

Business Meeting Minutes, C6 Division  
Crop Science Society of America  
2017 ASA-CSSA-SSSA Annual Meeting, Tampa, FL  
October 25, 2017

**Call to order:**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman John Guretzky at 1:30 p.m.

**Minutes:**

John Guretzky submitted minutes for approval from the 2016 meeting in Phoenix, AZ. A motion was made to approve the minutes by Marisol Berti. The motion was seconded by Bisoondat Macoon. A call for approval was then made and the motion to approve the 2016 minutes was approved.

**Reports:**

**CSSA President's Report – Charles Brummer:**

The President's report consisted of three main items –

1. CSSA membership is stable but there is always opportunities for membership growth and he encouraged the group to continue to promote membership.
2. Communicate science to the public – a challenge to communicate our science to the public beyond what we currently do. We do a good job of communicating to producers but how can we reach out to the public to generate support for the science that we provide.
3. Award nominations have been dropping in recent years. Encourage members to nominate deserving members for awards.

**Crop Science Report:**

Carlos Pedreira, Technical Editor –  
Vern Baron and Joao Vendramini are retiring from Crop Science as Associate Editors

Marilyn Warburton, Editor –  
Discussed changes in the editorial board. Crop Science is publishing its 57<sup>th</sup> edition in 2017. Crop Science currently has an impact factor of 1.63. There has been 900 submissions in 2017 and an increase of 800 pages compared to 2016 which is a reflection of special issues publications. United States submissions have been stable while international submissions have increased. DRYAD data depository has been added as well as a new English language editing service. Crop Science acceptance rate is 30%. The C06 Division had 32 submissions, 17 were sent for review and 0.59 acceptance rate. The days to first decision are running around 30 days. There has been 3.5 million downloads to date in 2017.

**Crop, Forage & Turfgrass Management Report – John Hedrickson:**

The C06 division published 14 articles in CF&T. There is a need more reviewers. The journal has applied for an impact factor and it takes three years for the process to occur and there should be an impact factor for the journal by the end of 2017.

### **Division Webpage Report – Vanessa Corriher Olson:**

The page is updated monthly. Send items of interest to Vanessa for updating.

### **C06 Board Report – Glen Shewmaker**

1. Agronomic Science Foundation – The Foundation is looking to endow the Golden Opportunities Scholars Fund (currently supporting 22 GO Scholars and 4 Greenfield Scholars this year). For more information contact the Agronomic Science Foundation.
2. Public/Science Communications – C522 Communications Committee developed a Communications Plan. Four to five videos about crop scientists – one per division – will be completed by the end of 2018, with the others done in 2019. Joint blog with ASA will have 24 posts in 2018.
3. Mega Journal – Consideration is being given to developing a new journal that would offer authors the opportunity to publish work that is not quite up to the standards of the society's journals but would still be of value to the science knowledge base. Currently, a lot of this work still is being published through other venues.
4. Finance – The society is forecasting a \$129,000 loss from operations in the 2018 proposed budget mainly due to the split of SSSA from the 2018 meeting.

### **CO6 Program Report:**

CO6 Program Planning Committee – John Guretzky, Twain Butler, Edzard van Santen, Joao Vendramini, Glenn Shewmaker, Jamie Foster, James Rogers, and Daren Redfearn.

### **Robert F. Barnes Graduate Student Competition Report – Esteban Rios**

14 students in the oral competition – (27% increase from 2016)

- First Place – Samantha Glaze-Corcoran. University of Massachusetts. Sunn Hemp for Alternative Forage Production: Field Management and Forage Characteristics in the Northeast.
- Second Place – Erick Rodrigo da Silva Santos. University of Florida. Performance of Bahiagrass Varieties Under Low-N Input Systems.
- Third Place – David Jaramillo, Univ. of Florida. Litter Deposition and Decomposition under Grass-Legume Mixed Systems.

