



BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES - 2006

February 6, 2006

Wyndham Orlando Resort, Orlando, Florida

President Tim Brenneman called the meeting to order at 5:10 p.m.

Remarks from Ray Martyn, APS Vice President: Ray congratulated Tim Brenneman and the rest of the Southern Division leadership for organizing the conference. Ray was filling in for APS President, John Andrews, who was speaking at the Australian plant pathology meeting. Ray remarked that he attended his first Southern Division meeting 30 years ago as a graduate student.

He talked about some of the issues facing the APS Council. One issue was the effect of open access of the society's electronic publications on income. The highly-successful APS journals generate 60% of the society's income, take a smaller proportion in expenses, and so, generate a good profit. As university libraries subscribe to electronic versions of the journals, individuals are dropping their subscriptions, reducing income for the society. APS has a 24 month window to try out open access of electronic publications, but he points out that other societies and journals already have open access.

He went on to talk about other APS activities. APS is branching out into managing other scientific societies, for example, the Controlled Release Society. APS is also building alliances with other societies on common issues. He pointed out that Fungicide and Nematicide Tests and Biological and Cultural Tests has combined to give Plant Management Reports. He said that APS is considering bundling APS subscriptions with journals of other societies and providing value-added services such as a citation manager cross link.

There are additional APS Council activities. APS is organizing smaller, specialized meetings. Planning is already underway for the second soybean rust symposium, with Don Hershman as organizer. The Public Policy Board is proposing a National Plant Disease Laboratory

Minutes of 2005. The minutes of the previous Business Meeting (2005 Little Rock, Arkansas, Oklahoma) were distributed and unanimously approved (Tim Brenneman, motion; John Sherwood, 2nd).

Old Business: Mark Legendre, Secretary-Treasurer of SAAS, addressed concerns about notification that SD/APS had to give when it wanted to meet outside SAAS. He said that there was nothing in the SAAS bylaws about providing a set deadline for notification, but restated his desire for notification well in advance, since SAAS commits to room nights at conference hotels several years before the meetings. He said that the Tulsa meeting had low numbers, the Little Rock meeting had high numbers, and the original Orlando commitment of 1500 room nights was surpassed with 2200 room nights booked. The increase in numbers also reflects the agronomy society meeting with SAAS.

Tim Brenneman opened discussion about meeting outside SAAS in 2007, in Charleston, with Georgia and North Carolina plant pathologists in mid-March. Boyd

Padgett made a motion to meet in Mobile with SAAS in 2007 (G. Berggren, 2nd). There was a short discussion, initiated by Mike Benson, to compare the interactions between the Mobile and the Charleston meetings. The motion was voted on (18 in favor, 12 opposed) and the motion to meet with SAAS in 2007 passed. Mark Legendre made a pitch for meeting with SAAS in Dallas in 2008. After a short discussion, Karl Steddom made a motion to meet with SAAS in 2008 (B. Padgett, 2nd). The motion was voted on (28 in favor, 1 opposed) and the motion to meet with SAAS in 2008 passed.

Financial Report. The 2005 report was presented by Thomas Isakeit, Secretary-Treasurer. The beginning balance for January 1, 2004 was \$14, 850.87. The income of \$13,732.83 was offset by expenses of \$10,610.87, leaving a surplus of \$3,121.96. The ending balance for 2005 was 17,972.83. There was also a breakdown on the 2005 Little Rock meeting. Income from registration (4150), donations (3000), and abstract late fees (40) offset expenses from hotel catering, SAAS registration, 3 student paper awards, 3 student travel awards, the outstanding plant pathologist award, and costs for award plaques and frames, leaving a net of 29.33. The treasurer's report was accepted (John Sherwood motion, Mike Benson 2nd).

Membership Report. As of January 31, 2006, there were 641 members of the Southern Division. This represents an increase of 143. As pointed out earlier by Ray Martyn, this reflects recent APS membership renewal procedures that automatically charges for divisional membership. The treasurer's report was accepted without a formal motion.

Necrology Report. A moment of silence was observed in remembrance of SDAPS members who died during 2005. Five members passed away: William Allen Carey from Alabama, Joseph Sasser from North Carolina, William Epps from South Carolina, Albert Chambers from Tennessee, and Joseph Veech from Texas.

APS Councilor's Report. Gerald Holmes had no report. He mentioned that the mid-year council meeting was in three weeks.

Graduate Student Travel Awards. Vice-President Chris Clark announced the recipients of the awards: Avneet Brar (Alabama A&M University), Brooke Edmunds (North Carolina State University, Raleigh), Silvina Giammaria (University of Arkansas) and Samuel Njoroge (Clemson University). Each previously received a check for \$300.

Graduate Student Paper Competition. Past-President Mike Benson presented the awards. The first place winner (\$300 prize) was Silvina Giammaria (University of Arkansas) for the paper, "Effect of field resistance to the soybean cyst nematode on soybean sudden death syndrome development and yield components". The second place winner (\$200 prize) was Courtney Gallup (North Carolina State University) for the paper, "Occurrence of race 4 of *Phytophthora nicotianae* in tobacco" The third place winner (\$100 prize) was Samuel Njoroge (Clemson University) for the paper, "Single- and multiple-year effects of soil solarization on population density of soilborne microorganisms in South Carolina". The students were presented with certificates. Prize money was disbursed after the meeting.

Outstanding Plant Pathologist Award. Melvin Newman of the University of Tennessee, located in Jackson, was selected for this award. He was not present at the

meeting. Tony Keinath, chair of the awards committee, said that he would be presented with the award in Tennessee at the end of the following week. Steve Bost carried back the commemorative plaque and a check for \$400.

Vice-President Election Results. The election was delayed by the late selection of a slate. The deadline for voting is Feb. 24, 2006.

Additional Old Business: *APS accounting service.* There was no further discussion. *Web site update.* There were 5000 hits in 2005. Mike Benson agreed to continue to serve as webmaster.

New Business. There was no new business.

Resolutions. John Sherwood presented witty commentary of the meeting. (Details follow this report).

Introduction of Incoming President. Tim Brenneman forgot to bring the presidential gavel. He congratulated Craig Rothrock on his elevation to SDAPS President. Craig presented Tim with a commemorative plaque.

The meeting was adjourned by Craig Rothrock at 6:15 PM.

Submitted by Tom Isakeit, Secretary-Treasurer.