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Crop Science Society of America
Division C6 Forage and Grazinglands
Business Meeting
2011 ASA-CSSA-SSSA Annual Meeting
San Antonio, Texas
Wednesday 19 November 2011

The meeting was called to order at 9:10am by C6 Chair Chris Teutsch with approximately 60 members present.

1. Officers were introduced by Chris Teutsch:

Michael Casler, Chair-Elect

Chris Teutsch, Chair

R. Mark Sulc, Past-Chair

Dan Undersander, Board Representative

2. Motion was made by Dan Undersander, seconded by Lynn Sollenberger, to approve the minutes from the 2010 C6 Business Meeting. The motion passed.

3. CSSA update, Jeff Volenec, CSSA President-Elect.

a. Transition of the tri-societies to Access...

b. Chris Teutsch was recognized for his leadership and service to CSSA as C6 Division Chair.

4. Journal updates

a. Crop Science, Shawn Kaeppler. The journal is very healthy with submissions holding strong and impact factor continuing to rise. Crop Science is still one of the major CSSA income sources.

b. Forage & Grazinglands, Daren Redfearn. The journal has continued to grow with 42 submissions since 1 January, up 10 from this time the previous year.

c. Agronomy Journal, Bill Anderson. The journal, as well as all other society publications, going back through the entire history, will be archived on the web for member access, using search engines. The journal is seeking an author to write one or a series of review/interpretation papers to help members with statistical data analysis, particularly with regard to interactions between factors.

5. C6 2011 Program.

a. Chris Teutsch reported that the Forage Tour was highly successful, very educational, and valuable for the tour attendees.

b. The division had 64 total papers, down 12 from 2010 and down 22 from 2009. There was a lengthy discussion about our program and the possible reasons for the decline in number of papers and how we might reverse this decline in numbers.

c. Do we want to try to draw members and authors back from the Bioenergy Systems community with ASA? Similarly, the Animal Agriculture community within ASA may be having a similar effect.

d. The division's symposium was very successful, with good speakers and a strong audience.

6. Report from C6 Board Rep, Dan Undersander.

- a. CSSA currently has ~5300 members, down slightly due to loss of undergrad members.
- b. Project revenue is ~\$2.4M for 2011. CSSA contributes about \$280,000 to the Access management team. CSSA is projecting a slight surplus for 2011. Biggest single increase in CSSA budget for 2011 was the operation of the science policy group.
- c. CSSA currently has ~1.7M in investments and the investment managers have been very successful in maintaining significant income levels.
- d. Dan made a strong pitch for members to contribute to the Agronomic Science Foundation, which has 48 different funds from which people can choose. We are asking people to contribute to specific funds that are of specific interest to them, rather than making general contributions to ASF. Dan asked us to think of ASF as simply the manager of funds to accomplish a series of goals, many of which are near and dear to us.

7. Report on the Robert F. Barnes Graduate Student Competition, Mark Sulc, Past-Chair.

Twelve presentations were made and there were sufficient funds to present awards to the top five presentations. Seven volunteers judged the presentations (Vanessa Corriher, Scott Flynn, Kun-Jun Han, James Houx, Maria Labreveux, Joe Moyer, and Ben Tracy). The top five presentations were separated by 3.5 points on a scale of 50 total points. Contest winners were: Miguel Castillo, University of Florida (First Place); Rachael Ohde, Iowa State University (Second Place); David Price, University of Wisconsin (Third Place); Jeffrey Fedenko, University of Florida (Fourth Place); and Renata Nave, Ohio State University (Fifth Place).

8. Report on the C6 website, Jamie Foster. Significant improvements and additions were made to the division website since the last year. Ken Quesenberry graded the division websites and C6 received a grade of A- (many of the other divisions had grades of D and F).

- a. There was a question about posting publications of members, but this is not possible at this time.
- b. Can we make the division websites more prominent on the CSSA webpage?
- c. The website can be used as a place to announce any new publications, position announcements, technology, etc. Interested members should contact Jamie Foster, Texas A&M University, jlfoster@ag.tamu.edu.

9. Nominations Report, Chris Teutsch.

- a. C6 Division Chair: Dennis Hancock (Georgia) & Twain Butler (Noble)
- b. C6 Board Rep: Jamie Foster (TAMU) & Yoana Newman (Florida)

10. Program Proposals for 2012 Annual Meeting, Michael Casler

Dan Undersander took notes on symposium ideas while Michael Casler led a discussion of possible topics.

- Alternative methods of doing grazing research - statistical options
- Special Statistical Analysis – special systems workshop

- Biomass species
- Statistical methods
- Nutrient Cycling in grassland ecosystems
- Management of soil for C & N capture
- Plant materials for alternative uses
- Contemporary trends in Forages - Biomass fuels, Organic grass fed beef, Exotic animals on pasture, Bioremediation
- Joint symposia with Organic management systems – focus on forages
- Water impacts of dairy forage systems
- Generally want more than replicated studies in symposia, want to have educational component (K-14, college, extension)
- Larry Redman produced a tool on forage used for ASA, should be revised and redistributed

There was some support for restricting volunteered oral papers to young scientists (students, post-docs, asst profs). Some objections were also raised, suggesting that this decision should not be made lightly.

There was a strong positive response to the tour. The membership are interested in continuing this activity.

There was strong interest and support for another statistical workshop that might include some systems analyses, landscape-scale analyses, and spatial analyses.

11. Other Business

a. Leonard Lauriault informed people that joining the regional societies is very simple and inexpensive for CSSA members. It can be done as part of the normal annual membership registration

b. How can we get young members, especially students, more involved in the society? Previous participants of the graduate student competitions can volunteer to serve as judges in subsequent years. Can graduate students be more involved in developing workshops and tours? C6 can become more involved in the Golden Scholar Program by members acting as mentors. Can we establish a fund to support graduate students' participation in division activities, such as workshops, tours, and travel grants?

12. The meeting was adjourned at 10:25am.

Respectfully submitted,
 Michael D. Casler
 C6 Chair-Elect
 19 October 2011 (revised 29 October 2012)