

Division C-1 / C-7 Business Meeting October 8, 2008 Houston, TX

The meeting was called to order at 10:35 by **Roy Cantrell**, Division C-1 Chair, and **Maria Gallo**, Division C-7 Chair.

Minutes from the 2007 Division C-1 / C-8 Business Meeting were distributed, and approved after a few minor corrections.

Roy Cantrell, C-1 Division Chair gave the Program Chair Report.

For C-1, 131 papers were presented at this meeting (97 posters and 34 oral presentations). There were two C-1 symposiums: Training the Next Generation of Plant Breeders on Monday morning; and Breeding for Resistance to Abiotic Stress on Tuesday afternoon.

Division C-1 sponsored a Graduate Student Poster competition at the 2008 Annual Meeting. The competition was not completed by the time of the business meeting, but the following information is included for the record. There were 27 student posters entered in the 2-day competition. Each poster was judged based on title, clarity, graphics, organization and content, and subject knowledge. There were many excellent high quality posters. Each reflected very positively on their respective research, advisor, and University. The poster winners and monetary awards are listed below. Congratulations to the winners and all participants.

1st Place \$500 Award: Judd Maxwell, North Carolina State University. Novel Wheat Powdery Mildew Resistance Genes on Chromosome 7AL. Co-authors: C. Cowger, G. Brown-Guedira, D. Marshall, and J. P. Murphy.

2nd Place \$350 Award: Leah Viesselmann, University of Wisconsin. Recurrent Selection for Cold Temperature Seedling Growth in Sweet Corn. Co-Author: W. F. Tracy.

3rd Place \$150 Award: Jose Aponte-Rivera, University of Nebraska-Lincoln. QTL Analysis for Identification of BPMV Resistance Genes in Soybeans. Co-authors: G. Graef, J. Specht, I. Giesler, and I Dweikat.

Ken Quesenberry suggested that we publicize the results using the society web cite and the newsletter. Roy Cantrell offered to follow up with this.

Maria Gallo, C-7 Division Chair gave the Program Chair Report.

There were two C-7 symposia: Medical Agriculture on Monday morning; and Functional Genomics, Proteomics and Bioinformatics for Crop Improvement on Wednesday morning. An effort was made to bring in non-members for participation in the symposia.

Henry Shands, Past President CSSA presented certificates of appreciation to **Maria Gallo** and **Roy Cantrell** for their service as Division Chairs. He also presented an update on ACSESS. ACSESS is the management entity for the tri-societies. The jointly used assets (eg. Headquarters Building and Computers) have been transferred to ACSESS. ACSESS will also be responsible

for billing the societies for proportional usage, and paying the staff. This should be a seamless transition with no inconveniences for CSSA members. The benefit of ACSESS is greater effectiveness and efficiency of Society functions.

David Baltensperger - Book & Multimedia Publishing Committee Report. The committee is soliciting authors to write books. Broad media types are being supported, such as children=s books and text books, as well as traditional monographs. Animation can be facilitated.

Terry Coffelt, Book Review Editor for *Crop Science*. He is looking for people who are will to review books. A simple format is required, and reviewers get a free copy of the book. Terry has a list of books that he can distribute to interested reviewers.

Roy Cantrell reported on program plans for the 2009 meeting in Pittsburgh. Symposium topics need to be submitted to **Brett Carver** (incoming C-1 Chair) and **Jim Anderson** (incoming C-7 Chair) by 1 November. The deadline is early this year, but this should result in better scheduling. Each division can schedule up to 2 primary symposia. Co-sponsored symposia do not count against this total.

The program committee will be using topical themes for the 2009 meeting. These themes will be developed before the abstract submission deadline. There can be up to 17 topical themes for each division. Authors can then choose to submit their volunteered paper to one of these themes. Brett Carver and Jim Anderson would also like member input on possible themes. There will also be an overarching theme for the 2009 meeting. This theme is AFoot prints in landscapes - Sustainable food, feed, fiber and fuel@.

Gary Muehlbauer (C-7) and **Corley Holbrook** (C-1) presented a join Board Rep report. The ASA-CSSA-SSSA Dues Restructuring Task Force has completed its work and announced the new membership dues structure for 2009. The new structure no longer includes activity fees, and offers dues based on each member=s Society membership combination with significant discounts for joining more than one Society. Basic dues for an active member is \$90 for one Society, \$110 for membership in two Societies, and \$120 for membership in three Societies. The financial situation for CSSA is sound with a projected operating surplus in 2009. CSSA has an active board with two yearly meeting and bimonthly conference calls between meetings. Members are encouraged to contact a Board Rep if they have issues or concerns that they would like to bring to the Board.

Craig Roberts, Editor-in-chief, *Crop Science* gave a report on CSSA journals. We will soon have three new editors. **Jeff Pederson** is stepping down as Editor of *Journal of Plant Registrations*. **Kim Garland-Campbell** will be serving as Editor of *Journal of Plant Registrations*. **Brent Godshalk** is stepping down as Editor of *Crop Science*. **Mark Westgate** will serve as Editor of *Crop Science*. **Dan Sweeney** will be Editor for *Crop Management*.

It was asked if *Plant Genome* was reaching the target for number of submissions. Craig stated that the goal for this year was 40 papers, and he thought that goal would be reached. It is anticipated that *Plant Genome* will be a profitable publication for the Society.

A question was raised concerning the impact factor and acceptance rate for *Journal of Plant Registration*. Craig stated that the possibility of obtaining an impact factor for the journal is being studied. The acceptance rate is currently around 60%. This is primarily related to formatting issues from the switch to the new registration format. A higher acceptance rate for this journal is expected in the future.

This led to discussions about the need for authors to cite registrations articles. This has been an important concern for several members for quite some time.

Wayne Smith, made a motion that C-1 and C-7 recommend that all CSSA publications institute a requirement that any cultivars or germplasms that are mentioned in manuscripts be accompanied by the citation for that registration. The motion was seconded by **Henry Shands**, and passed unanimously. Craig Roberts suggested that this be forwarded to Mark Westgate for consideration by the Editorial Board. Gary Muehlbauer and Corley Holbrook agreed to also bring this before the Board.

Craig Roberts stated that Brent Godshalk is leaving *Crop Science* in very good shape. The number of review articles is up and the impact factor has increased. A motion was made, seconded, and passed to official recognize Brent for his many years of excellent service as Editor of *Crop Science*. Roy Cantrell will send a letter expressing our appreciation to Brent.

David Baltensperger informed the group that the U.S. Congress was currently debating instituting a requirement that research from federal grants be published in open access journals. This could have significant negative impacts on *Crop Science*, which is an important source of revenue for CSSA. A motion was made, seconded, and passed to request that the Board discuss this issue and stay informed about future developments.

Bill Wiebold, President CSSA, reported on the establishment of a new provisional division for CSSA. The tentative name of this division is ABiomedical and Enhanced Plants@. The focus of this division will be enhancing the impact of plants on human health and nutrition. A group of individuals met earlier this week to have the first provisional division business meeting. Contact Bill if you would like a copy of the minutes from that meeting. The provisional status is for two years after which a decision granting full provisional status will be made.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:25am.

Minutes submitted by Corley Holbrook (Substituting for Brett Carver) and Mark Sorrells, Past-Chair (Substituting for Jim Anderson).