

Minutes of the C01/C07 Joint Business Meeting
 Wednesday, November 18, 2015: 11:05 AM-12:00 PM
 Minneapolis Convention Center, 101 A

A sign-in sheet was passed around for attendance:

Name	C01 member	C07 member
Bob Stupar	X	X
Kevin Smith	X	
Mark Sorrells	X	X
Georgia Eizenga	X	X
Ann Marie Thro	X	X
Rajeev Varshney	X	X
Todd Campbell	X	X
Jodi Scheffler	X	X
Marilyn Warburton	X	X
James Radtke	X	X
Ben Campbell	X	X
Arron Carter	X	X
Liz Gebhardt		
Austin Dobbels		
Stella Salvo	X	X
Shawn Kaeppler	X	X
Nathan Nielsen		
Ian Scadden	X	X
David Grant		
Ben Hall	X	
Gary Pederson	X	
David Lightfoot	X	X
Jijun Zou	X	X
Mauricio Ulloa	X	X
Anna McClung	X	X
James Orf	X	X
James A. Anderson	X	X
Kamaldeep S. Viridi	X	X
Ronald Phillips	X	X
Patricio Munoz	X	X
Michael Thomson	X	X
Ling Li	X	X
Joe Anderson	X	X
Zhanguo Xin	X	X
Francois Belzile	X	X
Matt Granberry	X	
Donn Cummings	X	X
Sarah Dohle		
Dawit Singh	X	X
Amritpal Singh	X	X
Sandeep Singh Tomai	X	X
Rajesh Bawa	X	X
Karen Moldenhauer	X	X

MINUTES

1. **Approval of 2014 Business Meeting Minutes**

Kevin Smith and Bob Stupar distributed the minutes from last year's meeting. Also, these were sent via email to the division membership.

Georgia Eizenga moved and Todd Campbell seconded that the minutes be approved, carried.

2. **Nominations**

The floor was opened for nominations for C1 board rep. Kim Campbell, Mark Sorrells and Jodi Scheffler were nominated.

The floor was opened for nominations for C1 chair elect. Joe Anderson, Mauico Ulloa and Maria Salas-Fernandez were nominated.

The Chair requested nominations for CSSA president. Steve Kresovich was nominated. (After the business meeting, Georgia confirmed the incoming president for 2016, Charlie Brummer, was not nominated by C01, thus C01 is eligible to provide a nomination. Charlie was nominated by C07.)

The suggestion was made to include a graduate student representative as part of the division leadership team.

The floor was opened for nominations for C7 chair elect. Sukumar Saha, Zhanguo Xin and John Fellers were nominated.

Arron Carter is the incoming board rep for C7.

3. **Presidents Report and Discussion**

Dave Baltensperger, Past President, gave the President's Report in place of Roch Gaussoin. CSSA is in the black. CSSA membership is up to nearly 6,000. The meetings are in Phoenix in 2016 November 6-9. There are 18 Golden Opportunity Scholars. Impact factors of all journals are up. Digital Library subscriptions are up. Dues are increasing to keep the societies financially sound. The decision was made after considering a number of factors over the past year.

ASA purchased a building in DC for the Science Policy Office with CSSA and SSSA renting space. ASA is larger and had a larger investment portfolio, thus this was a good financial move for ASA and easier to negotiate the paperwork as a non-profit with just one society.

Donn Cummings is representing the NAPB and their meeting will be in Raleigh NC August 15-18, 2016.

ASA has re-joined CAST. David Baltensperger is the CAST representative. He welcomes ideas for CAST publications.

Next year's meeting will include training in both TEDx talks and "Ignite Sessions" (5 minute talks to deliver your science). Also, symposia that are shorter (<2.5 hr.) are encouraged to facilitate higher quality sessions and program planning.

4. Board Report

Eizenga gave the board report for both C1 and C7. She encouraged participation in the Congressional Visits Day by graduate students and interested members for increasing visibility and understanding the political process.

Certificates of Appreciation were presented to both Kevin Smith and Bob Stupar for their service as Division Chairs.

Baltensperger reported on the DC visit and stated that the meeting with the OSTP was valuable. Ann Marie Thro commented that it was the first time that OSTP recognized plant breeding.

5. Journal Reports

Shawn Kaepler reported on the status of the Crop Science journal. An average of 35% of the papers submitted are accepted (60% of U.S. submissions and 23% of international submissions). There is an average of 28 days for turn around of papers. In 2014 there were 844 papers submitted and this year there are 677 so far. The Impact factor is 1.58, up from 1.51 (2013) and 1.48 (2014). Crop Science will re-apply to PubMed with problems address from the first application. Special topics issues being written or planned include Intellectual Propertiores, Genotype x Environment Interactions and The Year of the Pulses.

Liz Gebhart reported on the The Plant Genome. Gary Muehlbauer is the incoming editor replacing Dave Somers. This year they published 60 papers. The impact factor is 3.933. Pub med declined membership because they didn't publish enough human health papers, so some of these are being solicited. Liz reported the Digital Library has 1,686 members subscribing and 858 institutions.

Todd Campbell will replace Wayne Smith as editor of Journal of Plant Registrations. JPR received 66 submissions with 20% being international. The impact factor is 0.64, up from 0.46 (2014, 2012) and 0.48 (2013). Todd suggested submitting review articles on significant plant breeders. He did not know the acceptance rate.

Ann Marie Thro commented that people should always cite their funding sources and mention collaborations in impact statements. This is often lost as information moves to those making funding decisions, thus she is always looking for "good stories" of collaboration to share. She requested that people send her impact statements. Someone asked if foreign JPR authors are required to submit seed to the repository and the answer was yes.

6. Student Poster Competition

Kevin Smith reported on the student poster competition. There were 28 entries that were judged on 5 criteria by 9 reviewers. Six were selected for final review and the top 3 were awarded prizes. The winners were: First Place: Kendra L. Jernigan, Washington State University, "Association Mapping for End-Use Quality in Pacific Northwest Soft White Winter Wheat." Second Place: Austin Dobbels, University of Minnesota, "Fast Neutron

Induced Structural Variants and Seed Composition in Soybean Lines.” Third Place: Stephanie Verhoff, Ohio State University, “Characterization of Major QTL Associated with Partial Resistance to Phytophthora Stem and Root Rot in Soybean.” Cash prizes are \$500, \$350 and \$150 for first, second and third place, respectively. Constructive comments will be consolidated and sent to all participants.

Bob Stupar reported that C7 has moved their poster session to PAG where they also hold a workshop on Translational Genomics on Saturday which is well-attended. This has raised the visibility of CSSA. Contest winners are announced at the banquet.

Cummings commented that NAPB also has a student poster competition at their annual meetings. He also commented that NAPB hopes to work in synergy with CSSA, promoting the value of both groups.

7. Symposium Topics for the 2016 Meeting

Smith opened the floor for topics for sessions at the meetings in Phoenix. Someone suggested a side trip to Maricopa. The consensus was to do that on Wednesday. People requested another session on gene editing with a change in emphasis on mechanisms. Other suggestions included another session on remote sensing, IP associated with gene editing, reproducibility in research, meta-analysis tools and approaches, breeding for sustainable cropping systems and UAVs.

Baltensperger commented that it will be the year of the pulses so there will be an emphasis on related topics.

8. Other business

Baltensperger suggested for another member who could not attend, a journal on Phenomics that would relate to the increased emphasis on phenotyping. The journal would need to be open-access.

Baltensperger moved that the meeting be adjourned and Eizenga seconded. Carried.