

**CSSA Division C9 Business Meeting**  
**November 3, 2010, Long Beach California**

Division Chair Linda Pollak called the meeting to order at 3:00 PM.

**Report from CSSA president Maria Gallo:**

Thanks to Linda for serving as Division Chair.

CSSA membership numbers are up, total # is ~4,900, up by 240 since 2009

The budget is in good shape, a little bit more money this year, no problems.

Brick: Can Division carry funds over from year to year?

Gallo: Probably can.

**Report from Crops Science Editor Charlie Brummer:**

Come up with creative ideas for kids' books, looking for something that would have wide distribution outside the society.

Crop science impact factor has gone up, now at 1.73, partly due to a change in germplasm registrations.

No c9 interpretation paper submitted this year, suggested more of those papers.

Mark Westgate is stepping down, suggests Shawn Kaepler to take over.

The Plant Genome, Open-Access journal, wants to reinvigorate that journal.

C9 Submission summary: Ten manuscript submissions, four accepted, one released, three not ready, two pending. 5/5 foreign/U.S.

**Report from Program planning officer for CSSA Mike Strauss:**

Send suggestions and thoughts about what worked and what didn't work to incoming program chair Jeff Volenec.

Theme for next year: Fundamental to life: Soil, crop and environmental sciences

**Introduction of Officers:**

Linda Pollak, Chair

Paul Scott, Chair Elect

Shannon Pinson, Incoming Chair Elect

Mike Grusak, Board Representative

Division Historian, Mark Brick

**Approval of Minutes:**

Minutes of the 2009 meeting have been on the web site all year. Minutes were approved.

**Summary of C9 Activities:**

**Report of Division Historian Mark Brick:**

Everything is on the web. Send ideas about what should be in the history to Mark Brick.

**Report of Board Representative Mike Grusak:**

Society is interested in grand challenges - input sought

Science Policy Committee has monthly conference calls to talk about policy issues with respect to white papers to put out to Congress. Send ideas for topics to Mike Grusak

K-12 committee supports an online mentoring with students. Encourage people to participate.

C9 provisional status has been removed and we are now a full-blown division.

Suggest putting a paper about the division for CSSA news. Volunteers welcome.

Discussion about time between acceptance and publication of manuscripts in Crop Science. Even online publication is taking a long time. It should be 60 days, but is actually taking 5 and a half months to a year. Mike Grusak will check on this.

**Report of Webmaster Paul Scott:**

Send content to Paul Scott

**Report of the Division Chair Linda Pollak:**

Research officers' panel went well, 35 attendees, many good comments.

Symposium and Volunteered talks also went well with about 30 attendees each.

Paul Scott takes over as Division Chair January 1.

**2010 symposium Ideas:**

Send ideas to Paul Scott.

Funds are available.

Engage graduate students with travel grants, poster contests, mixers.

Include talks related to horticultural crops.

Organic crops are of interest.

Economics of crop quality.

Identity preservation is important in crops marketed for nutritional value.

Climate change and impact on nutritional value.

Life cycle analysis of nutrients from soil to table (Soil scientist, plant physiologist, nutritionist)

**Nomination of new Officers:**

Hari Krishnan and Kristin Bilyeu were nominated and accepted nominations for Incoming chair elect. Elections will be held online.

CSSA Rapid Response Team: if the CSSA president has a big external issue that comes up, they want people who have experience in many divisions to help with it. Kristen accepted the nomination for this as well.

**Attendees:**

Kristin Bilyeu, Mark Brick, Charles Brummer, Maria Gallo, Mike Grusak, Karl Haro Von Mogel, Adam Heuberger, Owen Hoekenga, Ralph Obendorf, Shannon Pinson, Linda Pollak, Paul Scott, Mike Strauss, Casey Wenger.

**Adjourn**

Respectfully submitted,

Paul Scott, with grateful acknowledgement of Karl Haro Von Mogel for recording.