

**Minutes of North Central APS
Hilton, Windsor, Ontario
July 1, 2005**

Joint Meeting with Ontario Canadian Phytopathological Society (CPS), Southwestern Region

The University of Illinois and the Southwestern Region of the Canadian Phytopathological Society hosted a meeting at the Hilton in Windsor, Ontario from June 30 to July 1, 2005. The business meeting was called to order by NC APS president Dean Malvick. The Agenda was reviewed, changes in the order were made and the agenda was accepted.

Albert Tenuta, representing CPS, reported that 125 members attended this years meeting and thanked all from North Central APS for attending.

Jan Leach, Vice President for APS provided the following report. The Annual Meeting of the American Phytopathological Society will be held in Austin, Texas from July 30 to August 3. North Central Division member, Ray Martyn (Purdue University) was elected as the new vice-president and Wayne Wilcox was elected as Councilor at large. The theme for this year's meeting "Looking towards the future". This is also the title of a report of an APS committee, lead by Joyce Loper, drafted a document on Plant Pathology priorities:

Where the Society will be in the future – how does Society position itself to meet those goals. There will be many changes in the program at Austin meeting. At the Leadership Forum this year discussions will focus on OP&E and the Office of Industry Relations. Questions to be addressed will include: What should APS goals be and how should these two be working.

Dr. Leach then addressed the Societies Journals which are the bread and butter and health of the society—Council recently voted to have open access – after 24 months – to begin in April. This is a very conservative move for the Society, the goal is to increase exposure of the journals and increase the number of citations. They are also exploring an 'Agrigator service' – which will also assist in journal visibility and to get the citations out, but this is an expensive endeavor. The University of Wisconsin is working to scan all of the APS journals, *Plant Disease Reporter*, *Plant Disease* and *Phytopathology*. In addition, Dr. Randy Rowe (The Ohio State University) is hosting a Town Hall at the Annual Meeting which will focus on the Societies premier journal, *Phytopathology*. The questions that will be addresses are: where is *Phytopathology* fitting into the picture? Is it losing ground in some arenas? Is it losing impact factor as well as subscriptions? Are there areas in Plant Pathology that are not well represented in our journals? Would these be suitable topics for *Phytopathology*? Should *Phytopathology* expand into these arenas?

Dr. Leach then congratulated the North Central Division as the North Central Region leads all of the other regions in the US and has all states as part of the Plant Health

Management Network. APS finances are in good shape. However, concern over journals for open access and what that impact will in the long term is unknown. The Council does have a strategic plan. There are many highly subsidized activities.

Public Policy Board (PPB) is working with APHIS to understand changes in permitting process, survey, keep those lines of communication open. First step – to get APHIS to recognize that movement of plant pathogens across state lines is not a threat. States should examine the most prevalent pathogen list. PPB is working to establish a national center of biosecurity and this has been endorsed by several societies.

There is a new funding program to be offered this fall by USDA CSREES entitled “Component analysis for understanding sustainable agriculture” John Sherwood will lead this effort. New dollars into peer reviewed research into plant pathology. Idea on sustainable agriculture research. Address practical problems in sustainable agriculture. Public policy – create the National Food and Agriculture – Agriculture in a separate institute

Prominence of public policy – national plant disease recovery system

Summit with officers of many of the plant societies – how to keep organizations healthy
Share initiatives – ie: tri-societies a lobbyist

Future Meetings for APS include

November 15-17th 2005, Soybean Rust Meeting, retrospective meeting, partnership with many other organizations

2006, Joint Canadian Phytopathological Society, Mycological Society and APS in Quebec City, Quebec, Canada

Dr. Ray Martyn presented Councilors Report

APS elected new officers including: Dr. Ray Hammerschmidt, Michigan State University as NC Division Councilor; APS Junior Councilor-at-large, Dr. Wayne Wilcox, Cornell University; APS President, Dr. John Andrews, University of Wisconsin; APS President Elect, Dr. Jan Leach, Colorado State University and APS Vice President, Dr. Ray Martyn, Purdue University. A number of North Central Division Members will receive awards at APS this year. Dr. X.B. Yang (Iowa State University) was elected a Fellow for APS; Dr. Jim Steadman (University of Nebraska) will receive the International Service Award; Dr. Caitlyn Allen (University of Wisconsin) will receive the Excellence in Teaching Award; Dr. Jack Morris (University of Nebraska) will share the Ruth Allen Award; and Dr. James Alfano (University of Nebraska) will receive the Syngenta Award.

Dr. Marcia McMullen, North Dakota State University, received the 2005 North Central Division Distinguished Service Award at the Awards Banquet. Only one student received the 2005 Graduate Student Travel Grant, Ms. Angelia Peltier, University of Wisconsin. Dr. Martyn then encouraged colleagues for student participation. This year only two awards were given in the student competition. First place for oral presentation went to Sara E. Blumer, Y.F. Zhao and G.W. Sundin. Michigan State University.

Upregulation of *E. amylovora* genes during host colonization. First place for poster presentation was awarded to Stephen A. Jordon et al., Michigan State University. A PCR-based method to distinguish *Eutypa lata* and *Eutypella vitis* from grapevine.

Awards were also presented by the Ontario Region of CPS. First place oral to A.M. Manceur et al. University of Guelph. Juglone, an allelopathic compound produced by black walnut, might predispose soybeans to *F. solani* f.sp. *glycines*. First place poster award went to Z.M. Moineddin et al., University of Guelph. Integrated management of onion smut and onion maggot with reduced risk seed treatments.

