

**CSSA Division C-9 Business Meeting
ASA, CSSA, & SSSA International Annual Meeting
Wednesday, November 10, 2021
Salt Lake City, UT**

In attendance

- In-person: Dipak Santra, Vara Prasad, Marta Lima
- Virtual: Jason Gillman, Lee Tarpley

Call to Order

- Meeting Chair: Dipak Santra
- Approval of 2020 minutes – postponed due to lack of quorum
- Introduction of officers:
 - Board Representative: Lee Tarpley
 - Chair: Dipak Santra
 - Chair-Elect: Nirit Bernstein
 - Chair-Elect 2023: Marta Lima
 - Past-Chair: Davina Rhodes

Board Representative report (by Vara Prasad because Lee Tarpley is not in-person)

- Membership numbers are going down, but graduate student membership is increasing; need to support the continuation of the members in the transition from grad school to early career stage
- 2021 Annual meeting participation
 - 2659 in-person, 602 virtual, approximately 3500 participants
- ASA, CSSA, SSSA town hall went well
 - Current CEO search

Journal reports

- Impact factors are going up
- Quality of papers is going up, acceptance rate is decreasing, international submissions are increasing
- C-9 Div. viability
 - Recently, Jason Gillman had a conversation with Paul Scott (current Editor for Crop Science, former Technical Editor for C-9). Briefly, we've seen a declining number of papers being submitted to Crop Science under C-9.
 - Idea of a C-9 special issue was proposed as a way of increasing C-9 visibility

Budget statement

- Was presented in the CSSA Business Meeting Discussion

- Not discussed here due to lack of quorum

Recognition of Division Chair Service

- Vara Prasad thanked the Division Chair Dipak Santra for his service

Call for nominations (Term begins 1/1/2023):

Two candidates each:

- C-9 Division Chair-Elect
- Board Representative for C-9
- CSSA President-Elect

No names were formally put forward. The nomination process will take place via email/discussion board after the meeting.

Discussion of topics for 2022 meeting

- Due to lack of quorum, discussion will be conducted via discussion board/email.

Other business

- “International Millet Year 2023”
 - *Cross-divisional/Society symposium Ideas*
 - *“Effective Communication of Role of Forgotten/Underutilized/Neglected/Orphan/Minor Crops’ for Food and Nutritional Security Under Changing Climate of the 21st Century”.*
 - *Special Symposium in 2023 Meeting on Millets for “International Millet Year 2023”*
 - *For 2022 symposium proposals should have broader reach - focused on healthy people/crops for healthy people*
- At-large board member for diversity
 - C-9 members will be asked to vote support or not support the creation of an at-large board member for diversity