13 students in the poster competition – (18% increase from 2016)

- First Place – Tayler Denman. University of Georgia. Preparation Methods on Forage Yield and Forage Quality of a Forage Type Brassica When Grown in Georgia.
- Second Place – Anish Sapkota. Montana State University. Effects of Irrigation and Boron Fertilization on Yield and Forage Quality of Alfalfa.
- Third Place – Jeremy M. Davidson. Kansas State University. Evaluating Teff Grass as a Summer Forage Crop.

## **Symposia Report – John Guretzky**

- Cover Crops and Forage Utilization in Integrated Crop-Livestock Systems I

Four speakers (David Wright, Univ. of Florida; David Butler, Univ. of Tennessee, Daren Redfean, Univ. of Nebraska-Lincoln; and Vern Baron, Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada and 75-80 people in attendance

Building Soil Organic Matter and Improving Soil Function in Grazing Lands

Speakers included Martha Mamo, Univ. of Nebraska-Lincoln, Randall Jackson, Univ. of Wisconsin-Madison; Rebecca McCulley, Univ. of Kentucky; and Maria Silveira, Univ. of Florida

75 people in attendance

Sponsored by Noble Research Institute

### Co-Sponsored symposia –

- Martin and Ruth Massengale Lectureship
- The Prominent Role of Plant Genetic Resources: Endophytes and Discovering the Plant Microbiome – Invited speakers included Carolyn Young, Noble Research Institute
- Cover Crops and Forage Utilization in Integrated Crop-Livestock Systems II and III
- Root Physiology: Integration of Molecular Biology to Functional Traits – Invited speakers included Maria Monteros, Noble Research Institute
- Giants of Agricultural Progress and Impacts from Public Agricultural Research – 3 speakers discussed Giants who worked in Forages
  - Lynn E. Sollenberger – Presented by Carlos Pedreira
  - Lowell Moser – Presented by Rob Mitchell
  - Glen Burton – Presented by Joseph Burton

Volunteer Posters – 52 (up 10 from 2016)

Volunteer Oral Publications – 6 (down 1 from 2016)

### Co-sponsored tours and workshops

- South Florida Grazinglands Tour – organized by Joao Vendramini; 35 participants
- Repeated Measures Workshop – organized by Edzard van Santen

## **2018 ASA & CSSA International Annual Meeting – James Rogers**

- The meeting will be held in Baltimore, MD on November 4-7 with the meeting theme of “Enhancing Productivity in a Changing Climate”.
- Symposia –
  - Discussion was held on the number of symposia and the holding of a Forage Roundtable. The consensus appeared to be to have two symposia. Twain Butler suggested that we continue with the Giants of Agriculture symposia that was held this year. A suggested symposia topic was “The effect of nitrogen fertilization or the incorporation of legumes on forage production, land stewardship, soil health and economics of forage based livestock systems.”
  - The group was encouraged to continue to offer symposia suggestions and to be forward thinking in developing symposia, what emerging topics do we see that need to be addressed in future symposia.

- C06 Forage Tour –
  - A tour of the Beltsville, MD research station was suggested.
  - A tour of Washington, D.C. and opportunities for legislative interaction was suggested.
- 2018 Planning Committee –
  - James Rogers, John Guretzky, Bisoodat Macoon, Vanessa Corriher Olson, Jim Muir, Joao Vendramini, Glen Shewmaker, and Liliana S. da Silva.

**CSSA Elections – John Guretzky:**

Nominations for Chair Elect –

Renata Nave Oakes  
University of Tennessee  
Assistant Professor, Forage Systems/Forage Management

Jose Dubeux  
North Florida Research and Education Center  
Associate Professor, Forage Management

C536.1 Rapid Response Team – Daren Redfearn has volunteered to replace Glen Aiken whose 3-yr term ends in 2017.

Glen Shewmaker presented John Guretzky with a certificate of appreciation for his service as C06 Division Chairman.

A motion was made by Bisoodat Macoon for the meeting to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Twain Butler. The motion was carried by voice vote and the meeting was adjourned at 2:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by James Rogers