

Minutes

Crop Science Society of America
Division C6 Forage and Grazinglands Business Meeting
2014 ASA-CSSA-SSSA Annual Meeting
Long Beach, CA
Wednesday, 5 November 2014

Meeting was called to order at 11:15 by C6 Chair Twain Butler approximately 40 members attending.

1) Twain Butler, C-6 chair, introduced C6 officers:

Marisol Berti, Chair-Elect
Ben Tracy, Past Chair
Yoana Newman, Board Representative
Jamie Foster, Incoming Chair-elect

2) Motion was made by Lynn Sollenberger and seconded by Ben Tracy to approve minutes from 2013 C6 Business Meeting. Motion passed.

3) CSSA update: Certificate of Appreciation: Yoana Newman provided update to group. Twain Butler was recognized for his leadership in CSSA as C6 Division Chair.

4) C6 Program update:

Twain Butler gave an overview of C6 program. This year the C6 division had 18 graduate student papers, 54 poster presentations, and 22 oral presentations (5 presentations in C6 symposium - Challenges, Opportunities, and Applications of Grazing Research sponsored by the Samuel Roberts Noble Foundation; 6 presentations in C5/C6 joint symposium - Impact of Genetic Engineering on the Forage and Turf Industries).

Audience commented that the judges for the competition were outstanding and thanked speakers.

5) Symposia report: Twain Butler reported that the joint symposium had approximate 75 attending each session of the C6 symposium and approximately 250 attending the joint C5/C6.

6) Robert F Barnes Graduate Student Competition Report: Ben Tracy announced that there were 18 graduate student presentations, the largest number ever. He suggested discussion about how to reduce the number of oral presentations.

Winners: 1st, Lindsey Slaughter; 2nd Jessica Williamson; 3rd William Smith; 4th (tie) Alexandre Rocatelli; 4th (tie) Caitlyn Cooper.

7) Forage Roundtable Report: Marisol Berti, Chair-Elect, presented Keynote Speaker, Dr. Kevin Sedivec, North Dakota State University. The topic generated a very interesting discussion among attendants. Well attended by about 50 people.

8) Division webpage update: Jamie Foster (<https://www.crops.org/membership/divisions>) Send meetings, publications, relevant links, and pictures to Foster at jlfoster@ag.tamu.edu. Web site passed review this year.

9) C6 Board of Representatives Report- Yoana Newman

a. CSSA membership update:

CSSA membership is at 5,970 as of September 30, 2014, up 150+ from the end of 2013, with the increase driven by students. The final results from 2013 indicate CSSA has a loss of \$62,891, fortunately, for 2013, investment income covered the operating loss of \$62,891.

b. David Baltensperger, President of CSSA added the following information to the update:

We are in a budget deficit because of the elimination of page charges and dues fees are not covering for the expenses. We might need primary society which will receive a greater portion of the dues when dues are paid at a discount to two or more societies.

Digital Subscription to journals will eventually cover the budget deficit. Societies are selling more digital subscriptions to libraries and members (\$800,000 in contracts for the library with Mexico, another \$600,000 for another foreign library over the next 5 years). Mike Strauss's position has been filled by Mark Brick. Members are encouraged to sign up for the digital library which is a searchable database with full access to full papers from all three societies. Each society is paid based on the number of download counts. This is an annual subscription fee for members, libraries and the consortium.

10) Publication Update:

a. Crop Science (Bisoondat Macoon):

The journal had an increase in article length, we are at 10.3 pages which is not a problem for e-publications but is a problem with type-setting. Average days to first decision is 30.5. Rarely, articles get lost in the system and if this occurs contact Bisoondat.

