CSSA Division C-9 Business Meeting
ASA, CSSA, & SSSA International Annual Meeting
Wednesday, November 10, 2021
Salt Lake City, UT

In attendance
- In-person: Dipak Santra, Vara Prasad, Marta Lima
- Virtual: Jason Gillman, Lee Tarpley

Call to Order
- Meeting Chair: Dipak Santra
- Approval of 2020 minutes – postponed due to lack of quorum
- Introduction of officers:
  - Board Representative: Lee Tarpley
  - Chair: Dipak Santra
  - Chair-Elect: Nirit Bernstein
  - Chair-Elect 2023: Marta Lima
  - Past-Chair: Davina Rhodes

Board Representative report (by Vara Prasad because Lee Tarpley is not in-person)
- Membership numbers are going down, but graduate student membership is increasing; need to support the continuation of the members in the transition from grad school to early career stage
- 2021 Annual meeting participation
  - 2659 in-person, 602 virtual, approximately 3500 participants
- ASA, CSSA, SSSA town hall went well
  - Current CEO search

Journal reports
- Impact factors are going up
- Quality of papers is going up, acceptance rate is decreasing, international submissions are increasing
- C-9 Div. viability
  - Recently, Jason Gillman had a conversation with Paul Scott (current Editor for Crop Science, former Technical Editor for C-9). Briefly, we’ve seen a declining number of papers being submitted to Crop Science under C-9.
  - Idea of a C-9 special issue was proposed as a way of increasing C-9 visibility

Budget statement
- Was presented in the CSSA Business Meeting Discussion
• Not discussed here due to lack of quorum

Recognition of Division Chair Service
• Vara Prasad thanked the Division Chair Dipak Santra for his service

Call for nominations (Term begins 1/1/2023):
Two candidates each:
• C-9 Division Chair-Elect
• Board Representative for C-9
• CSSA President-Elect
  No names were formally put forward. The nomination process will take place via email/discussion board after the meeting.

Discussion of topics for 2022 meeting
• Due to lack of quorum, discussion will be conducted via discussion board/email.

Other business
• “International Millet Year 2023”
  o Cross-divisional/Society symposium Ideas
    • “Effective Communication of Role of Forgotten/Underutilized/Neglected/Orphan/Minor Crops’ for Food and Nutritional Security Under Changing Climate of the 21st Century”.
    • Special Symposium in 2023 Meeting on Millets for “International Millet Year 2023”
  o For 2022 symposium proposals should have broader reach - focused on healthy people/crops for healthy people
• At-large board member for diversity
  o C-9 members will be asked to vote support or not support the creation of an at-large board member for diversity