

Minutes

Crop Science Society of America
Division C6 Forage and Grazinglands Business Meeting
2013 ASA-CSSA-SSSA Annual Meeting
Tampa, FL
Wednesday, 6 November 2013

Meeting was called to order at 11:15 by C6 Chair Ben Tracy approximately 50 members attending.

1) Ben Tracy, C-6 chair, introduced C6 officers:

Twain Butler, Chair Elect

Mike Casler, Past Chair

Yoanna Newman, Board Representative

Incoming Chair-elect, Marisol Berti

2) Motion was made by Jamie Foster and seconded by Dennis Hancock to approve minutes from 2012 C6 Business Meeting. Motion passed.

3) CSSA update: Certificate of Appreciation: Jeff Volenec provided update to group. Ben Tracy was recognized for his leadership in CSSA as C6 Division Chair.

4) C6 Program update:

Ben Tracy gave an overview of C6 program. This year the section had two Forage tours, six Symposium talks, 13 volunteered oral presentations, and 43 posters.

Mike Casler gave an overview of the Barnes Graduate Student Competition where 13 students participated. Importance and popularity of this event was recognized.

Dow Agrosiences funding for the Forage Roundtable was acknowledged.

Yoanna Newman solicited ideas for future planning meeting (satellite conferences, CSSA certificates, division webpages, and candidates for division chairs).

Bisoondat Macoon and Jamie Foster were nominated to serve as the 2016 C6 Chair

Yoana Newman announced GLCI meeting in Orlando and passed out flyer.

Ben Tracy discussed CSSA new strategic plan.

Ken Quesenberry commented there is a need to keep web page refreshed and up to date.

5) Publication Update:

Bisoondat Macoon reported 707 submissions in 2013 compared to 710 submission in 2012 and Impact factor dropped from 1.6 to 1.5; Of total submission, 37% were accepted so far but this number would go up after current manuscript in the que were processed.

Bisoondat also commented that symposium papers were to be submitted to Crop Sci to be published.

Charlie Brummer commented HQ was pushing for more books to be published by tri-societies. Brummer referenced the written update in the agenda for everyone to read:

Digital Library: The Digital Library has generated more than \$330K in both member and nonmember subscriptions. More than 1,800 Society members now subscribe. For 2013, there have been 2+ million journal article downloads, and 155,000+ book/chapter downloads. For 2014, staff signed a 3-year, \$650K agreement (\$217K/year) with a consortium of universities in Mexico. Similar large deals are currently being negotiated with China, Brazil, Australia, Turkey and the UK. **Page Charges:** Beginning in January 2013, there was an average increase of 20% in journal submissions with more than 30% of that increase coming from outside of the U.S. The savings from not having to print has somewhat offset the loss of revenue from removing page charges - plus many papers are longer than 7-8 pages and thus incur some page charges. **Digital Magazine:** *Crops & Soils* is now also available in a digital version that allows for embedded videos, more interactivity, and a better reading experience. There are free apps available in the iTunes, Google, and Amazon stores. **Journal Table of Contents:** There is now a monthly email Table of Contents sent to journal subscribers with links to articles. **Books:** The books program has been revitalized, doubling the number of books to be published in 2013/2014. The Books program is looking to publish publications in all areas of soil science, appealing to audiences from K-12 through graduate studies, practical/CCAs, and other channels. Contact the ACS Book Publishing Committee for info.

Daren Redfearn announced Forage and Grazinglands would be transitioning from Plant Management Network to tri-society effective Jan 1, 2014. Specific Comments: New journal will continue, audience needs to be broader and more defined, there were plans to iron out all the details.

Redfearn also commented that there is a greater need to reviewers to either accept or decline the offer to review the manuscripts and not just “do nothing” in order to help speed the process up.

Matt Sanderson announced the publication of CEAP book edited by Jerry Nelson and that hard copies and electronic version of the book was available. Matt also passed out flyers with information on how to obtain this book.

6) CSSA membership Update (from agenda): CSSA membership is 5,892 as of September 30. This is an increase from the end of 2012. We finished 2012 at 5,817 – a difference of +75. Although Active members are down by 33, the good news is that graduate student members are up by 188 (topping the gain of 181 at this time last year). CSSA also has 39 Corporate Members, a gain of 5 from the end of 2012.

7) CSSA Budget Summary (from agenda): Projected revenue in 2014 is \$2,057,672; actual revenue for 2012, the last year for which figures are finalized, was \$2,141,261. Projected expenses in 2014 are \$2,119,129 (which includes indirect costs); actual expenses in 2012 were \$2,213,924. Projected loss in 2014 is \$(61,456); actual loss in 2012 was \$(72,663). The Digital Library started in 2013. *Crop Science* is a major source of revenue with an expected net income from it of \$367,408 in 2014. This compares with \$312,705 in net income from *Crop Science* in 2012. *The Plant Genome* is projected to have a net income of \$5,857 in 2014. The *Journal of Plant Registration* continues its net loss, with a projected net loss of \$32,928 in 2014. Books are a net loss, too, with a projected loss of \$74,026 in 2014. However, ACSESS has made a major investment in ramping up book publishing operations, in line with the directive from the ACSESS Board of Directors to become a “world-class” book publisher by the end of 2014. ACSESS is looking for high-quality books to add to its list. Books should become an important source of revenue in the future. Two other main sources of revenue are registration fees for the meetings and dues. They remain fairly constant. Registration fees are projected to bring in \$369,000 in 2014, compared to actual registration fees of \$354,454 in 2012. Dues are projected to bring in \$215,500 in 2014, compared to actual dues of \$216,579 in 2012. Expenses remain fairly constant, except for printing and paper expenses which have decreased from an actual amount of \$153,375 in 2012 to a projected amount of \$76,000 in 2014. This is due to hard copies of the journals no longer being printed. All three societies (ASA, CSSA, and SSSA) have projected losses for 2014. The projected losses for 2014 are \$(260,197) for ASA; \$(61,456) for CSSA; and \$(231,796) for SSSA. Income from investments is expected cover these losses which was the case in 2012. The three Societies are sound financially with total assets of \$17,466,099 as of December 31, 2012.

8) CSSA elections/Nominations report:

The two nominees for C6 Chair Elect – Bisoondat Macoon and Jamie Foster were nominated. Motion was made to approve nominations and Motion passed.

9) New Business:

Twain Butler solicited ideas for the C6 Symposium in 2014 (Long Beach). There were no specific suggestions, so Twain made a suggestion: Challenges of grazing systems research with specific topics such “lessons learned”, “wheres the data”, and “what next” to be covered by experience grazing researchers. Yoanna Newman and Jamie Foster volunteered to assist Twain in developing the 2014 symposium in Long Beach, CA.

Edzard van Santen offered to host the statistics workshop that was cancelled this year workshop in Long Beach (and noted that workshop was cancelled in Tampa due to minimum number (25) not being met.

Forage Tour was discussed: Suggestions included US Salinity Lab, alfalfa production fields, and large dairy operations. Due to long distance and time limitations, it was suggested that there may not be a Forage Tour in Long Beach.

Jennifer MacAdam commented that Biofuel (new Agronomy division) greatly reduced the number of Forage presentations and posters.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Twain Butler

C6 Chair-Elect

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