

Minutes of the Joint C01 and C07 Business Meetings

Tuesday, November 5, 2013: 4:00-5:00 PM
Marriott Tampa Waterside, Grand Ballroom G

Attendance:

Jodi Scheffler, USDA-ARS
Marilyn Warburton, USDA-ARS
Mitch Tuinstra, Purdue University
Kevin Smith, University of Minnesota
Ali H. Allawati
Frederic L. Kolb
Tara Burke
Virginia Sykes
David Lightfoot
Stine Petersen
Brian Pfeiffer
Dustin Herb
Mike Strauss, USDA-ARS
Gary Pederson
Randy Dinkins, USDA-ARS
Hem Bhandari
Khusi Tiwari
Corley Holdbrook
Todd Campbell
Shawn Kaeppler
Ron Phillips
Joe Anderson, Purdue University
Mark Sorrells
Mohamed Mergoum
Rich Pratt, New Mexico State
James E. Specht
Karen Moldenhauer
Charles Chenn
Soon-chun Jeong
Kevin Cook
Donn Cummings
C. Cole Hendrix, University of Illinois
Robert Stupar
Patricio Runoz
Shuyu Lin

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The joint C01 and C07 business meeting was called to order at 4:00 PM by Jodi Scheffler, USDA-ARS, Chair C-01 and Marilyn Warburton, USDA-ARS, Chair C-07. The meeting was held in the Marriott Grand Ballroom G in conjunction with the ASA-CSSA-SSSA Annual Meeting in Tampa, FL. A group of approximately 35 persons was in attendance.

The meeting was initiated with an introduction of the C01 officers.

- C-01 2013 Chair – Jodi Scheffler, USDA-ARS, Stoneville, MS
- C-01 Incoming Chair – Mitch Tuinstra, Purdue University
- C-01 Chair Elect – Kevin Smith, University of Minnesota
- C-01 Board Rep – Mohamed Mergoum, North Dakota State University
- C-01 Incoming Board Rep – Georgia Eizenga, USDA-ARS, Stuttgart, AR

Jodi Scheffler and Marilyn Warburton distributed the Minutes from the 2012 Joint C-01/C-07 business meeting. The members in attendance voted to approve the minutes.

Mark Brick, CSSA-President, presented certificates of appreciation to Jodi Scheffler and Marilyn Warburton. He then announced that the 2014 Annual Meetings would take place in Long Beach, CA – Nov. 2-5, 2014 with the theme being “Grand Challenges – Great Solutions”.

Mark Brick and Mohamed Mergoum provided a report of recent actions and discussions of the CSSA Board of Directors.

They reported that the Board had initiated a discussion of opportunities to offer certificate programs for Continuing Education Units (CEUs) for Certified Crop Advisers and others interested in training about plant breeding, turf grass ... etc. The C-01 division should consider playing a role in developing these programs.

Mark emphasized the need to maintain Division web pages. The C-01 and C-07 pages were currently up to date. He noted that there were staff members in the main office that could help with posting and editing content.

Mark reported on the status of the Digital Library. Page charges were eliminated at the Journals and there was a 20% increase in submissions. Subscriptions for the Digital Library content have been established with a consortium of universities in the US and similar deals are being negotiated with institutions in China, Brazil, Australia, Turkey, and the UK. He indicated that the Societies were looking for good book ideas and encouraged the C-01 and C-07 division members to share these ideas with the staff at the main office.

The Science Policy Office was active in 2013. Mark encouraged the C-01 and C-07 division members to contact the Society Main Office if anyone was interested in Congressional Visits, the Legislative Action Network, or Science Policy Speaking Tour.

Mark provided a report on membership indicating that the number of active members was down by 33; however, new members, especially student members, had increased by 188 in 2013.

A report on the budget indicated that CSSA projected a loss of \$61,456 in 2014 due to elimination of page charges at the Journals. There were questions from the floor about the negative budget. Mark indicated that this should turn around in 2014 or 2015 with increased subscriptions of the Digital Library content.

