

**North Central APS Division Meeting
Holiday Inn, Fargo, ND
June 13-15, 2006**

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 by Dr. Carl Bradley, current Division President.

The 2005 division meeting minutes were distributed for review. A motion was made to approve the minutes by Berlin Nelson, motion seconded by Doug Jardine. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Report from APS Vice President, Dr. Ray Martyn

Ray Martyn gave an address and expressed apologies and regrets from Dr. John Andrews, current APS President, for not being able to attend out meeting. It was suggested that we consider looking more at dates when we hold our annual meeting. We should contact the APS headquarters regarding the timing of our meeting to allow coordination and minimize overlap of meeting dates among the APS division meetings.

Open access to Electronic Publications and Journals: This means it is immediately free to anyone who wants the information. Currently, subscriptions are the main revenue source (approx. 60%) for APS. As we go to electronic publication, libraries will purchase licenses and access will be open to specific groups. Thus, individual subscriptions will decline dramatically. Open access appears mandatory in the future if we want our information accessible and frequently cited.

All APS journals have open access after 24 months at this time. Over the next few years, this time will most likely be reduced toward 0.

B. Nelson asked where the pressure was coming from to reduce the open access time. This is coming from the literature search engines out there. If our journals are not open to these groups, our use and citation rate will be reduced. R. Hammerschmidt expressed that there was also pressure from NIH.

It was asked how other societies are dealing with this. This is over a million dollars in revenue we need to cover. There is no way we can cover this with dues etc. APS is looking into bundling our journals with others to sell them for a larger contract. Also, it is trying to make our journals more appealing for authors. APS has a contract with a bundling company that customizes journal features. One example is that each of us will be able to sit at our desk and provide a set of key words and we would be notified when a publication comes out with any new information.

APS is also looking at ways to reduce expenses. APS anticipates that this will occur over the next 5 years. Some journals are available on a pay per article basis and this is also being evaluated.

APS has a contract with a consultant in Washington (Kelly Eversol) who serves as our eyes and ears for funding and any topics that would be of interest to our society. Council sees this as a good investment at this time.

Plant Management Network: Membership based program has evolved into much more than just electronic journals. The north central division is the only division with all of its land grant universities represented as members. Other societies have joined in with APS in this network and this is becoming a collection of societies. This is still a financial loss for APS, but it is getting very close to covering all costs. There are a significant number of individual members of the network. D. Malvick asked about how it was indexed with search engines. Several at the meeting expressed having problems with finding articles published in PHP. We should do a search and send documentation of the problem to Ray Martyn.

Council has merged F&N and B&C Tests into one publication with the new title 'Plant Disease Management Reports'. This publication is moving toward real-time publication, which was started with soybean rust this year.

Jim Moyer (North Carolina State University) is the new elected vice president for APS.

APS Annual Meeting in Quebec City: When APS booked the meeting site the exchange rate was much less than the current rate (0.9 exchange). We currently have over 1,400 registered for the meeting. The changes in exchange rate are making this very expensive. Doug reminded the group of materials needed for boarder crossing. Ray invited everyone to Quebec to attend the meeting.

The next two annual APS meetings will be in San Diego with the Society of Nematology (2007) and in Minneapolis, MN in 2008 for the Centennial Celebration Meeting.

Ray asked the group if they had any additional questions – none were expressed by the group.

Report from North Central Division Councilor, Dr. Ray Hammerschmidt

Most items were covered by Ray Martyn. Ray Hammerschmidt congratulated Doug Jardine for winning the NC Division Distinguished Service Award.

Communication among divisions: next week the councilors will have a meeting to discuss the viability of division meetings and communication plans for scheduling division meetings.

Councilors have discussed future locations for the annual meeting. Cost is considered in the decision as well as accessibility.

Some concern has been expressed on the editorial process which is being addressed. The journals are a very important part of the revenue source. PMN has set up a board to continue development.

Digitized volumes of our main journals are being placed online as clusters become available.

The new APS - Public Policy Board director is Stella Coakley.

The group should discuss support for the division meeting. The idea of meeting with other groups was suggested. Anne Dorrance expressed that the issue of need for division support seems to come up frequently. R. Martyn expressed that our NC Division is of the strongest in support. There are not as many who attend as there were many years ago. Martyn expressed that the divisions are not all having problems, we just need to make sure they are doing well. J. Steadman expressed that the Caribbean Division is very important for that area of the world and this is sometimes their only access to APS. The meetings also are an excellent recruiting ground. M. McMullen expressed that the division meetings are an excellent place for students to make presentations and meet students and professors. This year we had approx. 115 attending the meeting.

