

Minutes of the Annual Business Meeting November 8, 2006

The 66th annual meeting of the Northeastern Division of The American Phytopathological Society was held November 7-9 in Burlington, VT. NEDAPS president Wade Elmer began the meeting at 5:00 p.m. on November 8, 2006 and welcomed members to the annual meeting. Twenty members were in attendance. Councilor Rob Wick asked if anyone knew of members who had passed on in the past year, and there were none.

APS President Report

APS president Jan Leach addressed the membership. She stressed that APS was now a global community of scientists, and that this was reflected in the publications of the Society. Margery Daugherty of our Division now heads the APS Publications Office. An effort is under way to get past issues of our journals on line for reference, and the Society is investing in increased use of the Internet. One such initiative is the development of a wiki for definitions, disease names and other reference resources for plant pathology. (A wiki is developed interactively by people who access it, with a final arbiter in charge of what is ultimately placed on-line.) APS is investing in interactive technology, and is looking for suggestions on ways to use it, particularly in enhancing cooperation and interaction among members and with the public. The Plant Management Network is reorganizing and expanding. This year, the Fungicide & Nematicide Tests and the Biological and Cultural Tests will be merged into a single, on-line publication, Plant Disease Management Reports. The potential for an on-line journal of tropical pathology and related issues is being explored.

Stressing the International collaborations in our society, Pres. Leach noted that 31% of our membership is from outside the US. The Office of International Programs is being asked how APS can help develop plant pathology programs internationally. She discussed the Meeting of the Americas scheduled for 2009. Ad hoc committees are looking at the training of plant pathologists, particularly applied plant pathologists that can work in industry, as industry has noticed a shortage of professionals in the area.

Centennial

Phil Bogdan of Headquarters is leading the Centennial Member effort, looking for members to renew for 2 yrs. which will place your name on the Centennial Plaque. The effort is part of an overall push to build membership by 10% to 5,000 for the Centennial.

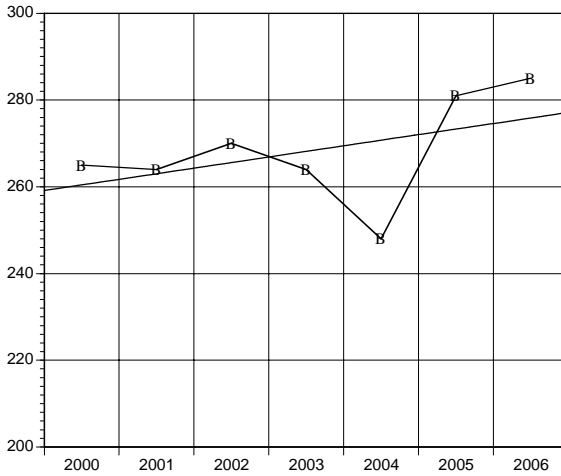
Councilor's Report

Approval of Minutes

Vice-President Cheryl Smith presented the minutes for the 2005 meeting. Bruce Clarke asked that the Graduate Student Award be amended

Secretary-Treasurer Report

The division membership is in good shape. The trend since 2000 is steady.



As of 6/30/06, the Division had a balance of \$14,951.80 in the treasury.

Total Annual Meeting Receipts were \$6,720.00.

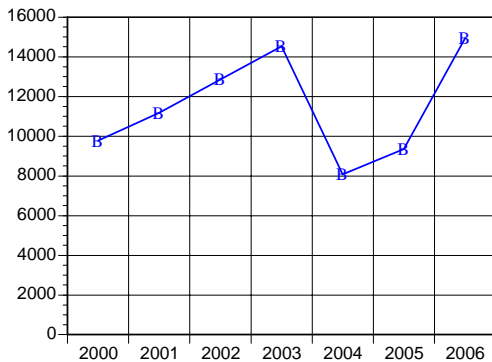
Dues brought in \$ 2535.00.

Income from TIAA-CREF Interest was \$835.11.

Total expenses for the 2006 Annual meeting were \$14,778.96

Meeting expenses were relatively high compared with meeting receipts. The balance at the end of this past fiscal year was up, but we expect that there will be a drop in the Division balance by the end of fiscal '07 (6/30/07).

Recent trends in Division balances at the end of the fiscal year.



Committee Reports

Local arrangements. The local arrangement committee did an outstanding job of covering all concerns and accommodating the participants. President Wade Elmer thanked Anne Hazelrigg in particular for her efforts. Ann led a pre-meeting culinary tour of Ben & Jerry's Ice Cream Factory and the Cold Hollow Cider Mill in Waterbury. This

was followed by an afternoon Forestry Tour of forest study areas affiliated with the Aiken Forestry Sciences Lab led by **Dale Bergdahl** of UVM.

Nominations: Dan Cooley reported that the nomination committee had made nominations for Sect./Treas. of the Division, and solicited nominations for Division Awards.

Graduate student awards: Frank Ferrandino reported that had won the graduate student paper competition. Of 23 papers, Valerie Gravel (Université Laval) won the competition with her presentation, “Control of Pythium root rot of greenhouse tomato: a microbial approach”.

Site Selection: Norm LaLancette reported that plans were under way to explore site options in NJ, with a focus on Cape May. The 2008 meeting will be held in Rhode Island with Nathaniel Mitkowski heading the local arrangements committee.

Symposium: Two symposia were presented at the meeting. The Symposium on Fungicide Resistance was organized by Vincent Phillion (IRDA, Quebec), and featured presentations on “Understanding and Dealing With Fungal Pathogen Resistance to Fungicides” by Cesare Gessler (ETHZ, Zurich), “Practical Aspects of Oomycete Fungicide Resistance” by Gary Moorman (Pennsylvania State University) and “Practical Lessons Learned about Fungicide Resistance from Curcubit Powdery Mildew” by Meg McGrath (Cornell University). These presentations, focused genetics of resistance to fungicides in fungal pathogens, complimented next day’s symposium presented by APS President Jan Leach (Colorado State University) on “Genomic Approaches to Understanding Durable Disease Resistance”, which discussed resistance to disease in hosts. Andy Wyenandt will coordinate next year’s symposium.

Extension: **Karen Plumley** (Cleary Chemical Corp.) presided over the Extension and Industry Meeting where 15 reports from 7 states and the Province of Quebec and 3 industry reports were presented. No separate reports were given for Extension or Industry.