

# American Pomological Society

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## ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING AND AWARDS PRESENTATION

St. Louis, MO

July 26, 2009

**Attendance:** 49 signed the attendance book.

1. **Comments from the President:** President Desmond Layne called the meeting to order at 5:00, and distributed printed copies of the meeting agenda
  - a. Thanked those who help with the tasting and workshop, and invited participants that weren't members of APS to join the society.
  - b. Recognized Jules Janick for Horticulture Hall of Fame Inductee.
  - c. Recognized those who contributed to digitizing the journal.
2. **Secretary's Report:** Minutes of 2008 meeting presented by Kirk Pomper. Minutes were approved unanimously.
3. **Workshop Report:** President Layne thanked Kirk Pomper, Patrick Byers, Michele Warmund and John Clark for another successful workshop.
4. **Business Manager Report:** (Crassweller) – Society is in sound financial condition. More dues are being paid by credit card. Email for address changes or other membership issues is [APS@PSU.EDU](mailto:APS@PSU.EDU). Check your email address when you register to ensure online Journal access. Journal is doing well.

Des brought forward the decision of the executive board to have a financial oversight committee made up of vice presidents and secretary.

  - a. Des brought forward the recommendation by the executive board to raise dues by \$5. Motion was made and seconded. No discussion. Passed unanimously.
  - b. Moved and seconded to accept the business managers report. This passed unanimously.
5. **Editor's report:** (Presented by Layne in Hampson absence). Manuscript numbers presented, Number of papers rejected, and the reasons were presented. Called for assistance from membership for reviewing journal articles.

Mini-reviews and regional updates. 10 authors and topics proposed. Des called for additional submissions in this category.

Kim Hummer wasn't present, so items related to online availability were postponed.
6. **Editorial Committee Report:** (Presented by Layne in Autio absence) Editorial committee thanked Hampson for the good job she is doing as editor. No other report at this time.
7. **Membership report:** (presented by Fallahi) 381 members, and declining. Arrangements with ASHS for a check off system for membership dues payment and membership renewal will raise the visibility of the society and increase ease of paying membership dues. The \$5 increase in dues will cover the credit card fees.
8. **Nomination Committee Report:** (Layne presented in Stover absence). Nominations as per handout except Greg Reighard in place of G. Fazio. Fallahi asked if more than 15 could serve as advisory committee members. Layne read from the bylaws that said the committee was made up of 15. Nominations closed and the slate passed unanimously.
9. **Resident Agent Reappointment:** Layne announced that the executive board had reappointed Wes Autio.
10. **Honoraria.** List of honoraria and amounts were presented for approval.

- a. Editor \$2,200 plus \$1,250 for travel to annual meeting
- b. Treasurer and business manager: \$900 plus \$1,250 for travel
- c. Secretary \$200

Moved seconded and passed unanimously

**11. U.P. Hedrick Award:** (Presented by Fallahi) Thanks to those who nominated students.

Thanks to selection committee members (Susan Brown, Peter Hirst, Rob Crassweller and Essie Fallahi).

- a. 1<sup>st</sup> place: Comparing strawberry salt tolerance using a low volume near continuous gradient dosing system. Hawks, Cardon and Black, Utah State University.
  - b. 2<sup>nd</sup> place: Inheritance of Cr gene in Ribes nigrum. Dalton and Hummer, Oregon State University.
- 12. Shepard Award:** (Presented by Warmund) Best paper in 2008 volume of J Am Pom Soc. Thanks to selection committee of (Patrick Conner, Fumi Takeda, Warmund.) Winner: Paw Paw regional variety trial (Pomper, Crabtree, Layne, Peterson, Mesabni, Wolfe).
- 13. Wilder Silver Medal Award:** Two award recipients selected for 2009 medal.
- a. John Clark presented the award for Paul Lyrene (not present). Nominated by Bob Knight and Wayne Sherman. Blueberry breeding program has been highly successful. 15 graduate students. Has goals and knows how to get there. Varieties adopted throughout southern U.S. and around the world. Recognized as the world's premier blueberry breeder. Low chill blueberries took off. Blueberries became the primary royalty generator for University of Florida. 125 research publications. Multiple varieties. "Star" is the premier variety. Jeff Williamson to accept on his behalf.
  - b. Chad Finn presented award for Vicky Knight (not present). Nominated by Hugh Daubney. Bliss, Britten, and other autumn cultivars, including Autumn Treasure. Newest variety in floricanes is Octavia. Multiple Ribes cultivars. Gall mite resistance introduced into commercial varieties.
- 14. Register of fruit and nut cultivars:** (presented by Finn). List 44 came out in 2008. Calls have gone out to section organizers. David Carp helping recruit authors for tropical fruit sections.
- 15. Editor's report – continued:** (Hummer) Conversion to electronic journal. Ed Stover worked out an agreement with ISHS. 1993 to present already with ISHS. Older issues 1946 to present scanned and will soon be available online. Shooting for a January 2010 rollout.

**New business**

- 1. **Workshop and Tasting Session:** (Finn and Carp, coordinators) Recommended for next year. Dates, some citrus, some pomegranates, cactus pear, mangos, new peaches, stone fruit hybrids. Suggestion made to avoid pomegranates and other fruits that were covered in recent workshops and tastings.
- 2. **Other new business – Membership.** Online journal access and broad-interest articles might stimulate interest in and exposure to society. Ian Merwin suggested that interest could be generated through growing interest in heirloom varieties.
- 3. **Meeting adjourned.**