The members were encouraged to consider nominations for leadership roles in the society and the C-01 division. There were no nominations for CSSA president; however, two outstanding candidates were nominated and agreed to serve as C-01 Division Chair Elect if elected.

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Jodi Scheffler provided a report on the 2013 meetings. The C-01 division hosted 2 symposia and co-sponsored 2 additional symposia with C07 and C08. C-01 also sponsored general oral and poster sessions. In total, there were 29 oral presentations and 83 poster presentations.

The C-01 Graduate Student Poster Competition was a great success with 49 poster presentations by students in Crop Breeding and Genetics. A panel of judges consisting of Jodi Scheffler, Mitch Tuinstra, Kevin Smith, Tabare Abadie, and Pat Byrne evaluated the posters during the Monday afternoon session. There were many good posters but three student presentations stood out from the rest and were awarded best posters of the competition ranked as shown:

First Place: Stine Petersen, North Carolina State University. "Mapping Powdery Mildew and Leaf Rust Resistance Introgressed From *Aegilops Speltoides* Into Soft Red Winter Wheat."

Second Place: Steven Michael Hystad, Montana State University. "Development of Nil Polyphenol Oxidase Wheat Varieties for Improved Noodle Quality"

Third Place: Sarah Battenfield, Kansas State University. "Applying Genomic Selection to CIMMYT Spring Wheat for End-Use Quality"

Transition to C07 business meeting - Marilyn Warburton, USDA-ARS, Chair C07

Rich Pratt from the Science Policy Committee gave a report. He indicated that there were active discussions on germplasm preservation and access. The board has voted to accept the report. Rich also noted that GMOs continue to be a point of active discussion. In particular, there was a discussion about condemnation of destruction of a Golden Rice field in the Philippines. The Board noted that the Society has a position paper on the GMO issue and decided not to react.

Reports were provided from the Editors of Crop Science and Journal of Plant Registrations.

Shawn Kaeppler representing Crop Science reported that the numbers of paper submissions continues to increase and the response time continues to be acceptable. The impact factor for Crop Science in 2013 dropped from 1.6 to 1.5. Mark Sorrels commented from the floor that there is growing dissatisfaction around use of Impact Factors. It was proposed that the Board consider this issue. It was suggested that other measures of use could be used such as number of downloads ... etc. Shawn continued the discussion and indicated that Crop Science is not on the PubMed. A request was made to solicit action to add the Journals on PubMed.

Dr. Wayne Smith representing Journal of Plant Registrations gave a report that there were approximately the same numbers of submissions in 2013 when compared to previous years. It was noted that some Plant Registration papers were published as duplicate papers in journals. It was suggested that a notification section could be added to report that an outstanding cultivar was being released based on data published in another journal. Mark Brick confirmed that notifications were required to submit entries for repository at the ARS-GRIN system. Wayne Smith also indicated that JPR was going to require that all accessions be cited by JPR article, PI, or PVP. The board reps indicated that Crop Science and other society publications were strongly encouraged to require citations of all cultivars, germplasms ... etc.

Jodi Scheffler asked the membership if there were other comments or issues that needed to be considered.

Several members noted that the C-01/C-07/C-08 venues were extremely crowded at the 2013 meeting and requested larger venues for 2014.

It was noted that the C-01/C-07/C-08 Divisions needed to try to minimize schedule conflicts in 2014. Mark Brick suggested that this could be addressed at the next board meeting.

Pat Byrne suggested that C-01/C-07/C-08 consider planning a joint meeting with the National Association of Plant Breeders (NAPB) in 2014 to encourage multidisciplinary engagement. It was proposed that a working group be developed to discuss the opportunity. Jodi Scheffler agreed to organize a working group made up of C-01, C-07, and C-08 division chairs.

The membership voted to adjourn the meeting at 5:00PM.