

North Central APS Division Business Meeting
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Deanna Funnell-Harris, North Central Division President, Presiding

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 AM by Dr. Deanna Funnell-Harris, current NC-APS Division President. (Present were Ray Hammerschmidt, George Sundin, Jim Steadman, Carl Bradley, Kiersten Weise, Connie Sturnk, Doug Jardine, Sam Markell, Martin Chilvers, Marsha McMullen, Deanna Funnell-Harris, Loren Giesler, John Shearwood, Berlin Nelson, David Wright, James Stack, Albert Tenuta, Lawrence Osborne)

Deanna thanked everyone for attending the meeting and introduced the current officers for the division. Doug Jardine moved to approve and B. Nelson seconded. The agenda was distributed and the agenda was approved unanimously.

The 2010 division meeting minutes were distributed for review. A motion was made to approve the minutes as presented by M. McMullen and D. Jardine seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

Loren Giesler presented the treasurers report in hard copy. B. Nelson moved we accept the report and J. Steadman seconded to motion. The report was approved unanimously.

Report from North Central Division Councilor, George Sundin

George reported that our division has a very strong membership currently and historically. His full report is attached to these minutes.

George highlighted the change for Divisional governance. The divisional forum is designed to maintain the strength of the divisions. Implementation is the next step. Need to identify an ad-hoc educational committee. The idea is to invite more undergraduates from local schools at divisional meetings. Needs to be connected with some local contact and we need to identify some volunteers. Contact George with names and ideas. Jim Stack volunteered to will work with Anne Dorrance on this.

A full hard copy report was distributed to the group.

D. Jardine moved to approve the report and seconded by A. Tenuta – approved unanimously.

Constitutional Changes Vote:

George presented the changes being proposed to the constitution. Changes were posted on line more than one month ago. Motion to approve the change was moved by J. Steadman and seconded by D. Jardine. Motion passed unanimously and amendment to the constitution was approved.

Student Awards:

George reported on the student awards that were given. Travel awards were discussed - this year we gave out 15 travel awards this year. Canada was contacted and no nominations were made for at-large awards.

APS Presidential Report – Dr. John Shearwood

Dr. Shearwood presented an update on the health of our professional society. Everything seems to be working smoothly with the change in structure. Membership is around 5,000. Council changes include a change of internal communication office, treasurer will be S. Slack. Results of other elections were presented.

Additional committee changes were presented with specific personnel composition being discussed. Surveys continue to be a key component of keeping our members engaged in the structure for annual meetings and other products provided for members.

Office of octopraneurship and Innovation was created to improve our income strings for the society. Some of our main income has historically been through Journals. With continued pressure on library budgets and the push for open access this may significantly change in the future. This will help to supplement our income stream from traditional venues. Most of our profit in journals is from library subscriptions.

Office of Education has been established. S. Gold is the first chair of the office. The goal of this office is to help coordinate and strategize for the next level in education of Plant Pathology.

Nationally, federal budget cuts continue to be an issue that we are working with to help maintain support for agricultural funding. The Public Policy Board works to help in this area.

John asked the group if they had any questions. Berlin asked if foreign membership is growing and John responded that it has but been around 30% over the past several years.

Discussion about engaging department heads in the society occurred. Attendance at J. Stack asked about subscribing libraries and if most are from U.S. John responded that the case is most are U.S. institutions.

Deanna thanked John for attending the meeting and making a presentation.

Necrology Report for the Division

The following was reported deceased:
No one was identified as deceased this year.

Election of New Officers and 2012 Meeting Host

President Nominations: D. Jardine nominated Anne Dorrance and seconded by Jim Steadman. Anne was unanimously voted into the position.

Vice President Nominations: R. Hammershimd nominated Jim Stack and seconded by M. McMullen. Nominations were closed and the nomination was approved unanimously.

Secretary/Treasurer: G. Sundin nominated Carl Bradley, seconded by M. McMullen. Carl was unanimously voted for the position.

Divisional Forum Rep: George outlined the process. J. Steadman nominated Tamra Jackson and D. Jardine seconded the nomination. George proposed we have an electronic ballot with a write-in spot. George will contact Cindy at APS and set up the voting process for this position that should be voted for this appointment.

New Business:

Anne Dorrance brought up the idea of adding Canadian provides to the NC APS division. Anne also brought up the idea of not linking our division meeting with the annual society meeting as more and more conference centers are able to do our meeting in the NC Region. Our current constitution states we have the division meeting with the annual meeting if it is in the division. There is a need for a constitutional change to address this and allow for us to meet on our own to maintain a strong division.

Doug Jarding and B. Nelson will serve on a committee with the new divisional forum representative to

Anne Dorrance moved that we recognize the University of Nebraska for being an excellent host and seconded by D. Jardine. The attendees broke out into unanimous applause.

Also recognized for their service were George Sundin, Deana Funnell-Harris and Loren Giesler.

Anne Dorrance invited everyone to The Ohio State University to attend the divisional meeting on the same week in June in 2012. They are planning some trial tours around the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 9:40

Respectfully submitted,

Loren J. Giesler
Secretary/Treasurer – NC APS Division
University of Nebraska-Lincoln