

Crop Science Society of America
Division C6 Forage and Grazinglands Business Meeting
2012 ASA-CSSA-SSSA Annual Meeting
Cincinnati, Ohio
Wednesday, 24 October 2012

Meeting was called to order at 9:10 by C6 Chair Mike Casler approximately 53 members attending.

1) Casler introduced C6 officers:

Ben Tracy, Chair Elect
Chris Teutsch, Past Chair
Mike Casler, Chair
Dan Undersander, Board Representative

2) Motion was made by Charles Brummer and seconded by Jamie Foster to approve minutes from 2011 C6 Business Meeting. Motion passed.

3) CSSA update:

Maria Gallo provided update to group. Mike Casler was recognized for his leadership in CSSA as C6 Division Chair

4) Journal Update:

Charles Brummer provided an update on several topics. The New Digital Library and movement to 'paperless' journal implemented by the Tri-Societies was discussed. Point was made that we should put more focus on producing new books and transfer of symposium material to journal articles. Note was made that Forage and Grazinglands submissions were way down from around the usual 50 to about 20 thus far this year. Reason is unknown but may be because it has no Impact Factor so may carry less weight than other peer reviewed journals.

5) C6 Program

Mike Casler gave an overview of C6 program. This year the section had six Symposium talks, 12 in co-sponsored Symposium, 16 volunteered oral presentations, and 45 posters. Dow Agrosiences funding for the Forage Roundtable was acknowledged. Casler reviewed funding sources for the C6 program for the group.

Chris Teutsch gave an overview of the Barnes Graduate Student Competition where 12 students participated. Importance and popularity of this event was recognized.

Jamie Foster gave a brief overview of C6 website.

Ben Tracy solicited ideas for the C6 Symposium in 2013 (Tampa). The following topics were suggested:

Nutrient cycling in grasslands (Teutsch)
High-density grazing systems (Tracy)
Canopy management effects of grazing ecosystems (Griggs)
Forage quality testing and analysis (Undersander)
Below-ground structure and function (Griggs)

Membership encouraged the division chair to use the chair's prerogative to set up ad-hoc themed sessions prior to the beginning of abstract submissions. Former chair Mark Sulc reminded the group that that chair may issue informal invitations to authors to submit to these ad-hoc themed sessions.

A request also was made to invite a non-member speaker from outside CSSA for the Forage Roundtable.

6) Nominations report

The two nominees for C6 Chair Elect – Bisoondat Macoon and Marisol Berti were introduced. Motion was made to approve nominations by Dan Undersander and seconded by John Fike. Motion passed.

New Business:

- 1) Matt Sanderson gave overview of new book on CEAP Initiative Program. Matt also mentioned a new position available for National Program leader in Rangelands.
- 2) Ray Smith gave a brief update about the upcoming next AFGC meeting in Kentucky- January 2013.
- 3) David Baltensperger asked for suggestions for next year's Betty Klepper lecture and keynote address.
- 4) Casler noted the success of the Forage Tour about 54 attendees. Given the popularity, we expect the Forage Tour component of C6 program will continue.
- 5) New Faculty positions available in New Mexico, Florida were noted.

Meeting was adjourned at 10 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Benjamin F. Tracy

C6 Chair-Elect

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