

Division C-1/C-8 Business Meeting November 7, 2007 New Orleans, LA

The meeting was called to order at 11:00 AM by **Kim Garland Campbell**, Division C-1 Chair, and **William Tracy**, Division C-9 Chair.,

Henry Shands gave a report as CSSA President. Everyone needs to be very mindful of keeping membership up-to-date. Authors must be a member in CSSA to publish in *Crop Science*. 2008 membership dues are \$85 for CSSA and each additional society affiliation (ASA and SSSA) is \$10 each. All three societies now function separately with IRC 501(c)3 status with support services administered by ACSESS. There is an additional cost for this ACSESS administrative service which is charged out to each society. The benefit of ACSESS is greater effectiveness and efficiency of Society functions. A Board governs ACSESS where the Chair, Vice-Chair and Secretary Treasurer are comprised of the Presidents of CSSA, ASA, and SSSA. The positions on the Board rotate among the societies.

CSSA has experienced some growth in membership. Portfolio investments (Smith - Barney) were shifted into exchange traded funds (ETF) which broadens the market opportunities. This could save about \$15,000 per year over existing Smith-Barney charges. CSSA is looking for a member to serve as chair on the Budget & Finance committee.

Craig Roberts, Crop Science Editor in Chief, reported that CSSA participates in publishing 12 journals. Fifteen books are being worked on at the present. The main three journals are *Crop Science*, *Plant Genome* and *the Journal of Plant Registrations*. As of July 2007, *Plant Genome* is an open-access e-journal with its own ISBN number. The goal is to attract quality content in the field.

The average cost of a submission to *Plant Genome* is about \$1500. Authors pay only page charges. The publication goal for *Plant Genome* is 40 papers for the next two years, 60 in year 3. The journal is now getting 20 papers per year. Applications are being accepted for Editor of *Plant Genome*. The financial success of this journal is critical to all CSSA members, whether in this area of research or not.

Jeffrey Pederson Editor of *Journal of Plant Registrations* gave a report. Two issues have been published so far this year, and the 3rd is forthcoming by end of 2007. Change is in content, contingent on guidelines and associate editors. Many submissions have not been prepared into the new format, which requires new data. In terms of paper rejection, the Journal editors have been encouraging re-submittal and offering assistance to meet the new guidelines. 125 articles have been published so far. Authors are cautioned to be careful of non-supported claims in the registration articles. Appropriate statistics should be given to support claims for release and registration. Germplasm articles will generally be shorter than those for cultivars but claims should still be statistically valid. geographic origin likely will not cut it any more as only reason for release.

Tommy Carter stated that the example highlighted in the first issue (Haley et al., 2007) was a bit intimidating when distributed. Some other examples that are being used now are shorter in length and more diverse.

Jeffrey Pedersen reported that Claims of uniqueness or utility need to be supported. The new guidelines went into effect on March 29, 2007 and will be enforced on papers submitted after that date. The Journal of Plant Registrations is still distributed with Crop Science and covered by subscription to Crop Science. This is the position of the CSSA Board. Submissions to *Journal of Plant Registration* are cyclical and, at this point, it is hard to track trends. Roughly, submissions are remaining about the same at about 150 per year.

A Motion was made by **Lee Somer**, with a second by **Mike Casler** to encourage and endorse a resolution to the CSSA Board to continue publishing crop registrations because of their critical importance to the field of crop science. The motion passed unanimously. This motion will be communicated at the board meeting later this week.

Brent Godshalk, Editor, reported on *Crop Science*.

There is a 37% acceptance rate at the present. This is a lower than normal, likely to drift to mid-40s. Should this be a concern? It is not really a problem the journal can address. Crop Science now has 6 C1/C8 tech editors and 25 associate editors. A goal to increase readership is to recruit more review/interpretation articles. The manuscript tracking system, Manuscript Central, now issues a monthly report and highlights overdue manuscripts in the system. An Advisory Team has been formed that meets quarterly. Publishing of tribute articles (2-3) is anticipated.

