

MINUTES OF THE NORTH CENTRAL DIVISION BUSINESS MEETING
AMERICAN PHYTOPATHOLOGICAL SOCIETY

Fargo, North Dakota

June 24, 1993

The meeting was called to order by President Berlin Nelson at 10:34 a.m.

President Nelson introduced Vice-president Jim Percich, University of Minnesota. Ralph Green was appointed Parliamentarian.

Written copies of the minutes of the 1992 business meeting were provided to those attending. Secretary-Treasurer Jardine asked for a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes since everyone had a copy. A motion was made by Wayne Pedersen, seconded by Ben Doupnik, and unanimously carried.

The Treasurer's Report was given by Secretary-Treasurer Jardine. The balance on hand as of 31 May 92 was \$2,884.17. Income for the year, consisting entirely of dues was \$958.00. Expenses for the year that included awards' honorariums, meeting startup money for the host department and newsletter expenses totalled \$1,170.56. The balance on hand as of 31 May 93 was \$2,671.61. A motion to approve the report was made by Jim Percich, seconded by Stan Jensen, and approved.

The Necrology report was then given by Secretary-Treasurer Jardine. Paul Rothman who had worked at the USDA-ARS Cereal Rust Laboratory, University of Minnesota passed away on 15 Nov 92. No other current or former division members were known to have passed away since the last meeting. A moment of silence was held to remember Paul and other previously deceased plant pathologists.

A written report from Councilor Ellingboe was distributed to those present.

Randy Rowe, President of APS was introduced by President Nelson. President Rowe thanked the North Dakota members for a good meeting and for their hospitality. He discussed several key issues of importance to members. He commented on the strategic planning currently under way. This is an ongoing process begun by President Agrios. Steve Pueppke, University of Missouri is the chair and the committee consists of both council and non-council members including President Rowe. A plan was submitted at the winter council meeting. It outlines key issues where effort should be placed. Council will develop a time line for implementation and other administrative details. The plan centers on three areas: 1) greater member involvement, 2) enhancing the image of plant pathologists, and 3) insuring the long term financial stability of the society. The plan will be updated yearly by council.

President Rowe also discussed an ethics statement under consideration. It is being developed by the Public Responsibilities Committee. It will be called "The Code of Professional Conduct." When it is completed, it will be voted upon by mail ballot.

On other issues, he noted that recent annual meetings have been well attended and have broken

A motion to elect was made and approved.

Nominations for secretary-treasurer and councilor were published in the newsletter. There were no nominations from the floor. A motion to close nominations was made and approved. Ballots were distributed. McMullen and Francl served as counters. Steve Ries (Illinois) was elected.

Announcement of the results of the mail ballot for councilor was made by President Nelson. Doug Jardine (Kansas State) will be the division councilor for the next three years.

Distinguished Service Award

Committee chair McMullen presented the list of nominees that included George Buchenau, Thor Kommedahl, Einar Palm, Randy Rowe and Richard Riedel. The award was presented to Thor Kommedahl (Minnesota).

Student Awards

Committee chair Jack Rasmussen announced the winners of this year's contest. First place went to Mamatha Mahadevappa of Iowa State University for her poster "High resolution mapping of the *MI-a* powdery mildew locus in barley," co-authored by R. DeScenzo and R.P. Wise. Second place went to Sarah Hinz of North Dakota State University for her poster "Characterization of *Xanthomonas maltophilia* isolated from environmental and clinical samples," co-authored by C. A. Wozniak.

President Nelson passed the gavel to Jim Percich. New President Percich thanked the North Dakota faculty, students and staff for a good meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 11:47 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Douglas J. Jardine
Secretary-Treasurer
North Central Division - APS