



**July 22, 2020**

**2020 North Central APS Division Business Meeting (virtual)**

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{In attendance: (22 members) Ashok Chanda, Loren Giesler, Darcy Telenko, Daren Mueller, Santiago Mideros, Linda Hanson, Kira Bowen, Guixia Hao, Tara Watkins, Leo Rocha, Hans Schmitz, Thomas Mitchell, Deanna Funnell-Harris, Charlie Block, Lindsey McKenzie, Rashelle Matthiesen, Jim Bradeen, Veronica Roman-Reyna, Susan Cohen, Febina Mathew, Mirian Falgueira Pimentel, Veronica Roman-Reyna}

**A. Call to order.**

The 2020 North Central Division of APS business meeting was called to order by the Division President Loren Giesler (University of Nebraska-Lincoln) at 2:01 PM CST on July 22, 2020.

**B. Approval of minutes from 2019 APS-NCD meeting.**

Minutes of the 2019 North Central Division APS business meeting were distributed prior to the meeting by email (APS-NCD Listserv). There were no corrections to the minutes, and thus, the minutes were approved as submitted to the APS-NCD members {Loren Giesler (University of Nebraska-Lincoln) proposed the secretary’s report be approved, Daren Mueller (Iowa State University, Ames, IA) moved the motion to approve and Ashok Chanda (University of Minnesota, Twin Cities, MN) seconded}.

The treasurer’s report was shared with the attendees via zoom {Loren Giesler proposed the treasurer’s report be approved, Jim Bradeen (University of Minnesota, Twin Cities, MN) moved the motion to approve and Thomas Mitchell (The Ohio State University, Wooster, OH) seconded}. There were no corrections to the report, and thus, the report was approved as submitted to the APS-NCD members.

**C. Review of items.**

Loren Geisler talked about updating the APS-NCD constitution, which includes editing the information on the role of the officers, and the meetings going virtual during unprecedented times. Also, Loren suggested that including a vice-president into the APS-NCD committee will be helpful to assist the current office-bearers and to lead the committee organizing the Division meeting the following year.

Loren presented the 2019-2020 Division Forum report to the attendees. Highlights – (1) The total number of APS-NCD members for the fiscal year 2019-2020 is 471; (2) discussed the plans of the other APS division to conduct meetings (virtual or face-to-face) in 2021.

#### **D. Updates from the APS Council.**

Kira Bowen (2020 APS Council; Auburn University, Auburn, AL) provided an overview on APS initiatives – (1) Emerging and re-emerging plant pathogens initiative; (2) PMN is now called “Grow”. The contents from former PMN will be maintained; (3) This is the international year of plant health (Mary Palm is taking the lead); APS started podcast (Plantopia) series for common citizens (nine are available); special undergraduate seminars; public outreach; congressional briefings; (4) APS is examining journals in the context of open access; (5) APS has launched *Phytofrontiers* (broad in scope and interdisciplinary); (6) the Council is promoting a diverse and inclusive APS; only available for members; (7) expanded member engagement (mid-career faculty members, use social media for sharing plant health story); (8) free membership to undergraduate students; graduate students have access to professional development centers; (9) working with international plant pathology societies; (10) APS Foundation is committed to fund-raising (double their endowments); (11) enhance experience with APS using technologies (e.g. building an online platform for disease compendia with the help of APS Press); (12) APS mobile app for meeting agenda and member directory; (13) building resources for distance education; (14) recently introduced pathogen spotlight; (15) take action tool through APS Public policy board to contact congressmen; (16) 2020 APS annual meeting is virtual (the meeting will be in Denver, CO in 2023); (17) APS community connection (under the meetings tab in [www.apsnet.org](http://www.apsnet.org)); (18) APS is seeking new ideas (feedback form is available on the APS website).

#### **E. Old business:**

Loren Giesler proposed the 2021 APS-NCD meeting be hosted by University of Nebraska-Lincoln from June 15 to 17, 2021. {Loren Giesler proposed the 2021 meeting be organized by University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Darcy Telenko (Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN) moved the motion to approve and Santiago Mideros (University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, IL) seconded}. *Motion passed.*

Loren Giesler proposed introducing (possibly six) post-doctoral researcher awards (affiliated to USDA-ARS, industry, university) for future meetings. Ashok Chanda and Thomas Mitchell supported the idea. Deanna Funnell-Harris (USDA-ARS, Lincoln, NE) inquired if the early-career awards, currently awarded by APS-NCD, can be used for nominating post-doctoral research associates. Ashok Chanda suggested that the Southern Division may have the selection criteria in place for the post-doctoral researcher awards and the awards should possibly include research associates/lab managers. *Action: Discussion will be continued in a future meeting.*

Loren Giesler proposed that for undergraduate students, registration would be decided by the host institution for future meetings. *Action: Discussion will be continued in a future meeting.*

#### **F. New business:**

Proposed locations for future meetings:

- Iowa State University for 2021/2022 (Daren Mueller)
- University of Minnesota for 2022/2023 (Jim Bradeen)

Election for Secretary- Treasurer Position:

- Febina Mathew (South Dakota State University, Brookings, SD) expressed interest to continue as the Secretary-Treasurer. Loren Giesler asked for other nominations and there were none. Loren Giesler moved the motion for Febina Mathew to continue as the Secretary-Treasurer from 2020 to 2024 and asked attendees to vote. All attendees voted in favor and Linda Hansen (USDA-ARS, East Lansing, MI) seconded the motion}. *Motion passed.*

#### **G. Vote of thanks and Meeting Adjourn:**

All attendees thanked Loren Giesler for hosting an excellent meeting. Special thanks were given to Anne Dorrance (The Ohio State University, Wooster, OH) for service as the 2019 APS-NCD President, and to Ashok Chanda for service as the APS Divisional Forum Rep.

Many thanks were given to the APS staff (Cindy Scheller, Megan Boatman, Ruth Rosseau, and Kathy Guderjahn) for their help in organizing the meeting and preparing treasurer report.

Thomas Mitchell motioned to adjourn the meeting, and Linda Hansen seconded the motion. *Motion passed.* The meeting was adjourned.

Minutes prepared by:

Febina Mathew (South Dakota State University, Brookings, SD),  
Secretary/Treasurer, APS-NCD

APS-North Central Division (Treasurer's report for FY2021)

BEGINNING BALANCE 07/01/2021

\$30,613.39

**INCOME:**

**Total Dues** \$ 3,116.00

**Annual Meeting and Other Income:**

Meeting Registration \$ 2,200.00

Corteva sponsorship \$ 2,400.00

Growmark Inc sponsorship \$ 100.00

Winfield United Innovation sponsorship \$ 500.00

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**Total Annual Meeting and Other Income** \$ 5,200.00

**Total TIAA-CREF Interest** \$ 487.40

**Total TIAA-CREF Unrealized Gain/(Loss)** \$ 6,246.70

**Total TIAA-CREF Unrealized Gain/(Loss)** \$ 98.54

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**TOTAL INCOME** \$ 15,148.64

**EXPENSES:**

TIAA-CREF Mgmt Fees \$ 90.55

APS Staff Time - meeting mgmt services \$ 75.00

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**Total Expenses** \$ 165.55

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**Balance as of 05/31/2021** \$45,596.48

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**Secretary-Treasurer**

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