

MINUTES OF THE NORTH CENTRAL DIVISION BUSINESS MEETING  
AMERICAN PHYTOPATHOLOGICAL SOCIETY  
Grand Rapids, Michigan  
August 8, 1990

The 1990 business meeting of the North Central Division (NCD) was called to order at 9:30 AM by President Christine T. Stephens.

Written copies of the minutes of the 1989 business meeting were provided to those attending. An error in the minutes was noted, and the minutes were approved as corrected. The treasurer's report, presented by Carol E. Windels, was approved.

A few moments of silence were taken to remember NCD colleagues who had died within the past year. They included: Thor Aamodt, Clyde C. Allison, Harland R. Burmeister, Ronald R. Covey, Frank H. Kaufert, Norman Krog, Alfred W. Saettler, and Carl E. Seliskar.

Division Councilor Mel Lacy reported on council activities. He presented an update on progress on the new building. Based on a questionnaire, members are satisfied with the name and logo of APS. Several new items included: new typesetting equipment at APS headquarters is making it more efficient; establishment of an APS Graduate Student Committee (NCD has three representatives); Plant Disease is considering publication of extension articles; and APS council has approved a position drafted by Randy Rowe on the cancellation of fungicides and its consequences.

Peggy Thorson, a NCD representative on the APS Graduate Student Committee, reported that the committee will request a change in status from an ad hoc to a standing committee. Each department head will be asked to identify a graduate student contact.

Stanley Jensen, Chair of the Meeting Site Committee, reported that the 1991 NCD meetings again will meet jointly with APS, since the national meetings will be in St. Louis, MO. Illinois will host the NCD meetings in 1992 and North Dakota will host them in 1993. Richard Ford invited everyone to attend the NCD meetings at the University of Illinois in 1992.

Richard Ford, Chair of the nominating committee, nominated Sung M. Lim as Vice-President for 1991. The nomination was seconded, and unanimously approved. Nominations were made to fill two offices for 1990-1993; nominees for Secretary-Treasurer were Doug Jardine and Pat Lipps and for NCD Councilor were Steve Pueppke and Al Ellingboe. Einar Palm and Dave Wysong counted the written ballots and reported that Doug Jardine and Al Ellingboe were elected. Following acceptance of the report, a motion was made, seconded, and carried to destroy the ballots.

President Stephens authorized newly elected Secretary-Treasurer Jardine to reimburse former Secretary-Treasurer Windels \$26.40 for taxes paid on the NCD account in 1989.

Stanley Jensen, at the request of the Nomination Committee, reported on procedures used by other APS divisions in the nomination and election of officers. Each Division is unique in its approach. The NCD is the only one that follows a



regular rotation of meeting sites and always elects the president from the host state. To expedite discussion, Jensen moved to "Elect all officers of the Division, except the Vice-President, by mail ballot." In the discussion that followed, advantages included: greater participation in the nomination and election process, and better information about the candidates. Disadvantages mentioned included: candidates who are not regular attendees at NCD meetings, voting by disinterested voters, and that a new procedure would be an unnecessary exercise in formality. Don Huber questioned the constitutionality of the motion, since the constitution specifies election of officers at the annual meeting. Motion to refer the motion of the floor back to committee was seconded and carried.

Stanley Jensen reported that the APS Archives Committee, Chaired by Doug Jardine, was requesting each Division to name a Divisional Archivist and an official Divisional Archives Site. The motion was made, seconded, and carried for the President to appoint an Archivist for the NCD. The NCD Archives site will be named after selection of an Archivist. The advantages and disadvantages of being located at the Iowa State University library along with the national APS archives were discussed. The newly appointed Archivist will make a report at the next NCD business meeting.

Richard Ford reported for the APS Headquarters Building Committee and concluded the report with a motion to have the NCD contribute \$500 to the mortgage retirement fund, which was seconded. Fred Schwenk made a motion to contribute \$1000. The motion was accepted without a second by Ford and President Stephens as a friendly amendment. The motion (as modified) to contribute \$1000 carried.

John Hart reported on the NCD Student Award Committee. He noted two major difficulties: getting enough qualified judges and communicating with APS on names and eligibility of students entered in the NCD competition. First place winner in the oral presentation was J.S. Lehman, Purdue University, "Adaptation of Puccinia recondita to slow-rusting wheat cultivars due to artificial selection", coauthored with G.E. Shaner; second place winner was G.S. Gilbert, University of Wisconsin, "Bacterial communities in soil and on soybean roots, and effects of a biological control agent", coauthored with J. Handelsman and J.L. Parke. First place winner in the poster presentation was E.M. Bauske, University of Illinois & USDA-ARS, "ELISA microtiter plate uniformity study", coauthored with S.G. Carmer, A.D. Hewings, and F.L. Kolb; second place winner was D. Cook, University of Wisconsin, "Identification and characterization of a race 3-specific region from Pseudomonas solanacearum", coauthored with L. Sequeira.

Richard Ford, University of Illinois, received the NCD Distinguished Service Award.

Meeting adjourned at 10:50 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

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