

Minutes
C-8 Plant Genetics Resources Business Meeting
Tuesday, November 17, 2015 11:00am
Minneapolis Convention Center, L100 GH Lower Level
Minneapolis MN

1. Call to Order: Meeting was called to order by Chair Clarice Coyne at 11:20. Agenda and 2014 minutes were passed out
2. Minutes from the 2014 C-8 business meeting were approved by show of hands. Minutes will be posted on CSSA webpage by sometime in January.
3. Report by C-8 board representative Gary Pederson:
 - a. The Ag Science Foundation funded 18 Golden Opportunity Scholars and 5 Greenfield Scholars.
 - b. Eighteen books are in development. The society is using the just published model and finished chapters are put up on the website as soon as they are received.
 - c. CSSA membership is 5928, up from 2014. Invite and encourage others to join so we reach 6000 members.
4735 members have some number of journal subscriptions and 1686 have full digital library subscriptions.
986 libraries and institutions have journal subscriptions; 858 of these subscribe to the full digital library.
 - d. The ASA purchased a building in Washington DC as a way to diversify its investments. CSSA is leasing space in this building as is SSSA. Lease of the CSSA's previous DC offices was up.
 - e. The society is seeking congressional fellow applications.
 - f. C-8 needs to submit the names of two prospective board representative (serving January 2017 – December 2019) by November 30th for election in 2016; names are also needed for incoming chair elect (serving January – December 2018. Later in the meeting Gary provided additional details about the commitments required of a board member. The board representative serves for three years, attends the CSSA board meeting at the annual meeting (usually scheduled for the day after the end of the official meeting) as well as one meeting annually at the headquarters in Madison, WI lasting about a day and a half (usually in the summer). In addition the board has a monthly conference call when there are topics in need discussion. It was mentioned that the new board member would be asked to attend the summer 2016 meeting in the capacity of a non-voting trainee.
4. Comments by David Baltensperger past CSSA president:
 - a. Issued an invitation to Phoenix – next national meeting November 6-9 in Phoenix, AZ. The society will be incorporating some new formats in 2016 including TED talks and some number of Ignite Sessions during which each speaker has five minutes to present.
 - b. He also mentioned the membership being close to 6000 and to please invite others to join.
 - c. The society is participating in USA science festival in DC this year.
 - d. The societies increased the cost of dues for membership in a third society; previously the third membership had been steeply discounted. A second society membership costs half of the cost of belonging to one society and now the third also costs half of a full membership.
 - e. The society spent \$46,155 more than it brought in but also earned \$190,000 from its endowment, an appropriate balance for a non-profit. More financial detail will be available on line for those interested.
 - f. CSSA has re-joined the Council for Agricultural Science and Technology (CAST) and David is a board member. He asked that we think about articles we think should come through CAST and to feed those ideas to him.
 - g. Firm thank you to Gary for his service as board representative and be sure to elect a new representative.
5. Comments by incoming CSSA president Mike Grusak:

- a. Remember that 2016 is the year of the pulses, opening with a big event in New York City later this week (November 19 and 20). The CSSA will be having pulse focus/special events during the 2016 annual meeting.
- b. One of Mike's jobs is to appoint people to committee openings so please consider any of his requests favorably.
- c. He recognized Clarice Coyne for her service as 2015 C-8 Division Chair.

6. Report from CSSA journals and book committee, Shawn Kaepler (presented by Clarice Coyne):

- a. 847 submissions to Crop Science during 2014; 677 so far in 2015. 35% overall acceptance rate: 65% acceptance for domestic submissions; 23% for international submissions. Average of 28.8 days to first decision and 54.9 days to final decision. Impact factor improved to 1.58 from 1.48 in 2014. Shawn thanked reviewers and editors.
- b. In an effort to increase citations of Crop Science and hence increase its impact factor, Stephanie Green related that a small group met November 16th to discuss organization of a special issue in Crop Science dedicated to uses of crop wild relatives. The group identified six themes for the issue: predictive characterization, pre-breeding approaches, development and domestication of new crops, challenges of introgression, strategies to identify the most important parents, and an article about the impact (economic, other) of crop wild relatives. The discussion will continue and an email will be sent to the C-8, C-1 and C-7 memberships inviting paper submission. A time line was suggested for a fall 2016 publication.

7. Report by Clarice Coyne C-8 chair:

- a. C-8 sponsored or co-sponsored three symposia and three lectureships during the 2015 annual meeting including the Ron Phillips Plant Genetics Lectureship, the Calvin Sperling Memorial Biodiversity Lecture, and the Frank Meyer Medal for Plant Genetics Resources Award and Breakfast. In addition, the C-8 oral session featured eight talks and 14 posters.
- b. Regarding the budget, total funds of \$3266.37, C-8 paid for the reception following the Calvin Sperling Lectureship as well as awarded travel reimbursement for one invited speaker.
- c. C-8 needs volunteers to serve on two committees: the outstanding paper competition committee and the Frank Meyer Medal committee.

8. The Outstanding Paper Committee, Melanie Harrison:

The committee selected two papers submitted during 2014 to the Plant Genetic Resources section of Crop Science to receive certificates of outstanding. Up to 10% of the papers published in the C-08 division in Crop Science can be awarded recognition as outstanding. The selections from 2014 submissions were:

1. Genetic Diversity for Stripe Rust Resistance in Wheat Landraces and Identification of Accessions with Resistance to Stem Rust and Stripe Rust. J. Sthapit, M. Newcomb, J. M. Bonman, X. Chen and D. R. See 54: 2131-2139
2. Variability for Seed Phytosterols in Sunflower Germplasm. A. Fernandez-Cuesta, C.C. Jan, J. M. Fernandez-Martinez and L. Velasco 54: 190-197

None of the authors of either paper were in attendance and award certificates will be mailed to the recipients.

9. Dr. Coyne requested nominations from the floor for three positions:

- a. incoming CSSA president elect
- b. C-8 representative to the CSSA board, serving January 2017 – December 2019
- c. Incoming C-8 chair elect, serving January 2018 – December 2018. Tasks include but are not limited to taking the minutes of the 2017 business meeting, organizing the C-8 sessions for the 2018 annual meeting (Baltimore Nov 6-9, CSSA and ASA meeting only), and managing the Outstanding Paper Committee (selecting 2018 published papers for awards at the 2019 meeting).

No nominations were received from the floor. Contact Clare if you are interested or if you have suggestions of potential recruits.

10. Additional items from the floor:

- a. If you have any ideas for symposia for the 2016 annual meeting, contact Jianming Yu Iowa State University (jmyu@iastate.edu).
- b. Ann Marie Thro, NIFA, mentioned that Dr. Woteki USDA Under-Secretary for the REE mission and Chief Scientist asked stakeholders what they viewed to be of major importance, and she received a majority response that the NPGS and genetic resources were a priority. She asked that we let her office know about articles about genetic resources and indicated that a popular article about the economic impact of genetic resources and crop wild relatives would be of great interest.
- c. The theme for the 2016 annual meeting is: Resilience emerging from Scarcity and Abundance.

11. Meeting adjourned at 11:55

Respectfully submitted by Laura Marek, 2016 C8 Incoming Chair

2015 Division Officers:

- a) Chair, Clarice Coyne
- b) Past Chair, Melanie Harrison
- c) Chair-elect, Jianming Yu
- d) Incoming Chair-elect, Laura Marek
- e) C-08 Board Representative, Gary Pederson