

**North Central APS Division Meeting  
Minneapolis Convention Center, Minneapolis, MN  
July 30, 2008**

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM by Dr. Charla Hollingsworth, current NC-APS Division President. (57 Students and Faculty were in attendance)

Charla thanked everyone for attending the meeting and introduced the current officers for the division. The 2007 division meeting minutes were distributed for review. A motion was made to approve the minutes by A. Dorrance, and the motion was seconded by D. Jardine. The minutes were approved unanimously. No edits were recommended.

**Report from APS President-elect, Dr. Jim Moyer**

Jim Moyer gave an address to the division. Several initiatives were discussed that have been formed on how we relate to other societies and what international interactions our society can have. Our goal is to benefit all with this interaction. Several positive responses from China and serious inquiries from Japan and Indonesia have occurred. APS is looking to develop linkages with these and other groups.

Auxiliary Meetings: APS will do this primarily as a service to its members for 50 to 300 size groups with focus meeting needs. The Soybean Rust meetings are an example of this type of activity. APS would like to use this type of activity to generate revenue.

Education Initiative: Interest expressed from USDA and NSF with this initiative with items that are transferable to other agricultural disciplines and the general biological sciences. A small organizational workshop will come this year. This involves recruiting into our discipline.

APS Structure Changes: Website being redone. Over 90,000 pages of content on this site. The site has been active for 15 years. Should be completed by the end of 2009. Development of workshops for leadership training is another item that is being developed.

Major initiative to evaluate how APS conducts business. Headed up by Mike Boehm. Task force will evaluate the organizational structure and how decisions are made. There is an attempt to make council more strategic in their activities. Financially, APS is in good health. The predicted decline in journal revenue as a result to open access is not occurring. R. Rowe has done an outstanding job of organizing the APS financial reports. PMN has done well and in 2007 came within \$5,000 of breaking even. Several other societies have signed on with this venue. M. Draper asked if ESA was interested in joining the PMN group, but nothing has developed in this area.

## **Treasurer's Report**

Loren Giesler presented the treasurers report in hard copy. D. Jardine moved we accept the report and A. Dorrance seconded to motion. The report was approved unanimously.

## **Report from North Central Division Councilor, Dr. Ray Hammerschmidt**

Most items were covered by Jim Moyer. Ray encouraged individuals with concerns about APS operation to contact M. Boehm as leader of the task force.

Ray Hammerschmidt indicated the strength of our division. Our division meetings are always well attended and our division is doing well with strong membership. Please let the leadership of the division know if you have any ideas for improvements.

Ray reviewed the meetings for APS for the next two years. He also reviewed the election of a new councilor and introduced Cindy Sheller. The Division Councilor election is occurring at this time. Candidates are Charla Hollingsworth (Univ. of Minnesota) and George Sundin (Michigan State).

## **Travel Awards**

Ray H. announced the travel awards and called each student to the front of the room to receive their award. The following 10 students received travel awards in 2008: John Hernandez Nopsa and Tania Toruno (University of Nebraska-Lincoln), Sawsan Elateek, Kirk Broders, and Annemarie Nagle (The Ohio State University), Carlos Rodriguez-Brljevich and Lu Liu (Iowa State University), Susilo Poromarto (North Dakota State University), and Luisa Cruz, Adam Sparks, and Martha C. Giraldo (Kansas State University).

Poster awards: 59 posters were in competition for the awards. Eight judges from the division served as poster judges. C. Hollingsworth announced the award winners for the poster. Two first, two second and two third place winners were as follows: First Place - Alicia Owens, Iowa State University and Jessica Koczan, Michigan State University; Second Place -Javier Delgado, North Dakota State University and Zhihan Xu, Iowa State University; and Third Place - Yu Chen, University of Wisconsin-Madison and Adam Sparks, Kansas State University.

## **Necrology Report for the Division**

The following was reported deceased:

Kansas State University – Bill Willis

A moment of silence in remembrance of those deceased was taken.

## **Election of New Officers and 2008 Meeting Host**

Members were encouraged to vote in the councilor election which is occurring at this time.

L. Giesler will serve another term as secretary/treasurer as no one else was nominated or volunteered and he really enjoys this role.

President Elect - Forest Nutter updated the group on the coming 2009 meeting to be hosted at Iowa State University (June 21-June 23). Meetings on Monday and Tuesday. Dinner at Riemann Gardens on the 21<sup>st</sup>. Pre or Post conference workshop suggestions are being solicited at this time.

The 2010 meeting will be hosted by SDSU as they are hosting the regional wheat group in or near Rapid City. The group liked this idea. Dept. Head Sue Blodgett will be contacted to confirm that this is an acceptable proposal. The president elect will be L. Osborne – pending SDSU head confirmation and approval. A. Tenuta announced that CPS meets in Winnipeg in 2009 and 2010 in Halifax. The earliest would be 2011 for the group to have a joint meeting with CPS.

A motion was made by F. Nutter to hold the meeting in SD as above and seconded by D. Jardine – motion passed unanimously.

June 24-26, 2010 – Wisconsin is holding a centennial celebration which could interfere.

### **Distinguished Service Award:**

R. Hammerschmidt announced the award winner this year. Dr. Jim Steadman – was announced as this year's award winner. Ray gave a profile of Jim for the group and Jim came forward to receive the award.

Meeting adjourned at 11:05

Respectfully submitted,

Loren J. Giesler  
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