

**MINUTES**  
**Crop Science Society of America**  
**Division C-6 Forage and Grazinglands Business Meeting**  
**2010 ASA-CSSA-SSSA Annual Meeting**  
**Long Beach, CA**  
**Tuesday, November 2, 2010**

The meeting was called to order at 4:15 pm by C-6 Chair Dr. Mark Sulc with approximately 40 members present.

Agenda Items:

- 1) Officers were introduced: Dr. Mark Sulc, chair, Dr. Chris Teutsch, incoming-chair, Dr. Mike Casler, chair-elect, and Dr. Geoff Brink, past-chair.
- 2) Motion was made to approve the Minutes from the 2009 C-6 Business Meeting by Dr. Chuck West and seconded by Dr. Dan Undersander. The motion passed.
- 3) CSSA Update, Ken Quesenberry, CSSA Past President
  - a) Presented Mark Sulc with a certificate of appreciation for serving as 2010 Chair of C-6.
  - b) Encouraged members to submit session topics to incoming chair
  - c) Reported that membership is up by 240 to a total of 4923 and that student members were up by 263. Noted that membership has gone to a yearly basis.
  - d) Stated that Crop Science is fiscally sound and on budget. CSSA will end year in black.
  - e) Updated division on acquisition of new building for ASA-CSSA-SSSA head quarters in Madison, WI. Stated that purchase was a very good deal due to current state of housing market.
  - f) Stressed to members of C-6 that the society does not make any money from membership dues. Most revenues are generated from annual meeting and publications. He stressed the importance of alternative revenue sources and challenged members to develop new "out of the box" publications like "Dig It".
- 4) Publications Report
  - a) Crop Science
    - i) Dr. Charlie Brummer, CSSA Editor-in-Chief, reported that books are a major source of revenue for the societies.
    - ii) He told members that Dr. Shawn Kaeppler, CSSA Editor, would be assuming the role of editor for Crop Science in 2012.

- iii) He reported that the impact factor is up and is currently 1.73. Discussion on impact factor ensued.
  - iv) Dr. Brummer encouraged members to publish in society journals.
  - v) C-6 submitted 45 manuscripts last year and 40 so far this year.
  - vi) Rejection rate is about one-third.
  - vii) Dr. Jennifer Macadam commented that new search feature for Crop Science is not good. Dr. Mark Sulc said that the website for Crop Science is awful. Dr. Geoff Brink said that the old website was much better.
- b) Forage and Grazinglands:
- i) Dr. Daren Redfearn, Editor, reported that article submissions were up slightly with 32 articles submitted since January 1.
  - ii) Days to first decision was 43 with an acceptance rate of 45%.
  - iii) Dr. Redfearn asked that potential reviewers respond to review requests promptly, whether it is positive or negative.
- 5) C-6 Board Representative Report
- a) Dan Undersander reported that gross intake was \$2 million and expenses were \$1.9 million, resulting in CSSA being in the black.
  - b) He also noted that the “six grand challenges” can be found on Crop Science webpage (<https://www.crops.org/files/cssa-grand-challenge-layout-7-2011-updated.pdf>).
  - c) He also stated that a Science Policy Committee had been formed to bring important issues such as work at the plant-animal interface to the forefront.
  - d) A strategic plan has been developed and is available on the website (<https://www.crops.org/files/about-society/cssa-10-strategic-plan.pdf>).
  - e) Dr. Undersander also discussed the candidates for the 2011 election.
- 6) 2010 C-6 Program Report
- a) Dr. Mark Sulc delivered the program report. The C-6 division had 76 abstracts, down 10 from the previous year.
  - b) Forty two oral papers and 34 posters were given.
  - c) The statistics workshop was completely filled.
  - d) Dr. Sulc thanked his predecessor for his hard work and guidance.
- 7) Robert F. Barnes Graduate Student Competition Report
- a) Dr. Geoff Brink delivered the Robert F. Barnes Graduate Student Competition report. He stated that the 12 presentations given were of exceptional quality. The top five papers were scored very closely with a spread of only 1.5 points. The top ten papers had a spread of only 3 points.
  - b) The judging and scoring process was discussed.
  - c) It was then stated that the contest was an excellent way to allow graduate students to interact with our division.

- d) Dr. Brink stated that the contest was to be run by the past C-6 chairperson.
  - e) Mark Sulc suggested that we get high quality photos of award winners next year.
- 8) The Ruth and Martin Massengale Lectureship Report
- a) Established by Martin and Ruth Massengale to support a distinguished scientist who has made significant contributions to new and innovative research in crop physiology and metabolism, turfgrass science, or forage and grazinglands.
  - b) The lectureship rotates between crop science divisions C-2, C-5, and C-6. Every third year, C-6 is responsible for selecting the recipient.
  - c) The selection committee is made up of incoming chairperson from the above listed divisions.
  - d) This year the distinguished lecturer was selected from the C-6 division and was Dr. Joe Bouton from the Noble Foundation.
- 9) Nomination Committee Report
- a) The nomination committee, made up current, past, and past past C-6 chairpersons, announced that Yoana Newman and Ben Tracy would be running for the C-6 Chair-Elect position.
- 10) Symposium Report
- a) Dr. Mark Sulc reported that the 2010 C-6 symposium focusing on the impact of a grass based animal diet on the nutritional value of animal products was a huge success. He thanked persons that had served on the planning committee.
- 11) Dr. Bisoondat Macoon discussed the set up of the Agronomy Journal review process, Technical Editor to Associate Editor to Reviewer.
- 12) C-6 Website Update
- a) Dr. Jamie Foster gave an update on the C-6 website.
  - b) Minutes, Barnes Contest winners, symposia, Forage and Grazinglands link, and links to webpages of interest will be added the webpage.
  - c) She would also like to add a description of the Barnes Graduate Student Contest.
  - d) She asked that links of interest and pictures for the website be sent to her for consideration.
  - e) Dr. Sulc, thanked Dr. Foster for her work on the webpage.
- 13) 2011 C-6 Symposia
- a) Ideas were solicited by Dr. Chris Teutsch, incoming C-6 Chairperson.
  - b) Suggestions included biomass production, organic pasture management, and grazing management with an emphasis on impacts on the environment and ecosystem services.

c) Funding sources for high quality symposia were discussed.

14) Forage Systems Tour

a) The possibility of having a Forage Systems Tour at the 2011 Annual Meeting to be held in San Antonio was discussed. The King Ranch was suggested as a possible destination. The consensus was to move forward with the tour.

15) Biomass Discussion

- a) The fact that biomass is currently being handled by A-10 rather than C-6 was discussed.
- b) There was some interest in “recapturing” and reincorporating biomass back into C-6, but no consensus was reached.

16) The meeting was adjourned at 4:15 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by,

Chris D. Teutsch, C-6 Chair-Elect