



June 16, 2021, 1:00 - 2:00 PM CDT
2021 North Central APS Division Business Meeting (virtual)

{In attendance: (26 members) Daren Mueller, Febina Mathew, Kaityln Bissonnette, Samuel Markell, Jack Rasmussen, Doug Jardine, Loren Geisler, Andrew Friskop, Gregory Dahl, Deanna Funnell-Harris, George Sundin, Lindsey du Toit, Tamra Jackson-Ziems, Steven Harris, Ashish Ranjan, Ashok Chanda, Katie Hamal, Sue Cohen, Nolan Anderson, Sarah Sivits, Mercedes Diaz Arias, Abraham Hangamaisho, Amy Timmerman, Leslie Holland, Rashelle Matthiesen, Melissa Bartels}

A. Call to order.

The 2021 North Central Division of APS business meeting was called to order by the Division President Daren Mueller (Iowa State University) at 1:01 PM CST on June 16, 2021.

B. Approval of minutes from 2020 APS-NCD meeting.

Minutes of the 2021 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.

The treasurer's report was shared with the attendees via zoom {Loren Giesler proposed the treasurer's report be approved; Kaityln Bissonnette (University of Missouri) moved the motion to approve. There were no corrections to the report, and thus, the report was approved as submitted to the APS-NCD members.

C. Review of items.

Teaching presentations at the 2021 APS-NCD meeting: Daren Mueller and Loren Geisler (University of Nebraska-Lincoln) talked about sharing the teaching resources presented at the 2021 APS-NCD meeting with the APS community. Kaitlyn and Steven Harris (Iowa State University) seconded the idea. Katie Hamel (APS staff) proposed to get permission from the speakers to have their presentation and about checking with APS on putting these resources up on the APS website. Loren moved the motion that these resources be made available to APS members, and Kaitlyn seconded. All members voted in favor, and motion passed.

APS-NCD awards description: Daren proposed that the description for early career and distinguished awards be revised, and this can be taken up by the executive committee members. In addition, there was no mention on how the award committee is formed. Loren proposed that changes to the award description will be made by the executive committee members and the award committee will be informed to select winners of the Distinguished award and early career awards based on the new criteria. Kaitlyn seconded the idea. All members approved, and the proposed changes will be circulated to the APS-NCD members (via mailing list) 30 days prior to the business meeting in 2022.

Nominations and committee for APS-NCD awards: Daren proposed to create an official awards committee to recruit seek award nominations as well as to revisit the criteria for different awards and give more clarity to the awards. Lindsey du Toit (2021 APS Council, Washington State University) suggested that the APS policy says to retain the nomination package for 3 years, so possibly we can revisit the nominations already submitted and ask the nominators to update it accordingly. Loren proposed to have an awards committee consisting of four members– immediate past president, (members needs to be within the Division and 50% or greater appointment teaching, research, extension, industry, administration, and possibly a former awardee), and members of the organizing institution. For the meeting in Nebraska, the APS-NCD executive committee will decide the awards committee. Kaitlyn seconded the idea. All members voted in favor.

New APS-NCD awards proposed: Loren proposed mid-career awards for the APS-NCD. Steven asked the possibility for a separate teaching award. Loren and Doug Jardine (Kansas State University) suggested that award nominees can excel in research, teaching and extension, when nominated under early career or other awards. *Action: Discussion will be continued in a future meeting.*

D. Updates from the APS Council.

Lindsey du Toit (2021 APS Council) provided an overview on APS initiatives – (1) Online community using Higher Logic (launching in June); (2) Podcast Plantopia; (3) Grow; (4) APS is examining journals in the context of open access (MPMI); (5) APS has launched Phytointeriors (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) 2021 APS annual meeting is virtual (the meeting will be in Pittsburg, PA in 2022); (17) APS community connection (under the meetings tab in www.apsnet.org); (18) APS is seeking new ideas (feedback form is available on the APS website).

E. Old business:

Loren Giesler proposed the 2022 APS-NCD meeting be hosted by University of Nebraska-Lincoln from June 15 to 17, 2022 (Dates tentative). *Motion passed.*

Loren Giesler proposed introducing (possibly six) post-doctoral researcher awards (affiliated to USDA-ARS, industry, university) for future meetings. 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 APS-Southern Division may have the selection criteria in place for the post-doctoral researcher awards (i.e., different from the early career 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:

- University of Minnesota for 2022/2023 (Jim Bradeen?)

