

June 12–14, 2018  
North Central APS Division Business Meeting  
Fargo, ND

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The 2018 North Central Division of APS business meeting was called to order by President Jack Rasmussen (North Dakota State University) at 10:00 AM on June 14, 2018. [In attendance: Andrew Friskop, Anne Dorrance, Sydney Everhart, Doug Jardine, Dean Malvick, Marty Draper, Sam Markell, Ashok Chanda, Loren Geisler, Tim Murray, Linda Hansen, Darla Bakko, Jack Rasmussen, Febina Mathew]

The minutes of the 2017 North Central Division APS business meeting were distributed prior to the meeting (email and hard copies). There were no corrections to the minutes, and thus, the minutes were approved as distributed. The treasurer's report was distributed and read by the attendees. There were no corrections to the report, and thus, the report was approved as distributed.

Febina Mathew (South Dakota State University) mentioned that the minutes of the 2017 North Central Division APS business meeting will be sent to Cindy Scheller and Ruth Rosseau at APS to post a copy on the NC-APS website for the members [The minutes of the APS-NCD meetings from 1975 to 2017 is available on the website and the link is <https://www.apsnet.org/members/community/divisions/nc/Pages/MeetingHistory.aspx>].

Ashok Chanda (University of Minnesota) provided the Divisional Forum Representative report and discussed about the funding for graduate student oral presentation winners to attend the national APS meeting after checking with the other divisions. The lack of travel awards for post-doctoral research associates was also discussed. In response, suggestions provided by the APS-NCD Division members for the travel awards for post-doctoral research associates were Schroth Face of the Future award (or other awards organized by the APS Early Career Professionals Committee), checking with other APS divisions, and to check with APS Foundation (David Gadoury). Ashok mentioned that the judging criteria for oral and poster competitions should include if students from outside APS-NCD can participate. One suggested provided was that the judging criteria should be left to the discretion of the organizing institution; however, it should include the criteria posted on the APS-NCD website [<https://www.apsnet.org/members/community/divisions/nc/Pages/STPosterAwards.aspx>].

Ashok also commented that the APS-NCD constitution was not available to the members and possibly needs update. Febina mentioned about having got a copy of the constitution from Kiersten Wise (University of Kentucky; former Secretary/ Treasurer of the APS-NCD) and this will be posted on the APS-NCD website. However, when to update the constitution is something that should be discussed in one of the future business meetings. [Constitution is available on the APS-NCD website and the link is <https://www.apsnet.org/members/community/divisions/nc/Documents/nconstitutionjune2012.pdf>]

Tim Murray (Washington State University; 2018 APS Vice-Chair) provided an overview on APS and their initiatives. Planning was underway for the joint APS-ICPP meeting that was held in Boston, MA in 2018. [I will be getting a copy of Tim's presentation from him. If anybody need a copy, please email me].

Old business: In the 2017 APS-NCD business meeting, it was discussed that the funding level provided to graduate student oral presentation winners to attend the national APS meeting was not adequate (they receive \$500 toward annual meeting travel, but meeting travel costs have increased substantially). In the 2018 meeting, it was unanimously voted for that the funding toward annual meeting travel be increased from \$500 to \$1000 for the graduate student winners. [Terra Hartman from University of Nebraska was the division's student winner representative at the Plant Health 2019 Division Showcase Session and the student was provided \$1000 in May 2019 to attend the APS meeting in Cleveland, OH].

New business: Albert Tenuta (Ontario) and Daren Mueller (Iowa State University) suggested that either of them can host the 2019 APS NC Division meeting in their respective locations. However, considering that the APS Annual meeting was going to be held in Cleveland, OH, it was determined that the APS-NCD meeting will be combined with the APS annual meeting. Anne Dorrance (Ohio State University) agreed to be the President of APS-NCD Division for 2019-2020. For the 2020 meeting, University of Nebraska-Lincoln (as proposed by Loren Geisler) will be able to host the APS-NCD Division meeting, and this will coincide with celebrating the 100th anniversary of the Department of Plant Pathology at University of Nebraska. The meeting locations for 2021 and 2022 are yet to be determined.

All attendees thanked North Dakota State University for hosting an excellent meeting, and thanks were given to Jack Rasmussen for service as President, to Kiersten Wise as the former Secretary/Treasurer and to Ashok Chanda for service as the Divisional Forum Rep. Special thanks were given to Sam Markell, Andrew Friskop, Julie Pasche, Darla Bakko and other members of the Plant Pathology Department at North Dakota State University for organizing the APS-NCD meeting in Fargo in 2018. Thanks were also given to the APS staff (Cindy Scheller, Megan Boatman, and Kathy Guderjahn) for their help in meeting preparation.

Marty Draper (Kansas State University) motioned to adjourn the meeting, and Sam Markell (North Dakota State University) seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned.

Minutes prepared by: Febina Mathew, Secretary/Treasurer, APS-NCD