

2008 Division C02 Business Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, 7 October 2008

Convened at 1:35 PM in Room 372F, George R. Brown Convention Center, Houston, TX

Dr. Diane Rowland presiding

Dr. Rowland opened the meeting by welcoming everybody. The minutes from last year's business meeting were presented. A motion to accept the minutes was made, seconded and passed.

Dr. Tom Gerik, Division C02 Representative to the Board of Directors, reported on restructuring of dues that would encourage membership in multiple societies. The base annual rate of \$90 would remain, but the dues for two or three society memberships would be discounted by \$35 and \$50, respectively. The Tri-societies were expected to end 2008 with an \$85,000 surplus.

Dr. Gerik reported that the Tri-societies Headquarters will move to a new management entity called Access with three executives. Headquarters would lead and oversee operations in Madison. This structure would allow Headquarters to develop programs rather than to manage the Tri-societies. Each society will be charged proportionally for its services. Some concern was raised that the new management structure might cause more competition among societies as well as among divisions within societies.

The incoming Division C02 President, Dr. Ken Quesenberry, recognized the services of Dr. Rowland as the 2008 Division C02 Chair.

Dr. Rowland reported that there were seven posters and seven oral presentations in the 2008 graduate student presentation competition. The joint Division C02 and C04 sessions for graduate student presentations were discussed, and it was decided to keep this collaboration at least for now. The need for a Division C02 poster and a mission statement was mentioned.

Dr. Rowland introduced Dr. Bjorn Martin, incoming Division C02 Chair, and Dr. Jim Heitholt, Division C02 Chair Elect. The incoming C2 representative to the CSSA board is Dr. Randy Wells.

Dr. Rowland thanked Dr. Martin for his work with the inaugural Martin and Ruth Massengale lectureship award. The award provides \$1,500 per year for an invited speaker. The inaugural speaker, Dr. Richard Richards, CSIRO, Australia, was invited by Division C02, but the invitation will rotate to Division C04 and C06 at the next two annual meetings.

Dr. Rowland brought back an idea from an ecophysiology meeting in Australia of a CSSA-organized small meeting specifically on crop physiology that would encourage graduate student participation. How often such meetings might be held, and the possible conflict with the main Trisocieties meeting and with the regional CSSA meetings were discussed. A committee was formed to explore a separate meeting on crop physiology.

Dr. Heitholt reported on suggestions received from Division C02 members for symposia and session topics for the 2009 annual meeting.

Dr. Sarah Lingle told that she can no more publish her work in Crop Science because of the high cost. Dr. Gheric responded that about 70% of CSSA's revenues come from society journals and that the goal for the journals is just to break even.

Dr. Bill Wiebold thanked Dr. Gherik for having served on the Budget and Finance Committee.

Dr. Giovanni Piccinni raised the issue of the decline in Division C04 papers published in Crop Science. Dr. Gherik felt this is an issue for Division C04, and that discontinuing the division would result in loss of one person on the Board of Directors. It was proposed to leave joint Division C02 and C04 activities the way they currently are.

Dr. Rowland adjourned the business meeting.