

Agenda
C-8 Plant Genetic Resources Business Meeting
Monday, November 3, 2014, 10:30 am
Renaissance Long Beach, Naples Ballroom III
Long Beach, CA

1. Call to Order: Meeting was called to order by Melanie Harrison, C-8 Chair at 10:30
2. Minutes from the 2013 C-8 Business Meeting were approved by unanimous consent.
3. Introduction of Division Officers:
 - a. Chair, Melanie Harrison
 - b. Past Chair, Andrea Cardinal
 - c. Chair-elect, Clarice Coyne
 - d. Incoming Chair-elect, Jianming Yu
 - e. C-08 Board Representative, Gary Pederson
4. Reports from CSSA Journals and Books, Shawn Kaeppler, CSSA Editor
 - a. Crop Science, noted 1.51 impact factor, of 2014 submissions; 58% had a CSSA member as author/co-author; 10.2 page average length; 725 submissions in 2014 to date, on track to reach 2013 900 submissions; average 52 days to final decision; 37.5% USA submissions.
 - b. Plant Genome, 4.6 impact factor.
5. Comments from David Baltensperger, CSSA President
 - a. Melanie Harrison was recognized for her service as C8 Division Chair and presented a Certificate of Appreciation from CSSA.
 - b. 2015 annual meeting will be held in Minneapolis, MN, Mike Grusak, Program Chair, and the new CSSA Program Planning Officer is Mark Brick
 - c. Agronomy Science Foundation, 21 Golden Opportunity Scholars
 - d. Publication update, Digital Library subscription is up 22.5%
 - e. New Journal: Applied Turfgrass Science, Crop Management, and Forage & Grazinglands will be merging into a single journal titled Crop, Forage & Turfgrass Management in 2015.
 - f. Science policy activities
 - i. Congressional fellows applications sought
 - ii. Grand Challenges – discussion of controversy of externally funded study of plant genetic resources, discouraged due to resources.
 - iii. CSSA Communications Committee update: Promotions and outreach for 2015 International Year of Soils and 2016 International Year of the Pulses.
 - g. Membership-flat, student membership up.
 - h. Website updated, check Division website
 - i. Budget- <62,000>, investment returns will cover shortfall
6. C-08 Board representative report, Gary Pederson
 - a. 2015 CSSA Elections – Division Chairs to identify 2 candidates for each of the following: Division Chairs-Elect C-8 and President-Elect at Business Meetings. Provide names to Board Rep and Sara Uttech by Nov. 20
7. Program Chair Reports
 - a. C-08 budget:, \$2685, \$512 spent in 2014 catered break for Calvin Sperling Lectureship
 - b. Volunteers for committees

- i. Outstanding C-8 paper committee-suggested and accepted proposal for the Past-C8 Chair be the Outstanding Paper committee chair, thus Melanie Harrison will chair the 2015 Outstanding paper committee.
 - c. Review of 2014 C-8 Program: two Symposia, Meyer Breakfast; Phillips lectureship; Sperling lectureship; oral session and poster session.
 - i. C04\C08 Joint Symposium –Seed Physiology and Germplasm Conservation featured four speakers including Christina Walters, Marc A. Cohn, Hiroyuki Nonogaki, and A. Susanna Goggi.
 - ii. C08 Symposium –Impact of Legal Issues on the Conservation and Utilization of Plant Genetic Resources featured five speakers including Jennifer “Vern” Long, Karen A. Williams, Robert Griesbach, Tessa Tesfaye, and James D. Kelly.
 - iii. Ron Phillips Plant Genetics Lectureship co-sponsored by C01, C07, C08 and C09 featured Jorge Dubcovsky, University of California and Susan R. McCouch, Cornell University.
 - iv. Calvin Sperling Memorial Biodiversity Lectureship featured Paul Gepts, University of California.
 - v. Frank N. Meyer Medal for Plant Genetic Resources Breakfast and Award
- 8. Awards for Outstanding Papers in C-8 Plant Genetic Resources

Two papers selected

 - a. An Inventory of Crop Wild Relatives of the United States. Colin K. Houry, Stephanie Greene, John Wiersema, Nigel Maxted, Andy Jarvis and Paul C. Struik. doi:10.2135/cropsci2012.10.0585. Crop Science 2013 53:1496-1508.
 - b. Improving Hierarchical Clustering of Genotypic Data via Principal Component Analysis. T. L. Odong, J. van Heerwaarden, T. J. L. van Hintum, F. A. van Eeuwijk and J. Jansen. doi:10.2135/cropsci2012.04.0215. Crop Science 2013 53:1546-1554.
- 9. Nominations
 - a. C-8 Incoming Chair-elect nominations: Bill Anderson, Naveen Puppala
 - b. CSSA Incoming President-elect, nominees requested
- 10. Additional items from the floor and announcements
 - a. USDA Plant Breeding Roadmap, Ann Marie Thro, Office of the Chief Scientist, USDA
 - i. Roadmap handed out, four items highlighted: value of germplasm; education and recruitment of students; funding; public-private interaction
 - b. Symposium ideas for 2015 CSSA Meeting, Clare Coyne, Chair-elect
 - i. Symposium around crop wild relatives theme, Stephanie Greene organizer
 - ii. Enhancing use of germplasm, Clare Coyne and Hari Upadhyaya, organizers
 - c. Comments from the Board
 - i. Kudos for no schedule conflict for the Meyer Breakfast; convenient time for C-8 Business meeting noted.

11. Meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by Clarice Coyne