

June 14, 2013
NC APS Business meeting
Manhattan, KS

Attendance: J. Stack, T. Jackson-Ziems, D. Funnell-Harris, G. Abawi, D. Jardine, A. Dorrance, A. Tenuta, S. Markell, A. Gevens, J. Steadman, A. Robertson, C. Bradley

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 AM by Jim Stack, NC-APS Div. President.

Additions to Agenda:
None

Comments on Undergrad Symposium

J. Stack recommended that the Symposium become more of a part of APS rather than a “separate event”. Undergrad symposium should be discussed at APS and connected more with APS, and a website devoted to the Symposium could be added. Questions asked were: i) are there any ways to get feedback about the outcome of the Symposium (no. of students applying to grad school, etc.)?; ii) could the Symposium be held during the semester (on a weekend?); iii) can the Symposium be decoupled from the NC APS meeting so that more undergrad students are still in school (and not home)?; iv) could NC APS work with 4-H to get high school students to the Symposium? It was recommended that the Div. Forum Group to take the initiative on this (NC Div. Forum Rep. should move forward to Div. Forum Group).

Approval of minutes from the 2012 meeting

The minutes from the 2012 meeting were passed out at the beginning of the meeting and reviewed. J. Steadman noted that action still needed to be taken on the Constitution regarding the Canadian provinces should be added. This action will be taken prior to the 2014 meeting and the follow-up will be added to the 2012 meetings. J. Steadman motion to approve and D. Funnell-Harris seconded. Motion passed. (**Secretary’s Note post-meeting: The constitution does currently state “...contiguous provinces in Canada”, so it’s likely that no action is needed**).

Approval of Treasurer’s report (Carl Bradley)

The balance as of 5/30/2013 was \$30,887. K-State raised a significant amount of money from sponsors for 2013 meeting expenses. Expenses from the 2013 meeting were not yet incurred by APS. D. Jardine motion. J. Steadman second. Motion passed.

Discussion on revenue for meeting. There were some concerns for registrations numbers and sponsorship. The question was asked if NC APS should be concerned about being able to sustain these meetings since registration and sponsorship are the two income sources. Also asked was if NC APS could meet jointly with other societies, etc. or possibly branch meetings with other society branch meetings? It was noted that perhaps the “regular” attendees should be bigger advocates to try to get more and more people (faculty, students, industry) to attend.

Report from Division Forum Rep (Tamra Jackson)

Membership in the NC Division was up slightly compared to the last two years (472 members). Of APS members in the NC Division, 53% of them are NC Division members.

Meeting attendance – In the past 3 years, APS division meetings have averaged 79 registrants. The NC Division has been above this average. The two highest attended division meetings (since APS began tracking), have been in the NC division (IA-2009 and OH-2012).

There is a need for contact information for people in Canadian provinces, as APS does not have a complete list. Albert Tenuta will help with this list.

Questions about student travel award:

- No. of travel awards.....few dept. heads got back to Tamra
- Only students from 6 states received travel awards
- In addition to contacting Dept. Heads, the DFR should contact “liasons” within the departments about travel awards

Graduate Student Symposium rep at APS:

NC APS will not have a rep at this year’s meeting. Part of the problem is that we are a year behind because of when the NC meeting is held and when National APS meeting abstracts are due. This presents complications with students that are graduating prior to the next year’s APS meeting. Can this session be done differently so that it is uncoupled with abstract submission?

Report from APS (G. Abawi, President-Elect of APS)

- APS membership is strong with 5,000 members from 91 countries; 35% from other countries; 18% students and post-docs
- Discussed strategic objectives and key priorities of APS
- Documenting the impact of phytopathology is important (we all need to articulate this)
- Strategic investments included e-books, apps, e-reader journal options, plant pathology video
- Journal success – top third ranking in plant sciences among 190 journals; articles cited more than 30K times last year
- Invitation to the Austin meeting.....many new innovative sessions will be included in this meeting
- Past annual meetings have averaged around 1,500 attendees

New Business:

- reminder that a new secretary/treasurer and DFR need to be elected. A nominating committee needs to be formed and nominees will be voted on
- Anne Dorrance, Doug Jardine, and Carl Bradley will be on DFR nominating committee

2015 meeting:

- Michigan is next in the order.....Jim Stack will contact Michigan to see if they accept, if not, Minnesota will be asked.

K-State was thanked for the great meeting.

D. Jardine moved to adjourn, and J. Steadman seconded. Motion passed.

Distinguished Service Award Recipient at the 2013 North Central APS Meeting in Manhattan, KS:

Albert Tenuta (Ontario Ministry of Agriculture)

Early Career Award Recipient at the 2013 North Central APS Meeting in Manhattan, KS:

Kiersten Wise (Purdue University)

Winners of Poster and Oral Presentation Competition for Graduate Students at the 2013 North Central APS Meeting in Manhattan, KS:

Poster Winners:

Alexander Leach-Kieffaber (Kansas St. Univ.)	First Place
Jessica Halvorson (North Dakota St. Univ.)	Second Place
Jennifer Odom (North Dakota St. Univ.)	Third Place

Oral Presentation Winners:

Ismail Badillo-Vargas (Kansas St. Univ.)	First Place
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Recipients of Graduate Student Travel Awards for 2013 North Central APS Meeting in Manhattan, KS:

William Zancan (Univ. Nebraska)
Oscar Perez-Hernandez (Univ. Nebraska)
Kyle Broderick (Univ. Nebraska)
Kelsey Mehl (Univ. Illinois)
Jennifer Odom (North Dakota St. Univ.)
Albert Kertho (North Dakota St. Univ.)
Owusu Domfeh (North Dakota St. Univ.)
Jessica Halvorson (North Dakota St. Univ.)
Meriem Aoun (North Dakota St. Univ.)
Sheshanka Dugyala (North Dakota St. Univ.)
Rashelle Mattiesen (Iowa St. Univ.)
Sidrat Abdullah (South Dakota St. Univ.)
Ananda Bandara (Kansas St. Univ.)
Ismael Badillo-Vargas (Kansas St. Univ.)
Bethany Grabow (Kansas St. Univ.)
Cole Thompson (Kansas St. Univ.)
Alexandria Leach-Kieffaber (Kansas St. Univ.)