

1999 Business Meeting Minutes

CO2 Business Meeting

Tuesday, 2 November 1999

Salt Lake City, UT

Convened at 4:45 p.m. in Room 150B, Salt Place Convention Center

Chaired by Dr. Mark Westgate

30 Members present

1. Dr. Westgate opened the meeting. Welcomed everyone. Introduced Division officers and presented minutes of last year's meetings for approval.
2. Dr. Westgate reported on the CSSA Board meeting on Monday 1 November 1999 and brought forward items to be acted upon by C-2 members as follows:
 1. The CSSA Board approved new Publication Fees for Crop Science to offset project revenue losses. The Fees, \$200 per full manuscript and \$100 per germplasm registration for members and \$300 per full manuscript and \$200 per germplasm registration for non-members, will be instituted on 1 January 2000. The CSSA Board requested that each Division ratify this change in Crop Science policy. Dr. Don Vietor moved to ratify this change, and Dr. Dan Knievel seconded the motion. Ensuing discussion centered on Crop Science's inability to attract advertising comparable to Agronomy Journal to help offset production costs. It was the opinion of many present that C-2 Division officers inform the CSSA Board and Crop Science Staff of members interest in seeing more aggressive actions to increase advertising revenue for Crop Science. Question was called. Motion Passed by voice vote.
 2. Crop Science Editorial Board requested a change from the use two colors to four colors on the cover of Crop Science. The proposed change would enable Crop Science Staff to better match color pictures used on the front cover with the Journal's color scheme. The change would increase production costs about \$750 per issue, but would also allow for full color advertising on the rear cover and it is hoped that additional advertising revenue would be generated to cover the additional cost. Dr. Sara Lingle moved to allow Crop Science to use a four-color scheme on the Journal's cover. Dr. Thijs Tollenaar seconded the motion. Motion passed by voice vote.
 3. Announced the new name for Division C-6—Forage and Grazinglands.
 4. With the change in the name of Division C-6 grain and crop quality papers and scientists do not have a formal division home in CSSA. Dr. Vietor moved to recommend to the CSSA Executive Committee that Division C-2 be designated the home for crop/grain quality and that this could be accommodated by the

change of C-2 from Crop Physiology and Metabolism to Crop Physiology, Metabolism, and Quality. Dr. Tollenaar seconded the motion. Drs. Volenec and Wilhelm voiced sympathy and concern for the treatment of Crop and Grain Quality scientists and papers in CSSA, but did not think that C-2 Division was the appropriate home. Others voice similar concerns. Question was called and motion failed on voice vote. Dr. Volenec moved that we request the CSSA Board find a satisfactory home in CSSA for Crop and Grain Quality scientists and papers by the end of 2000. Dr. Wilhelm seconded. Motion carried by voice vote.

5. Informed members that Divisions C-1, and C-7 requested to add the Registration of 'Mapping Populations' in Crop Science. The CSSA Board would be considering this at the next meeting. There was no discussion related to impending Board action.
 6. The American Society of Agronomy has requested the creation of a new Division (A-9) to accommodate farm advisors and technical consultants. The Division would be installed on a 2-year provisional basis, if approved by the Tri-societies. It was suggested name of the Division was "Agricultural Advising," but many thought this name conflicted with academic advising and ASA Board was open to suggestions. Dr. Vietor moved that we support creation of a new Division, A-9, "Agricultural Advising," if approved by the ASA Board. Dr. Bennett seconded the motion. Motion carried by voice vote.
1. In other business Dr. Westgate presented the following:
 1. The "Technical Editors' report. He said he had made good progress in publishing the papers presented in the 1998 Symposium, "Limitations to Crop Yield," as a CSSA Special Publication. However, CSSA was losing money on Special Publication and the CSSA Executive Committee and Crop Science Editor would be strictly enforcing CSSA Policy regarding future CSSA Special Publications. Future publications must be deemed profitable and published in a timely manner.
 2. Requested members present to give suggested symposium topics for 2000 to Dr. Thijs Tollenaar.
 3. Requested members to think about C-2 Division's Stars of the Millennium. ASA President-elect, Vern Cardwell wishes to identify and honor the "Stars" who propelled our science the past century at the 2000 Tri-Society Meetings in Minneapolis. Please give your names of persons or discoveries to Dr. Tom Gerik.
 4. Poster format. Informed the members that there was some confusion regarding poster size. Several posters at the meeting were not properly sized. The half-size poster area available for C-2 posters is not 48 x 48 inches, but is 44 x 44 inches. This was communicated in correspondence with authors prior to the meeting, but problems still arose.
 5. CSSA membership initiative. The CSSA Executive Committee planned a Town Hall meeting on Tuesday Evening at 7:00 p.m. in Ballroom B of the Salt Palace

Convention Center. The purpose of the meeting is to inform CSSA members about the serious decline in membership and to generate ideas that could reverse the situation.

6. Agronomic Science Foundation. Encouraged all to participate by contributing to the Agronomic Science Foundation.
7. Announced that he was seeking input to nominations for C-2 Division Chair elect and encouraged members to volunteer for CSSA committees.

Dr. Westgate announced that he concluded his duties as Chair of Division C-2. Dr. Gerik thanked Dr. Westgate for all his work for C-2 the past two years and called for a round of applause. The meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Thomas J. Gerik

CSSA Division Chair, C-2 1999-2000