

Minutes

C-08 Business Meeting

Wednesday October 19, 11:15 – 12:00 p.m.

Henry Gonzalez Convention Center, Room 214A, Concourse Level
San Antonio, Texas

1. Call to Order: Meeting was called to order by Candice Gardner, C8 Chair, at 11:15
2. Comments from Maria Gallo, President CSSA
 - a. Recognition of Candy Gardner as C8 Chair
 - b. Symposia related to Grand Challenges are encouraged
3. Approval of minutes, 2011 business meeting
4. Introduction of Division Officers:
 - a. Chair-elect, Candice Gardner
 - b. Past Chair, Silvia Cianzio
 - c. Incoming Chair-elect, Raymond Porter. Solicited ideas for symposia:
 - i. One joint proposal centered around genotyping of collections.
 - ii. Another was suggested at the Meyer award presentation: establishing long-term *in situ* sites at the centers of genetic diversity where continued co-evolution of wild and cultivated accessions could occur, providing opportunity for genetic combinations to arise in response to changing environments.
5. C-08 Board Representative, David Baltensperger
 - a. Grand Challenges are out there, and are revisited every three years; next in 2012
 - b. Board is financially sound
 - c. C8 needs chair-elect nominees
 - d. (speaking as Policy Chair) ACS joint policy statement on Crop Adaptation to Global Climate Change has been published. Breeders now have the challenge to respond to the issue. Other policy issues that may be tackled
 - i. Biodiversity and genetic resources
 - ii. Crops for nutrition and health
 - iii. Large-scale collaborative research—how to do big science
 - iv. Others
6. Reports from CSSA journals and Books Committee, Charles Brummer
 - a. Journal of Plant Registrations- Kim Garland-Cambell, Editor
 - i. 98% acceptance rate. Usually when manuscripts are sent back, they work with the authors
 - ii. Impact factor 0.56
 - iii. 90 papers published last year.
 - iv. New Associate Editors have been suggested.
 - v. Wheat gets the most registrations. Other small grains AEs are helping out. AEs will be grouped in other areas as well.
 - vi. New types of articles: review articles (older germplasm that has not been adequately documented via registration); and collections of purified germplasm or special collections, for which their use can subsequently be cited. Could perhaps use mapping populations as a model for the format. It

was suggested that these new kinds be announced in a page (Notes) in JPR.

- b. Crop Science- Shawn Kaeppler, Editor
 - i. about 50% acceptance rate, average turn-around time 40 days for first acceptance, 70 days to final acceptance
 - ii. Impact factor is above 2. Ideas for review articles are being solicited.
 - iii. New Director of Publications is digitizing publications to increase exposure.
 - iv. Symposium proceedings can be published or compiled in book form. As for which is preferred when, target audience plays a role.
7. Program Chair Reports
 - a. Activities in 2011, 2012: new things tried include Sunday sessions. These need to be better publicized with separate notices and not "buried" in the other announcements.
8. Nominations for C-08 Incoming Division Chair elect: the following were asked and accepted. No other nominations from the floor.
 - a. Melanie Harrison-Dunn, USDA-ARS, Griffin, GA
 - b. Gabriela Romano, USDA-ARS, Parlier, CA
9. Nominations for CSSA Incoming President-elect
 - a. David Baltensperger was nominated (also nominated in C1)
10. Nominations for CSSA Board Representative
 - a. None required as David Baltensperger's term has not expired
11. Additional items from the floor and announcements
 - a. Concern was expressed about scheduling symposia for C1, C7, C8 that overlap. Maria Gallo responded that the logistics of preventing this are difficult. Scheduling joint symposia that are longer is one solution, communication between division chairs is also key. Note/email from division chairs to the program chair will help as well.
 - b. C4 (Seed Physiology, Production, & Technology) wants a joint session with C8
 - c. Tom Carter proposed a resolution that C1, C7, and C8 symposia not be scheduled to conflict with each other. Seconded by Claire Coyne. Motion passed and will be carried to the board rep to the board meeting.
 - d. Awards for best C8 papers for 2010 haven't been voted on yet. Will be done by Nov. 2.
 - e. There is no program that is specifically targeted to the graduate students like the one for undergraduates. Financial support could help encourage this. Golden Opportunities Scholars-like program was suggested. Travel grants. Society has some financial reserves.
 - i. Resolution proposed by Gary Muehlbauer that C8 request use of CSSA funds for travel grants for grad students. Resolution was passed unanimously.
 - f. Web page needs to be kept current with minutes, pictures, news, etc.
12. Adjourned at 12:10.

Respectfully submitted by Raymie Porter