

American Pomological Society

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ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING AND AWARDS PRESENTATION

Las Vegas, Nevada

5:00-6:00 pm July 19, 2005

Minutes

Old Business:

1. **Comments from the president: Welcome, Acknowledgments, and Workshop Arrangements.** Meeting was called to order at 5:05 pm by the President Kim Hummer. Kim welcomed everyone to the meeting. She thanked Ed Stover on coordinating the workshop and the olive oil and pomegranate juice tasting.
2. **Report by Standing Committee Chairs, Award Ceremony.**
 - a. **Secretary's Report.** Des Layne submitted the minutes for the 2005 Annual Business Meeting and record book of those attending the annual business meeting since 1958 was passed around for those attending the 2005 meeting to sign in. The minutes were reviewed and John Proctor made a motion that the minutes be accepted. John Barden seconded the motion, and the minutes were accepted unanimously by the members attending the meeting. Kirk Pomper then assumed the responsibilities as the new secretary and recorded the minutes of the meeting.
 - b. **Business Manager and Treasurer's Report.** Rob Crassweller distributed a report that showed a positive cash flow in 2004, where overall income exceeded expenses by \$8,699. The most important changes this year that resulted in this positive cash flow were a reduction in printing costs and increased success in collecting page charges. Rob said that allowing individuals to pay for page charges with a credit card speeded up payments. A direct telephone line was also installed that has assisted the secretary in business matters. There was a question concerning the current number of members. Rob said that APS had a total of 440 member/subscribers; this was down 10 from 2003. About ten years ago there were about 1000 members. Rob was applauded for his efforts.
 - c. **Editorial Committee and Editor's Comments.** Wes Autio was unable to attend the meeting, so John Barden made a report. Working with a local printer for the Journal has met with success. There were 45 manuscripts submitted in 2005 and 31 of these were published. Reviewers of the articles did a great job. Once again more papers are needed and he is looking for additional cover stories. John has a CD with PDF versions of all papers and is working on a way to make these available to authors. Chad Finn and John Clark took over as list Editors and Registrar Coordinators for the Register of New Fruit and Nut Cultivars, which will continue being published every other year in HortScience with list 43 being published in 2006. John and Wes were applauded for their efforts.
 - d. **U.P. Hendrick Award Presentation.** Essie Fallahi reported that there were no nominations for the award this year; therefore no award would be presented. Essie

encouraged everyone to tell their graduate students about this opportunity. Emails concerning the award will be sent out early next year in an effort to recruit papers.

- e. **Shepard Award Presentation.** Kim Hummer reported that the winners of the 2005 Shepard Award were G. Reighard, R. Andersen, J. Anderson, W. Autio, T. Beckman, T. Baker, R. Belding, G. Brown, P. Byers, W. Cowgill, D. Deyton, E. Durner, A. Erb, D. Ferree, A. Gaus, R. Godin, R. Hayden, P. Hirst, S. Kadir, M. Kaps, H. Larsen, T. Lindstrom, N. Miles, F. Morrison, S. Myers, D. Ouellette, C. Rom, W. Shane, B. Taylor, K. Taylor, C. Walsh, and M. Warmund for their paper “Eight-year performance of 19 peach rootstocks at 20 locations in North America” that can be found in the APS Journal in volume 58, pages 174-202. Certificates were distributed to the authors who were present at the meeting, and certificates will be sent via U.S. mail to the remaining authors. Members of the committee included K. Hummer, M. Odneal, M. Ehlenfeldt, and C. Rom.
- f. **Wilder Medal Awards Presentation.** Desmond Layne presented the 2005 award to Dr. Schuyler Korban, professor of molecular genetics and biotechnology at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, in recognition of his outstanding contributions to pomology. Des shared a biographical sketch and award write-up that will appear in an upcoming issue of the J. Amer. Pom. Sci. Dr. Korban accepted the award and thanked APS for the award. Members of the committee included D. Layne, K. Pomper, L. Cheng, K. Taylor, E. Fallahi, D. Percival, D. Archbold, M. Pritts, and P. Hirst. Des is stepping down from chair of the Wilder Award Committee and Dr. Doug Archbold (University of Kentucky) will be taking over as chair next year.
- g. **Nomination and Election.** (this old business item was held until after the first new business item was considered)

