

Minutes
C-08 Business Meeting
Wednesday, November 6, 2013 at 10:45am
Marriot Waterside, Room 2
Tampa, Florida

1. Call to Order: Meeting was called to order by Andrea Cardinal, C-08 Chair at 10:45am.
2. Minutes from 2012 C-08 Business Meeting were approved by unanimous consent.
3. Introduction of Division Officers:
 - a) Chair, Andrea Cardinal
 - b) Past Chair, Raymond Porter
 - c) Chair-elect, Melanie Harrison-Dunn
 - d) Incoming Chair-elect, Clare Coyne
 - e) C-08 Board Representative, Gary Pederson
4. Andrea Cardinal was recognized as C-08 Division Chair and received award from David Baltensperger, CSSA President.
5. Report from Gary Pederson, C-08 Board Representative:
 - a) Smaller, specialized conferences (such as Division conferences) were encouraged. To organize such a conference, contact C732.
 - b) A new CSSA strategic plan has been adopted.
 - c) K-12 program of CSSA and ASA has been merged.
 - d) CSSA is exploring possibility of expanding certification programs (eg. Turf).
 - e) Digital library is up and running. Over \$330,000 in subscriptions has been earned, and there are over 1800 subscribers. Table of Contents will be sent monthly to subscribers via email.
 - f) CSSA is seeking to double number of books published, so please consider.
 - g) Congressional visits by graduate students are encouraged .
 - h) Society membership is currently 5892. Graduate student membership has increased.
6. Report from David Baltensperger, CSSA President:
 - a) Society budget is showing a deficit of approximately \$60,000. Core funds are still available if needed. It is expected that the deficit will be remedied after Digital Library is fully established.
 - b) Synthesis and review articles are encouraged. These type of articles usually increase impact factor as they are cited frequently.
 - c) Position paper "Plant Genetic Resources: An Essential Foundation for U.S. and Global Provisioning, Economy, Sustainability and Security" has been released by Crop Science (see attached).
7. Report from Crop Science Editor, Shawn Kaeppler:
 - a) Crop Science had 850 submissions this year.
 - b) Average day to first submission is 35 days.
 - c) Number of foreign submissions has increased while the acceptance rate has decreased.
 - d) Impact factor is 1.5 (down from 1.6 of last year). Number of articles with zero or one citation is the main reason the impact factor is low.

8. Program Chair Report from Andrea Cardinal, C-08 Chair:
 - a) Budget this year was spent to purchase Meyer tickets (\$175), coffee\water for symposium (\$672) and dinner for symposium speakers\chairs (est. \$275). Leftover funds can be used for next year's program.
 - b) Encouraged incoming chair to continue coordination with C-01 and C-07 chairs for developing symposia for next year's meeting.
9. Presentation of Outstanding Papers:
 - a) There were 24 C-08 papers this year to consider.
 - b) Outstanding papers recognized:
 - i. "Evolution and Domestication of Lima Bean in Mexico: Evidence from Ribosomal DNA". M.L. Serrano-Serrano, R.H. Andueza-Noh, J. Martinez-Castillo, D.G. Debouck, and M.I. Chacon. *Crop Sci* 52:1698-1712 (2012).
 - ii. "Resistance to Race TTKSK of *Puccinia graminis* f. sp. *tritici* in Emmer Wheat ". P.D. Olivera, A. Badebo, S.S. Xu, D.L. Klindworth, and Y. Jin. *Crop Sci* 52:2234-2242 (2012).
10. Nominations for C-08 Division Officers:
 - a) Nominations for Incoming Chair-elect were Jianming Yu, Naveen Puppala, and Sherry Flint-Garcia.
 - b) A vote was held to determine which two nominations to forward to the CSSA Board. The results were Yu (9), Puppala (4), and Flint-Garcia (1) by a show of hands. Yu and Puppala will be submitted as the two nominees for this year.
11. Nominations for CSSA Incoming President-elect: None received. Andrea Cardinal will email C-08 member to request nominations.
12. Other items from the floor and announcements –
 - a) Melanie Harrison-Dunn requested symposium ideas for next year's CSSA Meeting to be held in Long Beach, CA "Grand Challenges: Grand Solutions".
 - b) Group is very interested in the issue of barriers to free germplasm exchange resulting from treaties, etc. As such, this issue would make a great idea for a symposium. Melanie Harrison-Dunn agreed to contact National Program Leader Peter Bretting for input and get ideas for speakers.
13. Meeting adjourned at 11:45am.

Respectfully submitted by Melanie Harrison-Dunn