G. Vote of thanks and Meeting Adjourn:

Thanks to Winfield United for sponsoring. Thanks to the awards committee – Nick Peterson, Leonor Leandro, Rodrigo Borba Onofre, Sarah Peterson, Bob Harveson, Doug Jardine, and Amanda Gevens. Also, a big shout out to the APS staff – Katie Hamel and Emma Nygren for their help in organizing the meeting.

All attendees thanked Daren Mueller and Iowa State University personnel for hosting an excellent meeting. Special thanks to Loren Geisler for service as the APS Divisional Forum Rep. Many thanks were given to the APS staff (Cindy Scheller, Megan Boatman, Ruth Rosseau, Katie Hamel, Emma Nygren, Kathy Guderjahn) for their help.

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

Minutes prepared by:

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FY2022

BEGINNING BALANCE 07/01/2021

\$49,788.24

INCOME:

Dues:

July 2021	\$ 220.00
August 2021	\$ 145.00
September 2021	\$ 85.00
October 2021	\$ 155.00
November 2021	\$ 320.00
December 2021	\$ 315.00
January 2022	\$ 360.00
February 2022	\$ 190.00
March 2022	\$ 510.00
April 2022	\$ 485.00
May 2022	\$ 295.00
June 2022 - Through 6/13/2022	\$ 125.00
Total Dues	\$ 3,205.00

Annual Meeting and Other Income:

Corteva sponsorship	\$ 2,400.00
Registration income - Through 6/13/2022	\$ 19,745.00

Total Annual Meeting and Other Income	\$ 22,145.00
TIAA-CREF Interest:	
July 2021	\$ 37.14
August 2021	\$ 37.04
September 2021	\$ 80.91
October 2021	\$ 32.07
November 2021	\$ 28.47
December 2021	\$ 438.84
January 2022	\$ 25.99
February 2022	\$ 30.39
March 2022	\$ 28.39
April 2022	\$ 75.52
May 2022	\$ 61.06
June 2022	
Total TIAA-CREF Interest	\$ 875.82
TIAA-CREF UNREALIZED GAIN/(LOSS)	
July 2021	\$ 388.09
August 2021	\$ 390.79
September 2021	\$ (1,576.24)
October 2021	\$ -
November 2021	\$ (886.81)
December 2021	\$ (71.77)
January 2022	\$ (2,127.64)
February 2022	\$ (973.12)
March 2022	\$ (356.75)

April 2022	\$ (3,332.34)
May 2022	\$ 184.70
June 2022	
Total TIAA-CREF Unrealized Gain/(Loss)	\$ (8,361.09)

TIAA-CREF REALIZED GAIN/(LOSS)

July 2021	\$ -
August 2021	\$ 263.65
September 2021	\$ 83.71
October 2021	\$ 1,313.63
November 2021	\$ -
December 2021	\$ 769.66
January 2022	\$ -
February 2022	\$ 124.32
March 2022	\$ 275.81
April 2022	\$ -
May 2022	
June 2022	
Total TIAA-CREF Unrealized Gain/(Loss)	\$ 2,830.78

TOTAL INCOME

\$ 20,695.51

EXPENSES:

TIAA-CREF Mgmt Fees	\$ 142.26
APS Staff Time - meeting mgmt services	\$ 2,685.00
2021 Student Oral comp - 1st p-Austin Lien	\$ 250.00

2021 Student Oral Comp - 3rd p-Janice Fajardo	\$ 100.00
2021 Distinguished service award-Jack Rasmussen	\$ 500.00
2021 Student poster comp=1st p-Asha Mane	\$ 250.00
2021 Student Poster Comp - 3rd-Ruchikia Kashyap	\$ 100.00
2021 Student Oral Comp - 3rd p-Annika Peterson	\$ 100.00
2021 Student Poster award-3rd-Ashley Stengel	\$ 100.00
2021 Student oral competition-Ashley Stengel	\$ 150.00
2021 Student Poster Comp - 2nd-Ana Martinez	\$ 150.00
2022 Student travel award - Austin Lien	\$ 1,000.00

Total Expenses

\$ 5,527.26

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Balance as of 06/13/2022

\$64,956.49

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