty member at The Pennsylvania State University, received his M.S. and Ph.D from the University of Minnesota.

Dave McKenszie a PhD student at Minnesota

North Central Division Website (<http://www.oardc.ohio-state.edu/ncaps/>). Anne Dorrance recognized, Dennis Mills, Extension Associate at The Ohio State University as the “web-master” for the Division web site. A request for suggestions for additions or changes to the site was made. Suggestions were historical information, awards from meeting – DeBary Bowl information.

Frank Pflieger, asked why was the Balance so high for the Division. One of the reasons given was that only 11 of 15 travel grants were awarded, a very similar pattern to previous years. Only 5 Universities requested assistance for student travel. A discussion then proceeded on possible ways to use more dollars. The following suggestions were made: For the 2008 Centennial – Jardine suggested a display, the North Central Division has played a key role in APS history; For the next meeting, monies be used for an honorarium to bring in a big speaker – Grau; additional travel awards – for new faculty, or post-docs.

New Business

Meeting sites:

Albert Tenuta, proposed a joint meeting with CPS – Ontario during 2005 in Windsor. Doug Jardine proposed that NC APS meeting in Windsor in June 2005. Ray Martyn seconded and the motion Passed. The opportunity to host the meeting for 2006, will be offered to Missouri then Iowa State University.

Election of Officers:

Pederson nominated Dean Malvik as vice-president for 2004, Jennifer seconded Ray Martyn moved that nominations be closed, passed. Dean Malvik received a Unanimous vote to serve as NC Division vice president for 2003-2004.

Distinguished Service Award Committee Report was given by Ray Martyn. Dr. Wayne Pederson, University of Illinois, was the awardee for 2003, Ray Martyn substituted on

committee for person from nominating institution. Jennifer Juzwik will nominate a new committee to server on next year's committee.

Graduate Student and Post-doc oral and poster competition report was given by Ray Hammerschmidt. There were 15 entries in Poster competition and 9 entries in oral presentations – overall presentations were great – the judges had a challenge in making the decision – The criteria for judging was a sheet that Ray Hammerschmidt obtained from the North East Division. This will be given to the Secretary-Treasurer for the long-term files. There were no entries for the Post-doc competition, more advertising needs to be done for this in the future. The winners which were recognized at last nights' banquet were as follows:

Poster Competition:

Third place: \$75.00, Anuthep Pasura, Iowa State University

Second Place: \$125.00 Elise Hollister, Michigan State University

First Place: \$200.00, Amanda Gevens , Michigan State University

Oral presentations:

Two Third Place Winners (\$75.00):

Julianna Tuell and Ryan Bounds, Michigan State University

Second Place: \$125.00 Jorunn Boss, Ohio State University

First Place: \$200.00 Blucher Menelas, Iowa State University.

Forrest moved that next year advertise the competition the for post-doc category – 3 or more 1 award, 5 to 6 entries, 2 awards, more than 8, 3 awards. Doug Jardine seconded the motion and the motion passed.

In other new business, Ray Martyn reported that APS is encouraging divisions review their Constitutions and bring them in alignment with national constitution. Jennifer Juzwik will appoint an ad-hoc committee to conduct this review.

Jim Steadman, made a formal motion to thank Ray Hammerschmidt and Michigan State University hosting the meeting in Michigan. Ray Hammerschmidt expressed thanks and recognized the dedicated work of Ms.Shelley Baker (Administrative Assistant, MSU Plant Pathology).

Jennifer Juzwik reported that next North Central Divisional Meeting would be held on June 23-June 25th in St.Paul, Minnesota.

A motion to adjourn the business meeting was made by Ray Martyn, Jim Steadman seconded and passed unanimously.