New Business:

- 3. **Proposed changes to Article IX of the APS Constitution-extending term of executive officers.** In an effort to promote continuity in APS efforts of recruiting, etc., a motion was put forth via email by Des Layne and seconded by Ed Stover to amend the APS constitution to basically 1) have terms of office begin following the annual meeting of the society, and 2) extend the terms of office of immediate past President, President, 1st Vice-President, and 2nd Vice-President to two years instead of one. After discussion concerning this topic by those on the executive and advisory boards, a vote was taken via email (12 yea and 4 nay) that supported putting these changes to a vote by the APS membership during the annual business meeting. Notice of this proposed change was posted on the APS web site for over 30 days prior to the annual business meeting. There was a short discussion concerning the advantages (continuity) and disadvantages (long terms of service required by executive board members, possibly up to 6 years) prior to consideration. Jules Janick made a motion to accept the changes to the constitution and David Hunter seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by a voice vote of the members attending the meeting.
- 4. **Nomination and Election.** Essie Fallahi, chair of the Nomination Committee, proposed the following slate of candidates:

Executive Board

1. President: Kim Hummer (USDA-Corvallis)
2. 1st Vice President: Ed Stover (USDA-Davis, CA)
3. 2nd Vice President: Des Layne (Clemson Univ., SC)
4. Treasurer: Rob Crassweller (Penn State Univ., PA)
5. Secretary: Kirk Pomper (Kentucky State Univ., KY)
6. David Percival ('04-'06)
7. Brent Black ('05-'07)
8. Lailiang Cheng ('05-'08)

Advisory Committee

2004 - 2006

John Cline

Philp Forsline

Gail Nonnecke

Chad Finn

2005 - 2007

Wes Autio

Patrick Conner

David Himelrick

Jim McFerson

Greg Reighard

2006 - 2008

Kent Kobayashi

Elena Garcia

Michael Glenn

Darek Swietlik

A motion was made by Curt Rom to accept the slate of candidates and Jules Janick seconded the motion. The motion to accept the slate of candidates was accepted unanimously by the members attending the meeting.

5. **Workshop and Business Meeting Speakers for New Orleans 2006.** Des Layne reported that he had already begun the process of examining topics for the APS Workshop and Business meeting next year. Des solicited ideas from those attending the meeting. No ideas for speaker topics were offered from the floor. Des asked people to send additional topic suggestions to him via email. Dr. Himelrick has volunteered to provide fruit for tasting at the meeting.
6. **Membership Issues.** Darek Swietlik was absent, but Kim Hummer reported that Darek has been working on efforts to recruit new members. Darek will be sending a letter to all ASHS working group chairs and to other organizations, such as the North American Fruit Explorers (NAFEX), concerning APS activities and membership opportunities. Kim asked for suggestions on how to increase the membership and asked people to send her ideas after the meeting. One member suggested that APS combine with groups such as

NAFEX; however, it was pointed out that our mission is different from such groups such as NAFEX. It was agreed that APS needs to focus on promoting what we do. Kim again emphasized that APS needs more members, so do what you can.

7. **Additional New Business from the APS Members.** Brent Black suggested that we have membership forms for potential new members at the next ASHS and APS meetings. A motion was put forth on the floor for Wes Autio to serve as the APS Resident Agent in Massachusetts. David Hunter seconded the motion. The motion was accepted unanimously by the members attending the meeting.
8. **APS Jeopardy.** Kim Hummer then led an APS Jeopardy activity.

The meeting adjured at 6:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kirk W. Pomper
Secretary, American Pomological Society.
8/15/2005