

C-09 Division Business Meeting
Crop Science Society of America Annual Meeting
November 7, 2018
Baltimore, MD

Call to Order

- Meeting Chair: Adam Heuberger
- Minutes of the 2017 meeting were approved
- Lee Tarpley Presents Certificate of Recognition to C-09 Chair Adam Heuberger

Introduction of Division Officers

Adam Heuberger, Chair

Kevin Murphy, Chair-elect

Lee Tarpley, Board Representative

Davina Rhodes, chair-elect 2020

Crop Science Journal Report by Editor Marilyn Warburton

- Impact factor rose 1.635 (from 1.629)
- Ranks 26/87 in the Agronomy category in the "journal citation reports"
- ~20% of authors choosing open access; impact factor doesn't seem to go up by choosing this option.
- Corresponding authors holding CSSA membership is 55% (95% in 2013)
 - Reasons: been inviting more people to submit; abolished page charges for first 7 pages
- Changes over the past year
 - Replaced category "major revision" with "reject and resubmit following major revision" because people were not making the necessary revisions
 - Sept 22-29, 2018 CSSA celebrated it first Crop Wild Relative Week
 - crops, soils, and agronomy will have a theme week every year
 - ACSESS launched english language editing service in late 2017
- Social media and promotion
 - Article promotion in CSA News, Crops & Soils, and society social media accounts
 - Podcasts: anyone interested in doing a podcast is welcome
- Submissions
 - C-01 115
 - C-09 4
 - Can write a review article or opinion article, talk to editor
 - Acceptance rate going down ~30%
 - Days to first submission ~30 days
- New director of publications-Matt Wascavage
- New journal - Agrosystems, Geoscience, and Environment- for articles not published in other journals for various reasons of fit:
 - studies limited in space or time

- Studies resulting in negative results
- Have journal templates authors can download to help proper formatting

Journal Discussion

Richard Pratt: Suggests publicly denounce junk journals. He teaches science communications class and could write an article. Will talk to Marilyn Warburton about it.

Kevin Murphy (?): Suggests developing a core values statement for the journal. Marilyn Warburton suggests it could be a letter from editor.

Adam Heuberger:

- C-09 submissions very low
- Editor can ask to move submissions to C-09 that seem appropriate
- Adam motioned to form a committee to develop solutions to increase C-09 submissions
 - 3-5 action items
 - Committee volunteers
 - Adam Heuberger
 - Marilyn Warburton
 - Jason Gillman
 - Jo Heuschel

Comments from Board Representative Lee Tarpley

- Membership as society up
 - C-09 Membership
 - 346 in 2017
 - 353 in 2018
- Nomination for Fellow awards starting to drop off
 - Does this refer to [Congressional Fellowship?](#)
 - Want to encourage more nominations, emphasizing inclusivity
- Finances net income \$400,000
 - More than \$500,000 of investment income, so operating loss of \$100,000
 - For 2019 net operating loss of \$160-170K
- [Annual Congressional Visits Day](#)
 - CSSA, ASA, SSSA members 1 day visit to D.C. to advocate scientific research
 - graduate students and faculty can apply
 - Graduate student fees paid; travel with a mentor; policy, communication, and advocacy training
 - Couple of paid faculty spots, but welcome others to participate with their own finances

Call for nominations:

- Names due Dec. 30th for nominations - send by email

- CSSA Board Representative (3 year term)
 - Lee Tarpley agreed to continue on
 - No other names were put forward
- CSSA Division Chair Elect for 2021
 - Marta Lima
 - Dipak Santra
 - Renuka Sankaran will consider
- CSSA President
 - Richard Pratt

C-09 Program Report

- 1 general Oral session with 6 talks
 - Only received 1 Oral submission
 - Invited poster submissions to give talks
 - Could reach out to other division chairs to ask if they could share submissions that may be appropriate for C-09

Discussion of 2019 Symposia/Program

- Food use of health-promoting minor crops across the globe and how to use as food in USA - food processing and how to use --"high value crops" barrier to entry
- Bring in chef demonstrations for minor crops
- Need for breeders to better understand food quality and "sensory evaluation"
- Pipeline from farm to clinical trial
- Broaden crops to hort-type crops?
- Discussion has begun between C-09 and Horticulture for Human Health Division of the International Society for Horticultural Sciences to explore mutual interests
- Expensive meeting with low honorarium in our group
 - Groups that could pay their way
 - International ag research institutes
 - Industry, food tech companies
 - Medical field
- Can we fundraise?

In Attendance

Adam Heuberger	Colorado State University - Dept of Horticulture & Landscape Architecture
Marta Lima	University of New Hampshire - Dept of Agriculture Nutrition and Food Science
Renuka Sankaran	City University of New York - Dept of Biology
Kevin Murphy	Washington State University - Dept of Crop and Soil Sciences
Adrienne Kleintop	Delaware Valley University - Plant Science
Lee Tarpley	Texas A&M AgriLife Research
Jo Heuschele	University of Minnesota - Agronomy and Plant Genetics Dept
Rich Pratt	New Mexico State University

Dipak Santra	University of Nebraska-Lincoln - Dept of Agronomy and Horticulture
Shuyu Liu	Texas A&M University - Research and Extension Unit Amarillo
Tara Wilson	Kansas State University - Dept of Agronomy
Davina Rhodes	Kansas State University - Dept of Agronomy
Jason Gillman	USDA-ARS Columbia, MO
Marilyn Warburton	USDA-ARS Mississippi State, MS