Climate Change and Genetic Resources is a forthcoming book mentioned by **Henry Shands**, who stated that people willing to write on germplasm, the impact of biotechnology and other topics associated with climate change are needed.

Paul Murphy C-1 Board rep gave a report.

He gave an update on Golden Opportunity Scholar Institute which was launched last year. It is a professional development program for undergrads and supported through ASF. Fifteen students participated in 2006 and 15 in 2007. It has proven to be a really good program. Donations to ASF can be designated for this program. Based on the success of the last two years, interest has been expressed by ASA and SSSA in participating. The new Board Representative for C-1 is Corley Holbrook.

Ken Quisenberry C-8 outgoing Board Rep gave a report. The CSSA Board has been very active and has monthly conference calls.

Tommy Carter is the new C-8 Board Rep for next year. The Board will be more proactive. Get concerns to Tommy about getting more involved on committees.

Ken Quisenberry (CSSA President Elect and Program Chair for the 2008 CSSA meeting) reported on planning next years meeting in Houston, Oct 5-9, 2008. Look for over-arching themes which match up with the Geological Society of America (GSA) which will meet jointly in Houston. The early October date means deadlines will be tight for all programs, especially symposiums. Suggestions for symposium titles due December 4, 2007.

Kim Garland Cambell C-1 Division Chair gave the Program Chair Report. For C1, 143 papers were presented at this meeting. 99 posters, 43 oral For C1/C7 symposiums, C-1 was lead on 1 and co-sponsor of 2 with C7. Program scheduling for 2007 was restricted by black-out times for society functions.

Bill Tracy C-8 gave the Program Chair Report . For C-8 there were 31 C-8 posters and 17 C-8 oral presentations for a total of 48 papers. There was one C-8 Symposium, Attendance wasn't great due to scheduling. Blackout times were really a problem for scheduling. **Mike Casler** coordinated C-8 *Crop Science* paper competition. The C-8 past chair will likely lead the C-8 paper competition.

Divisions C-1 and C-8 are seeking symposium topics for next year. Theme is "International Year of the Planet". Encourage symposiums to link or put on same day as theme.

C-1/C-7/C-8 Chairs communicate a lot. Fewer block-outs are proposed for next year.

David Baltensperger- Publications Committee report. The committee is soliciting authors to write a book. Broad media types are being supported, such as children's books and text books, also traditional monographs. Animation can be facilitated. Thirteen books are in process to be published; many are soils books. C-1 and C-8 topics are needed especially covering bioenergy and forages.

Terry Coffelt- Book review editor for *Crop Science*. He is looking for book review submissions. A simple format is required and reviewers get a free copy of the book. Terry has a list that can be distributed for interested reviewers.

Roy Cantrell (C-1 division chair elect) reported on the C-1 Grad Student Poster Competition Winners

Division C-1 sponsored a Graduate Student Poster competition at the recent Annual Meetings in New Orleans. There were 38 student posters entered in the 2-day competition. Each poster was judged based on title, clarity, graphics, organization and content, and subject knowledge. There were many excellent high quality posters. Each reflected very positively on their respective research, advisor, and university. The poster winners and monetary reward are listed below. Congratulations to the winners and all participants.

1st Place \$500 Award-

QTL analysis color and carotenoid content in yellow endosperm sorghums: A putative food source of provitamin A and other beneficial nutrients. **Maria G. Salas***, Martha Hamblin, Li Li, William Rooney, Mitchell R. Tuinstra, and Stephen Kresovich. Cornell University.

2nd Place \$350 Award-

Two cycles of recurrent selection for pyramiding Common Bacterial Blight resistance in common bean. **Robert Duncan***, Shree Singh, and Robert L. Gilbertson. UC Davis.

3rd Place \$150 Award-

Genetic dissection of rice flowering time QTL and epistatic interaction of candidate gene loci. **Luis Maas*** and Susan McCouch. Cornell University.

Meeting adjourned at 12:30pm.

Minutes submitted by C-1 Chair-Elect Roy Cantrell.