Bisoondat Macoon reported 867 articles published in 2013, foreign submissions exceed 2:1 to U.S. submissions. Acceptance rate 23.4 % for foreigners, 37.5% acceptance for US articles. Articles published in Crop Science in 2014 and 2013 were 275 and 268, respectively. C6 had 25 publications in 2014 and 22 in 2013. Impact factor dropped from 1.53 in 2012 down to 1.48 in 2013. Of total submissions for 2014, 37% were accepted so far but will increase after current manuscripts in the queue are processed. Impact factors are calculated from the number of citations in last two years and total number of publications. Crop Science is in 25th place for agriculture, but number 2 in number of publications. Bisoondat also commented that symposium papers should be submitted to Crop Science to increase impact factor.

b. Forage and Grazinglands (Daren Redfern):

Redfern announced that Forage and Grazinglands, Applied Turf Management, and Crop Management will be combined into a new journal called "Crop, Forage, and Turf Grass Management". First and foremost it will retain its applied focus. Editors of each journal will work together as co-editors. The primary reasoning for the merger was related to the ability to create and increase impact factor. Daren Redfern's term ends soon and a new editor will need to be appointed next year.

Most submissions to Forage and Grazinglands are submitted prior to field season and after harvest (bimodal submissions). In 2014, 10 Research, 2 Reviews, 1 Brief, 1 management guide, and 1 Diagnostic guide were submitted (total 15). Of these 15, 8 were accepted and 7 were released, for an acceptance rate of 53%.

Specific Comments: New journal will continue, audience needs to be broader and more defined, there were plans to iron out all the details. CSSA editor position will open within a year.

11) Annual Meeting: The theme for the 2015 Annual Meetings in Minneapolis, MN, Nov. 15-18 2015: "Synergy in Science: Partnering for Solutions"

C6 Symposia suggestions should be send via e-mail to Marisol Berti, some in-meeting ideas: Climate Change in Grazing and Forage Management.

Previous symposia include;

2014 (Long Beach) – Challenges, opportunities, and applications of grazing research.

2013 (Tampa) – Belowground processes in grazinglands: linking grassland management to ecological research

2012 (Cincinnati) – Contemporary uses of forages

2011 (San Antonio) – Impacts of grazing management on production ecosystem health and profitability

2010 (Long Beach) – Green grazing for enhancing food and the environment

2009 (Pittsburg) – Measuring forage quality – its relevance and limitations

2008 (Houston) – Assessing multi-functionality of grasslands: future research priorities to address global change

2007 (New Orleans) – Evaluating grasslands with remote sensing and georeferenced sampling

2006 (Indianapolis) Beyond the Cow: 101 uses for forages and grasslands

2005 (Salt Lake City) – Managing the ecosystem: CO₂ dynamics of carbon sequestration

C6 Forage Tour suggestions: no suggestions for tour, too cold in November in Minneapolis

12) CSSA elections/Nominations report: Names to board representative to Sara Uttech by November 20 or during the Annual Meetings. Candidates needed for 2015 ballot to take office in 2016.

a. Chair-Elect 1/1/2016-12/31/2016 and Division Chair 1/1/2017-12/31/2017

Nominations committee nominated, Joao Vendramini and John Guretzky for C6 chair-elect and Glenn Shewmaker and Vanessa Olson for C6 Board representative.

b. It was announced that these nominees needed to be aware that C6 will host the Martin and Ruth Massengale lectureship in 2016 when they are chair-elect and will be responsible for this committee. (Joao Vendramini or John Guretzky).

Monte Rouquette made a motion to accept nominations, seconded by Ben Tracy, motion passed.

9) New Business:

Discussion of limiting submissions to the Robert F Barnes Graduate Competition:

Jamie Foster suggested that abstracts be judged and the top 10 be accepted to the oral competition. A YouTube video submission was suggested. Jim Muir suggested that poster presentations are becoming increasingly important. Ben Tracy stated that judging abstracts will be limiting and deadlines will make it almost impossible. Mike Casler suggested that a poster session be opened and the decision on which session be made when submitted, and that the Chair have the authority to determine the award monetary amount for each competition. This would be two equal contests, poster and oral. Graduate student commented that M.S. students would prefer posters. Jim Muir agreed with Mike Casler.

Casler made a motion to implement a poster session for which presenters determine which to submit to, and that places and monetary amounts of awards be determined by the C6 Chair. Sollenberger seconded. Motion passed.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Marisol Berti
C6 Chair-Elect
5 November 2014