

Minutes of the CSSA C-09 Division 2014 Business Meeting

The 2014 Business Meeting of Div. C09 Biomedical, Health-Beneficial and Nutritionally Enhanced Plants was held on Tuesday, November 4, 2014 during the ASA, CSSA, & SSSA International Annual Meeting in Long Beach, California.

Brian Waters, 2014 Division Chair, presided.

Shawn Kaeppler, Editor of Crop Science, provided an update on the journal, including various metrics. In addition,

- The use of publications and reviews to help define the quality and focus of the C-9 division was encouraged.
- Paul Scott will be the next Technical Editor for C-09 related submissions.

Shannon Pinson, CSSA Board Representative for C-09:

- Introduced the other 2015 Division officers, including Brian Waters, who will become Past Chair; Lee Tarpley, 2015 Chair; and Jason Gillman, 2015 Chair-Elect.
- Next, an overview of items coming from the Board was provided.
- A reminder that we needed nominations for the next chair-elect was provided.
- Of special interest, a doubling of C-09 Division membership over the last year was noted. This was followed by some discussion (and excitement) about the basis of the large increase.
- The overall theme for the 2015 meeting is "Synergy in Science: Partnering for Solutions".
- Mike Grusak, an active C-09 member, is 2015 CSSA Program Chair (& CSSA President-Elect); Mark Brick, an active C-09 member, will be the CSSA Program Planning Officer 2015 -2017, a 3-yr position.
- The Jan/Feb 2015 issue of CSA News will have a feature story on C-09 related research.

Mike Grusak encouraged those who enjoyed the Division activities at the meetings to consider becoming members of the C-09 Division.

Shannon Pinson encouraged attendance at the CSSA breakfast held annually at the meetings . . . inexpensive and a great way to meet graduate students.

Brian Waters called for nominations for Chair-Elect (this would be for 2016)

- Brian Waters nominated Mary Guttieri, who accepted
- Brian Waters nominated Adam Heuberger, who accepted
- The division voted to accept these two nominations

Next, Brian Waters opened the floor to discussion of symposium ideas:

- Shannon Pinson noted that 2015 is the Year of Soils, thus a topic on agronomic biofortification, and/or effects of soil microbes, could be timely

- Mary Guttieri reminded us that Minneapolis, the location of the 2015 meeting, is also home of General Mills, which stimulated discussion on possible topics including industry perspectives, but also aspects such as “how to get nutritional benefits on label”, use of USDA’s database, how to commercialize (biofortified) products, what are industry’s “wants”?

Lee Tarpley encouraged members to provide material for the Division webpage. With the large increase in membership, the time seems right to promote the Division. Discussion included the possibility of using the webpage as a mode of communication among Division members.

The 2015 Division symposia and sessions were broadly considered to be highly successful.

On behalf of the C-09 Division, Shannon Pinson thanked Brian Waters for his service as 2015 Division Chair.

Shannon Pinson moved to adjourn the meeting. Lee Tarpley seconded.