

MINUTES OF THE NORTH CENTRAL DIVISION BUSINESS MEETING
AMERICAN PHYTOPATHOLOGICAL SOCIETY
Kansas State University, Manhattan, KS
June 20, 1989

The 1989 business meeting of the North Central Division (NCD) was called to order at 3:00 p.m. by President Bill Willis. There were approximately 100 members present.

Written copies of the minutes of the 1988 business meeting were provided to those attending, so it was moved, seconded, and approved that reading of the minutes be omitted. The treasurer's report was presented by Carol E. Windels and was accepted as written.

The necrology report was given at the evening banquet rather than the business meeting. A few moments of silence were taken to remember NCD colleagues who had died within the past year: Ibra L. Conners, Andrew R. Downie, George E. Hafstad, Thomas H. King, Eric G. Sharvelle, Donald P. Taylor, and Leon John Tyler.

APS President Don Mathre was unable to attend, so President-Elect Paul Williams spoke on APS activities. He indicated that the Society is undertaking a new era as a small, but elite publishing organization. The headquarters building is being expanded by 11,000 ft² through APS and the American Society of Cereal Chemists at a cost of about \$860,000. The building originally was designed to accommodate 40 people, but now houses 60! APS Foundation is helping with building fund financing. Dr. Williams explained that the upcoming annual APS meeting (Richmond, VA) would host three symposia, 16 discussion sessions, four colloquia, one forum, one teach-in and two workshops. Despite difficulties in scheduling multiple sessions, the program committee has tried their best to accommodate all requests. Electronic access to the annual meeting schedule is available (612-454-7661). *Molecular Plant-Microbe Interactions* was taken on as an experiment and is not yet recognized as a formal journal for APS. It may be a monthly journal by the end of 1989. The midyear meeting of Council handled an update of society fees, new fee structure for journals, and some routine constitutional amendments. The national 1990 APS meetings will be held jointly with the Canadian Phytopathological Society (CPS) at Grand Rapids, MI. Theme of the meeting will be on education to encourage future plant pathologists.

NCD Councilor Mel Lacy announced that Dr. G. de Zoeten is the new Chair of the Department of Plant Pathology and Botany at Michigan State University. He also invited everyone to attend the 1990 national APS/CPS meetings in Grand Rapids, MI at the Amway Grand Plaza Hotel.

Stan Jensen (Chair) reported for the Nominating and Future Meeting Sites Committee consisting of Don Huber and Charles Curtis. Nominee for Vice-President was Dr. Einar Palm, University of Missouri. The nomination was made, seconded, and unanimously approved. Dr. Jensen reported that according to a rotating schedule for hosting divisional meetings, North Dakota came up in 1992 and Illinois in 1993. It was agreed that representatives from both states could decide to stay on this schedule or to switch turns.

Abe Epstein, Chair of the Distinguished Service Award Committee, consisting of Al Ellingboe and Fred Schwenk proposed that the award be increased from \$100.00 to \$200.00. The motion was made, seconded, and unanimously approved. A discussion followed on whether nominations should be carried over from one year

to the next. It was agreed that an update should be provided for a previous nominee to be reconsidered.

Treasurer Windels requested reimbursement for \$38.45 (the taxes paid by her in 1988 on interest earned from the NCD-APS account), which was unanimously approved. Ray Tarleton indicated that APS headquarters handles accounts for some of the other divisions and could also do so for the NCD. Checks are issued only with authorization of the treasurer. The motion was made, seconded, and unanimously approved to transfer the NCD account to APS headquarters.

The motion was made to raise NCD annual dues from \$1.00 to \$2.00, effective in 1990, and was unanimously approved. Guidelines for the NCD will be updated to reflect this change and copies will be available for distribution to members at the 1990 annual meeting.

Roy D. Wilcoxson, representing the ISPP Book and Journal Committee, proposed that the NCD contribute funding to help send journals to underdeveloped countries. After discussion, the motion was not approved by the membership.

For a matter of record, first place in the oral paper presentations resulted in a tie: Adriana Tomas, Kansas State University for her presentation "Purification of a cultivar-specific toxin from Pyrenophora tritici-repentis, the causal agent of tan spot of wheat" coauthored with G.H. Feng, G.R. Reeck, W.W. Bockus, and J.E. Leach and Richard E. Wagner, University of Illinois for his presentation "Evaluation and analysis of rate-reducing resistance of soybeans to Phytophthora megasperma f. sp. glycinea" coauthored with S.G. Carmer and H.T. Wilkinson. First place in the poster competition went to Annie L. Wrobel, University of Nebraska for her poster "Further investigations of Pseudomonas gladioli pv. gladioli as the cause of scorch in rhizomatous iris" coauthored with J.E. Watkins and D.H. Steinegger. Second place in the poster session went to Charla Rae Armitage, Oklahoma State University for "Relationship between tiller maturity and reaction of wheat to WSBMV" coauthored with R.M. Hunger and J.L. Sherwood. Dr. Mel Lacy, Michigan State University, was honored with the NCD Distinguished Service Award.

Meeting adjourned at 3:56.

Respectfully submitted,

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North Central Division, APS

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