

Minutes
C8 Plant Genetics Resources Business Meeting
Tuesday, November 8, 2016 11:40am
Phoenix Convention Center, 122 BC, Phoenix, AZ

1. Call to Order: Meeting was called to order by Chair Jianming Yu at 11:40.
2. Minutes from the 2015 C8 business meeting were approved. Minutes will be posted on CSSA webpage.
3. C8 leadership was introduced:
 - Jianming Yu, 2016 chair
 - Laura Fredrick Marek, 2017 chair
 - David Brenner, 2018 chair
 - Gary Peterson, C-8 CSSA board representative
 - Stephanie Greene, incoming C-8 CSSA board representative (3 year tenure)
4. Report by C8 CSSA board representative Gary Pederson:
 - a) CSSA has a new strategic plan, 2017-2019, which can be viewed on the CSSA website
 - b) Reminder of the all CSSA morning meeting, Wednesday, Nov 9 at the Sheraton.
 - c) Future meetings are:
 - 2017 meeting is in Tampa, FL Oct 22-25; theme is Managing Global Resources for a Secure Future.
 - 2018 meeting is in Baltimore, CSSA and ASA only
 - 2019 meeting is in San Diego, all three societies again
 - d) 15 golden opportunity scholars were supported by the society this year; 10th year for this program
 - e) The Tri-Societies Science Policy office is always seeking applications for congressional fellows, next visit is March 13-14, 2017
 - f) As part of recognizing 2016 as the International Year of the Pulses (IYP), Mark Brick, leader of the CSSA IYP team, took 10 graduate students to Zambia to attend the Pan African Grain Legume Conference and World Cowpea Conference.
 - f) Membership of 5238, down 9% from previous year. Please invite your colleagues to join us.
 - g) General discussion about improving attendance for the Meyer Medal Award breakfast resulted in a consensus that the event should be scheduled not to conflict with the CSSA or ASA breakfasts as it was for Phoenix; ok to conflict with the SSSA breakfast.
5. Report from CSSA journals and book committee, Shuyu Liu:
 - a) Submissions to Journal of Plant Registrations down some but not significantly. Journal is looking for associate editors; contact Todd Campbell.
 - b) Marilyn Warburton is taking over editorship of Crop Science. 40% overall acceptance rate for US authors; 22% acceptance for international submissions. China and Brazil are the top two submitting countries after the US. Average of 34 days from receipt of a manuscript at the journal to final decision. Impact factor decreased from 1.57 to 1.55. Several special topic issues have been published/planned to increase readership and citation use including one about Crop Wild Relatives spearheaded by Stephanie Greene due to come out in 2017 with 17 articles (Oct 1 was deadline for submissions).
 - c) Plant Genome journal is doing well with a respectable impact factor and is listed in PubMed; Gary Muehlbauer is currently the editor.
 - d) The book committee is always looking for good ideas; contact Shuyu Liu, chair.
6. C8 report, Jianming Yu:
 - a) C8 sponsored or co-sponsored two symposia and three lectureships during the 2016 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. One symposium, Native Crops and Genetic Resources from the Southwest was on Tuesday and Dr Yu thanked Richard Pratt, NMSU, Las Cruces for organizing it. The second symposium, organized by Dr Yu, the Prominent Role of Plant Genetic Resources and Genebanks in

the Post-Genomic Era, is Wednesday morning. In addition, C9 had three participants in the Poster and 5 Minute Rapid session, a new style of research presentation which debuted at the Phoenix meeting, during which each speaker has five minutes to explain his or her research. This short speaking session takes place just before the formal poster session.

b) Regarding the budget, the amount dispersed by CSSA to C8 depends on the number of abstracts received. Recruiting more folks to put in posters and talks would increase money available to C8 to support speakers and receptions. C8 had about \$3000 and used money to support speakers' expenses instead of receptions which can be very expensive (\$2900 for the Sperling Lectureship reception in Minneapolis).

c) C8 needs volunteers to serve on two committees: the outstanding paper competition committee and the Frank Meyer Medal committee.

7. The Outstanding Paper Committee, Clarice Coyne:

The committee selected three papers from the 30 published during 2015 to the Plant Genetic Resources section of Crop Science to receive certificates of outstanding. Up to 10% of the papers published in the C8 division can be awarded recognition as outstanding. The selections from the 2015 submissions were:

1. Genetic Diversity among Wheat Accessions from the USDA National Small Grains Collection. J. M. Bonman, E.M. Babiker, A. Cuesta-Marcos, K. Esvelt-Klos, G. Brown-Guedira, S. Chao, D. See, J. Chen, E. Akhunov, J. Zhang, H. E. Bockelman, and T. C. Gordon. (cs-55-3-1243)
2. Evaluation and Reselection of Wheat Resistance to Russian Wheat Aphid Biotype 2. X. Xu, G. Bai, B. F. Carver, K. Zhan, Y. Huang, and D. Mornhingweg (cs-55-2-695)
3. Phenotypic or Molecular Diversity Screening for Conservation of Genetic Resources? An Example from a Genebank Collection of the Temperate Forage Grass Timothy. S. Fjellheim, P. Tanhuanpaa, P. Marum, O. Manninen and O. A. Rognli. (cs-55-4-1646)

Award certificates will be mailed to the recipients who were not in attendance. Dr. Coyne mentioned that she would like 10 volunteers to serve on the committee to read and rank the papers.

Based on prior discussions, Dr. Coyne proposed a change to the C8 bylaws that the chair of the Outstanding Paper Committee rotate annually to the past chair of the C8 Division. The motion was seconded and passed by voice vote. Dr. Coyne thanked Melanie Harrison for printing the award certificates.

8. Dr. Yu requested nominations from the floor for two positions:

- a) incoming CSSA president elect: Dr. Stephen Kresovich was nominated prior to the meeting and there was discussion among the division chairs as well as during the business meeting in support of his nomination.
 - b) Incoming C-8 chair elect serving January 2019 – December 2019: Tasks include but are not limited to taking the minutes of the 2018 business meeting while chair elect, organizing the C-8 sessions for the 2019 annual meeting (San Antonio, TX, Nov 10-13) while chair, and managing the Outstanding Paper Committee (selecting 2018 published papers for awards at the 2020 meeting) while past chair.
- No nominations were received from the floor. Contact Dr. Yu if you are interested or if you have suggestions of potential recruits.

9. Additional items from the floor:

- a) If you have any ideas for symposia for the 2017 annual meeting, contact Laura Marek, Iowa State University (lmarek@iastate.edu).
- b) The theme for the 2017 meeting is: Managing Global Resources for a Secure Future.
- c) There was discussion about the need to update the C8 description on the CSSA webpage and for general use. Candice Gardner agreed to lead the effort and Jianming Yu and Stephanie Greene agreed to be part of the group which would then distribute verbiage to the C8 membership for comment and approval.

10. Meeting adjourned at 12:30

Respectfully submitted by Laura Marek