The NC Division has 2 of 5 Melhause Speaker awards (Zhaohui Lui-NDSU and Sarah Marie Blumber-MSU) for the annual meeting in Quebec. This award is given to students that present their thesis research (typically) at the annual meeting based on their submitted materials for evaluation.

R. Martyn expressed that the annual meeting format will be changing for the Centennial meeting in 2008. One change will be a reduced oral presentation time. There will be also an attempt at a section of brief presentations that cover selected posters from the meeting.

Treasurer's Report

Loren Giesler presented the treasurer's report in hard copy. M. McMullen moved we accept the report and J. Steadman seconded. The report was approved unanimously.

Review Constitution Changes

Doug Jardine presented an overview of the constitution. This past year changes were made to reflect the use of electronic mail, minor grammatical changes to reflect the diversity in the group, and ability to vote electronically. APS headquarters has always paid the councilors travel to the meeting and therefore, the section on the division paying for the councilor's travel expenses has been removed.

M. Draper moved to accept the modifications to the constitution as presented and R. Hammerschmidt seconded. The motion to change the constitution as modified by D. Jardine and C. Grau was voted on and passed unanimously with 1 present abstaining from the vote.

The new constitution will need to be uploaded. Doug Jardine will send the new version to Carl Bradley and he will send to APS to update.

Decision for Centennial Sponsorship and Division Dues

Ray Martyn outlined the sponsorship. Several divisions have sponsored the meeting. Several individual universities are sponsors.

The discussion expanded into the next agenda item on increasing the dues. L. Giesler distributed the current dues for each division.

Marty Draper moved to increase dues to \$10 for regular membership and maintain \$5 for students and postdocs and T. Gulya seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Marty Draper moved that additional money from the increased dues be used to support the Bronze Level of sponsorship for the APS Centennial meeting and any additional money be used to help support NC-APS division awards. Seconded by R. Hammerschmidt.

Loren Giesler asked the group about possibly increasing sponsorship to the silver level and some discussion occurred.

It was suggested that we increase the number of travel awards for students at the centennial meeting, as it will also serve as our divisional meeting and would support the centennial meeting. **This will be looked at as old business next year and we will also reevaluate our sponsorship level at that time.**

The vote was asked for and the motion passed unanimously.

Distinguished Service Award Honorarium Amount

The group was asked if they wanted to increase the dollar amount of the award. B. Nelson moved to change the award from \$200 to \$500 and M. Draper seconded the motion.

Discussion occurred. The award is not given every year. The motion passed unanimously.

M. McMullen expressed thanks to Marty Draper and that we will miss him being in the Division with his move to Washington as CSREES co-program leader for Plant Pathology.

Necrology Report for the Division

Purdue – Dr. Kirk Athow deceased in 2006. Dr. Leonard Francl (Dept. Head - Penn State) deceased in mid 2005. A moment of silence in remembrance of those deceased was taken.

Election of New Officers and 2008 Meeting Host

The 2008 NC Division meeting will be held in Minnesota with the Centennial meeting. Dean Malvick expressed that he would be willing to discuss this with faculty at MN to host the meeting. At this time we will not have a Vice President elected and if MN accepts hosting, a VP will need to be selected out of the faculty. Ray Martyn will keep us informed as to plans for the meeting as they develop and we can decide our plans for the 2008 meeting at next year's regional meeting.

Ray Hammerschmidt stated that Forest Nutter has volunteered Iowa State to host the meeting in 2009. Anne Dorrance moved we accept this offer for the 2009 location, Hammerschmidt seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Information About 2007 Division Meeting

Purdue University will host the 2007 NC Division meeting. Janna Beckerman will serve as president for the division. Preliminary budget estimates for the meeting range from \$10,000 to \$16,000. Dow AgroSciences offered to provide a tour of their facilities as part of the meeting. The symposium will be focused on fungicide resistance management. Opportunities to sponsor other parts of the meeting will occur. Other points of interest were presented for the area. The middle two weeks of June are the preferred time for the meeting. June 19 to 21 is the preliminary date.

A. Dorrance stated thanks to NDSU for hosting an excellent meeting and the entire group broke out in boisterous chanting and applause.

Motion moved by J. Steadman to adjourn. D. Jardine seconded and the motion unanimously passed.

Meeting adjourned at 10:50

Respectfully submitted,

Loren J. Giesler
Secretary / Treasurer – NC APS Division
University of Nebraska-Lincoln