

Minutes of the North Central Division Meeting
American Phytopathological Society
25 June 1985
University of Missouri, Columbia

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 PM by President Om Sehgal. There were 62 members present. Charles Curtis was appointed parliamentarian.

The minutes of the previous meeting held on June 26, 1984, were read and were approved as read.

The treasurer's report for 1984-85 was read and approved as read. A reimbursement of \$27.64 to the previous treasurer (Jim Groth) was approved to compensate him for income tax paid on interest accrued by the North Central Division savings account.

Randy Rowe gave the North Central Division Councilor's report. The financial health of APS is generally good, and Phytopathology and Plant Disease are doing well. The acceptance rate for papers is about 74%. Feature articles for Plant Disease are in short supply and their submission is encouraged. APS Press has been organized under the direction of George Agrios and will function as a publishing house. Dr. Rowe reported the results of a survey of the NC Division members on their opinions of the format, locations, and timing of the annual APS meeting. The results indicated that most people don't want major changes in the national meetings. A proposal to eliminate at-large councilors was defeated. Dr. Rowe invited input from North Central Division members on any and all matters.

Dr. John Lockwood, APS President, was present and gave a short report. Page charges for Plant Disease feature articles have been waived. Council will consider further how to obtain more feature articles. Members should submit material for Phytopathology News to the new editor, Dr. Chuck Powell. Ray Tarleton and Ron Cameron (APS Treasurer) are preparing detailed budget information on national meetings and on the Society. The next five APS meetings will be in hotels. Annual meetings are becoming too large for most campuses to handle. APS is trying to build up a reserve fund of one-half of one year's budget. A resolution regarding APS policy on aid to developing countries will be presented and voted on at the Reno meeting.

President Sehgal announced the establishment of a distinguished service award, consisting of a certificate, that can be presented to selected recipients at future meetings. A committee will be established to screen nominees.

The Nominations Committee nominated Charles Curtis for vice president. Harry Hoitink was nominated from the floor. Charles Curtis was elected Vice President of the North Central Division of APS for 1986-87.

Dr. Sehgal introduced the new president for 1985-86, Dr. Stan Jensen from Nebraska. He invited all members to the N.C. meeting in Lincoln on June 16-18, 1986.

The North Central Division meetings in 1987 will be with the annual APS meeting in Cincinnati; NC Division will meet at Purdue in 1988 and at Kansas State in 1989.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 PM

Respectfully submitted,

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