

C8 Business Meeting, Plant Genetic Resources

Tampa, Florida

Monday October 23, 2017, Marriot Grand Ballroom H

Laura Marek, C8 Chair

David Brenner, Recording Secretary

1. Call to order
2. C8 leadership introductions:
 - Laura Marek, C8 Chair through December 31, 2017
 - David Brenner, C8 Chair beginning January 1, 2018
 - Wenwei Xu, C8 chair beginning January 1, 2019
 - Stephanie Greene, continuing C8 Board Representative, January 2017 through December 2019
3. Approval of last year's minutes; Laura Marek will try to get these and missing years of minutes posted.
4. Reports from Shuyu Liu, CSSA journals and book committee (C1, C7, C8, C9), and from Marilyn Warburton, CSSA Editor, Crop Science Board:
 - More volunteers are needed from all three societies for the committee
 - If you have an idea for a book or other publication contact committee members
 - 14 books are in development; five are close to being finished
 - More than 300,000 book downloads this year
 - First video glossary featured for Precision Agriculture Basics in DL
 - The Crop Science Crop Wild Relatives issue was fun to work on and have published
 - 50% of Crop Science authors are ASA members
 - Crop Science will have unique identifiers for authors
 - The acceptance rate is 35%, or 24% for non-US submissions
5. Report from C8 board representative Stephanie Greene:
 - Acknowledged Laura Marek's work in organizing the 2017 sessions
 - 2018 meeting will be in Baltimore, MD November 4-7
 - The Golden Opportunities Scholar program is seeking financial donations
<https://www.goldenopportunitiescholars.org/>
 - The Digital Library had 2.8+ million journal article/book chapter downloads through July 2017, compared with 2.7 million downloads through October 2016
6. Comments from Charlie Brummer CSSA President:
 - The Societies can give you a job to do. There are many opportunities for leadership available; please ask.
 - Congressional visits day is March 7, 2018
 - CSSA is seeking more members. Please join the societies and recruit others to join. The dip in membership has almost leveled off
 - Please nominate qualified members for the Fellows in Crop Science award, especially women and minorities, currently under-represented groups
7. C8 report Laura Marek, Chair, including past business:
 - The Myer breakfast starts at 6:50 am, Tuesday; Award recipient, Dr. Peter Bretting, USDA-ARS National Program Leader Genetic Resources, will speak. Space allotted for the breakfast this year is sold out.
 - The Calvin Sperling Lectureship speaker on Tuesday is Major Goodman
 - There will be a C8 symposium on Phenotyping on Wednesday

Budget for C8 activities is composed of a base program enhancement fund amount from the society (\$1000 to each division) plus a percentage from the abstract fee for all paper/poster submissions. 2017 presentations will provide for the 2018 budget; plan to submit presentations in 2018 to enhance the 2019 meeting budget. In 2017, C8 Division money was only used to support early career, non-member speakers (three of the four speakers for the Endophyte and Plant Microbiome symposium). The Plant Genetic Resources section web site is in process of being updated. Proposed wording changes were presented during the meeting. <https://www.crops.org/membership/divisions/C8>

8. Report from the outstanding paper committee chair, Jianming Yu (past C8 chair):

Two papers (10%) were chosen from 23 eligible plant genetic resources papers (volume 56, 2016 publication year). In addition to Dr. Yu as chair, selection committee members included Clarice Coyne, Ming Li Wang, and Naveen Puppala. The outstanding papers were:

Identification of Novel Powdery Mildew Resistance Sources in Wheat. G. Li, X. Xu, G. Bai, B.F. Carver, R. Hunger, and J. M. Bonman. *Crop Science* 56:1817-1830

Phenotyping Techniques and Identification of Soybean Resistance to the Kudzu Bug A.L. Bray, L.A. Lail, J.N. All, Z. Li, and W.A. Parrott *Crop Science* 56:1807-1816

9. Nominations for C8 chair candidates, 2020 term (January 1 – December 31, 2020):

Two nominations were needed. Claire Heinitz (USDA-ARS germplasm curator, Parlier, CA) and Naveen Puppala (assistant professor, New Mexico State University, Las Cruces, NM) were nominated and both agreed to stand for election.

10. Items from the floor:

Ted Hymowitz asked if the *Crop Science* editors were talking about possible fraud in publications and in publication reviews and were they taking actions? His questions arose from the report on fraud in scientific publications in the journal *Science*.

Ed Buckler remarked that there is too much emphasis on priority in publishing, and not enough emphasis on publishing research that confirms or challenges original research. He felt that at least the second conformational publications should confer some honor to the authors.

11. The meeting was adjourned.

Nineteen people signed the meeting's attendance sheet.