Annual meeting list for the coming 5 years: 2005-Austin, TX; 2006-Quebec City, Quebec Canada; 2007-San Diego, CA; 2008-St. Paul, MN (100th Anniversary and Ray Martyn will be President); 2009-Portland, OR (Joint with ISMPMI) and 2010-Nashville, TN.

The North Central Division Membership is strong, best division in membership. Also re-emphasized the Plant Management Network University Partners and that all Universities in the North Central Division were now members. The theme for the 2008 APS Centennial Meeting will be “History of excellence, Future of Promise”.

Dr. Ray Martyn then outlined some tasks that the division must complete: 1. Revise Constitution to allow for electronic balloting. We did conduct the Councilor elections electronically this past year. 2. Coordinate with APS headquarters the dates of our next meeting. This year there were 3 division meetings all at the same time (North Central, Pacific and Caribbean Divisions).

There are several looming issues for the Society including: Open access and electronic institutional subscriptions to APS journals and the potential revenue loss; taking on business partnerships with other societies; proposal to USDA to establish a Nations Center for Crop Biosecurity and Financial Consideration for a “Washington Presence”.

Dr. Ray Martyn then reviewed a number of services which are offered by Headquarters at no charge to the divisions. Account management, Division Webpage on *APSnet*; mailing labels and e-mail lists; division logos, publicity of divisional news; membership information and statistics. Services that are offered that are fee based include: Elections (electronic and paper ballots), Newsletters (Printing, mailing and labels); Awards; Meeting planning and support and APS Press book sales as Division events.

Recent APS Council Decisions, that the DeBary Bowl is no more; Division Councilors will remain part of the mid-year meeting; and Financial strategic plan was modified to make the annual meeting a ‘small profit’ model.

Dr. Ray Martyn then gave A special thank you to Albert Tenuta and Dean Malvick and their program committees for organizing such a great meeting. And a special thanks to the corporate sponsors: BASF, Bayer Crop Sciences, Dow AgroSciences, Syngenta Crop Protection, Syngenta Seeds, and Valent.

Dr. Martyn, then thanked the division for allowing him to serve as Division Councilor for past 3 years, and that he looks forward to serving as APS Vice President.

Dr. Marcia McMullen brought to everyone's attention the University socials for the 2005 meeting. Loren Giesler coordinated the old west trail social in 2004, Marcia is now coordinating for 2005. All the University socials will be in one big room.

Dr. Jan Leach and Dr. Ray Martyn both indicated that there is a need for volunteers on the Scientific Planning Board which plans the National APS meeting. Dr. McMullen reported that the Small Grains Committees representing both East and West will meet in Fargo, ND prior to the North Central Division Meeting.

Discussion then ensued on how to attract students to the North Central Division meeting. Members are urged to invite colleagues and their labs to the meetings who do not usually attend division meetings. Ensure that names are submitted for each travel award for each state.

Discussion then focused on who will host the 2007 meeting, need to appoint a vice-president for next year. Dr. Dorrance reported that University of Missouri has declined the invitation. To keep the meetings moving geographically, a request will be made to Purdue to host the 2007 meeting, if they decline then South Dakota and Iowa State University have also expressed interest.

Dr. Dorrance then gave the North Central Division Secretaries Report. Dr. Doug Jardine moved that the minutes be approved, Dr. Ray Hammerschmidt seconded the motion. Motion passed. Dr. Dorrance then delivered the treasurers report. The division has a healthy balance. Income from dues totaled \$2,330 from July 2004 to April 2005; Interest income for the same period totals \$134.93 for a total income of \$2,464.93. Expenses since the last meeting included \$1,200 for awards from the 2004 meeting and \$654 for awards and election costs for the 2005 meeting. The balance is \$9,686.07. The treasurers report was accepted.

Dr. Doug Jardine then moved that we increase the travel awards from \$150 to \$200, One travel award per state – and one at large. Ray Hammerschmidt seconded the motion. Dr. Anne Dorrance amended the motion to increase travel to \$250 due to rising air fares and also to see if this will increase student participation. Albert Tenuta seconded the motion. The amendment passed and the motion also passed.

Necrology Report for the Division, Dr. Don Scott, Purdue University and Dr. Bob Patton Forest Pathologist, University of Wisconsin. These names will be forwarded to headquarters.

Dr. Dorrance then reported on Special Recognition of Faculty in the North Central Division, Dr. Craig Grau, Spitze Land Grant Faculty Excellence Award at the University of Wisconsin and Dr. Mary Hausbeck recently received the National Floriculture Award.

Dr. Jardine then presented the report from the Division subcommittee on the Constitution. The Division Constitution has been reviewed and several changes are needed. 1. to formerly allow for electronic votes and 2. Change the constitution to eliminate that we meet in June. The suggested changes will be made, then posted at the website, vote for approval/disapproval at the next business meeting.

Dr. Carl Bradley, Vice President, then invited the North Central Division to North Dakota State University, Fargo, North Dakota on June 13-15, 2006. A “Welcome Reception” will be held the evening of June 13th. A mini-symposium entitled “Merging old and new technologies: screening for disease resistance crops” will be held on June 14th.

New officer elections were then held, Dr. Doug Jardine nominated Dr. Loren Giesler for position of Secretary/Treasurer for 3 years or until replaced, Albert Tenuta seconded the motion. The motion was passed boisterly and unanimously. Elections for vice president were postponed until a host could be confirmed. The requirements for the 2008 National meeting in Minnesota were reviewed. The Division will need to arrange for Paper/poster presentations judges, a Business meeting and to ensure that APS has these arrangements for the division.

Meeting was adjourned.

Respectively Submitted

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North Central Division Secretary/Treasurer