

**Business Meeting Minutes, C6 Division
Crop Science Society of America
2016 ASA-CSSA-SSSA Annual Meeting, Phoenix, AZ
November 9, 2016**

1. Introduced 2016 officers: Jamie Foster (Chair), John Guretzky (Chair-elect), Marisol Berti (Past chair), James Rogers (Incoming chair), Glenn Shewmaker (Board rep)
2. Approved minutes from 2015 C6 Business Meeting in Minneapolis, MN
3. CSSA Update (Charles Brummer and Mike Grusak)
 - i. Presented Certificate of Appreciation for Jamie Foster, outgoing Division Chair
4. C6 Program Update (Jamie Foster)
 - i. 9 PhD graduate student oral presentations, 5 MS students poster presentations, 42 poster presentations, and 19 oral presentations
 - ii. 5 presentations in C6 symposium 'Resiliency of Forage and Grazinglands' sponsored by the Samuel Roberts Noble Foundation
 - iii. 1 presentation in Forage Roundtable Forum sponsored by Bayer Crop Sciences
 - iv. 1 presentation in Martin and Ruth Massengale Lectureship cosponsored by C2 Crop Physiology and Metabolism, C5 Turfgrass Science, and C6 Forage and Grazinglands
 - v. 6 oral presentations in joint-sponsored symposium "Manure Management: Measuring and Mitigating Nutrient Losses and Gaseous Emissions" with ASA Animal Agriculture and Environment Community. Coordinated with Brandon Smith.
5. Symposium Report (Ben Tracy)
 - i. Jamie Foster organized and presided over the symposium
 - ii. Speakers included Ben Tracy, Virginia Tech; David Toledo, USDA-ARS Mandan; Twain Butler, Samuel Roberts Noble Foundation; Anowarul Islam, Univ. of Wyoming; and Joao Vendramini, Univ. of Florida
 - iii. 75 attended the symposium
6. Robert F Barnes Graduate Student Competition Report (Marisol Berti)
 - i. Marisol Berti organized and presided over the Ph.D. oral and M.S. poster contests
 - ii. Judges were Alexandre Rocatelli, Oral and Posters; Anowarul Islam, Oral; Sadhu Hardev, Oral and Posters; and Wenyan Du, Posters
 - iii. 9 oral presentations with awards of \$400, \$250, and \$100 for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places
 - i. 1st place – Gabriel Pent, Virginia Tech
 - ii. 2nd place – Lisa Baxter, Texas Tech
 - iii. 3rd place – Reagan Noland, Univ. of Minnesota
 - iv. 5 poster presentations with awards of \$400, \$250, and \$100 for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places
 - i. 1st place – Erin Stenklyft, Univ. of Florida
 - ii. 2nd place – Jerri Lynn Dodson, Missouri State Univ.
 - iii. 3rd place – Angela Parker, The Ohio State Univ.
7. Forage Roundtable (John Guretzky)
 - i. John Guretzky organized and presided over the symposium
 - ii. Speaker was Mr. Paul Schwennesen, Double Check Ranch, Winkelman, AZ
 - iii. 45 were in attendance
8. Martin and Ruth Massengale Lectureship (John Guretzky)

- i. John Guretzky organized and presided over the symposium
 - ii. Speaker was Dr. Ken Moore, Iowa State University
 - iii. 60 were in attendance
- 9. Division webpage update (Vanessa Olson)
 - i. Websites for other meetings and job postings are being placed on the website
- 10. C6 Board Representative (Glenn Shewmaker)
 - i. Board is updating strategic plan - concise goals and objectives. Please read and be aware that it is a living document.
- 11. Crop Science Update (Bisoondat Macoon)
 - i. Volume 56 in 2016 was larger than V55 (more articles and pages per article).
 - ii. Forage and Grazinglands had 22 papers.
 - iii. Crop Science acceptance rate of 36.6%. Impact factor down to 1.55.
 - iv. Crop Science has most downloads of tri-society journals.
- 12. Crop, Forage, and Turfgrass Management (CFTM) (Daren Redfearn)
 - i. Organized in January 2015 to facilitate an impact factor and more closely align with other tri-society journals. In October 2015, automatic upload to first look upon acceptance was completed. New editorial configuration was implemented in January 2016.
 - ii. Current editorial structure is similar to Crop Science: 1 editor, 3 technical editors, and 3-7 associate editors per discipline.
 - iii. 57 papers were published in 2016; 13 research, 1 brief, and 1 management guide in forage and grazinglands. Briefs are encouraged, but management guides are harder to write.
 - iv. Paper length is creeping up, brevity being lost, and page length may become an issue. Research papers are at 7.8 (+/- 0.7) pages; briefs are at 3.2 (+/- 0.7) pages; and guides are at 10 pages.
 - v. Submissions for CFTM/forage and grazinglands were 51/13, 112/23, 112/21, and 69/22 in 2013, 2014, 2015, and 2016 (to date), respectively.
- 13. 2017 Annual meeting
 - i. October 22-25, 2017 in Tampa, Florida
 - ii. Theme is "Managing Global Resources for a Secure Future"
 - iii. Mark Brick is the CSSA Program Planning Officer and Mark Westgate is the CSSA Program Chair. Monday is the CSSA Society Day.
 - iv. Special Sessions address cross-cutting issues that appeal to a multi-organizational scope. They do not fit into a division program and are typically broader in scope. Submissions are open on the Annual Meetings website from Dec.14-Feb.10. Funds are awarded based on merit and not intended to support food, reception, awards, etc.
 - v. Rapid fire, 5-minute presentations can be integrated in symposium with other presentation lengths, but 10 minute talks did not work well for C9.
 - vi. Symposium/topical session ideas needed; Preference is for 1 symposium and 1 joint session; email suggestions to John Guretzky, jguretzky2@unl.edu
 - i. Building Soil Organic Matter and Improving Soil Function in Grazing Systems
 - ii. Management, Utilization, and Impacts of Cover Crops in Integrated Crop-Livestock Systems
 - iii. Improvement, Management, and Collaboration in Tropical Forage Systems

- vii. Tours; email jguretzky2@unl.edu if interested or have other ideas
 - i. Pasture tour at U. of Florida at Ona, Florida on Sunday
- viii. Volunteers needed for planning committee; email John Guretzky
- 14. CSSA Membership Update (Mike Grusak)
 - i. Mentors are needed for Golden Opportunity Scholars; membership is down by 9%, but not sure why. Need more emphasis on increasing opportunities for students.
- 15. 2016 CSSA Budget Summary Executive Committee (Charles Brummer)
 - i. Finances of society are good, but a small loss occurred in 2015. Revenue projected to see a 47% increase in 2017. Journal subscriptions is the revenue generator
- 16. CSSA Elections
 - i. Two candidates (with their permission) for Division Chair-Elect (two year term: Chair-elect January 1-December 31, 2018 and Chair January 1-December 31, 2019). Names to Board Rep and Sara Uttech by Nov. 30, or during the Annual Meetings. Candidates Needed for 2016 Ballot to take office in 2018
 - ii. Closed meeting with only one nomination for Chair-Elect, Bisoondat Macoon. Further nominations will be sought via email through the C6 list serve.
- 17. New Business
 - i. Open positions
 - i. Assistant Professor-Forage Specialist, Univ. of Florida
 - ii. Assistant Professor-Rangeland Science and Management, UC-Davis
 - iii. Forage Agronomist, USDA-ARS, Univ. Park, PA.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
John Guretzky
C6 Chair-Elect
17 November 2016