

2024 APS Business Meeting

Honolulu, HI

September 26, 2024, 5 pm

2023 Draft Minutes Review

- Minutes from the 2023 APS Business Meeting reviewed; no suggestions from membership for revisions were received.

Motion to accept the 2023 APS business meeting minutes:

Essie Fallahi moved that we accept the 2023 minutes as submitted to the membership.

- Chris Walsh seconded the motion.

Financial Report (K. Gasic for Amaya Atucha)

- Report found in packet submitted to members ([link on website](#))
- \$22,275 income in 2023
 - o Memberships
 - o Journal page charges
- Income decreased by about 30% due to significant decrease in journal page charges compared to previous year (only 3 issues were published in 2023).
 - o Also due to decrease in journal subscriptions and AT&T stock dividend.
- There was a slight increase in membership from previous year, but significantly decreased from previous years.
 - o This could also be an artifact of how memberships are renewed (currently 12 months from date of renewal rather than January 1 – December 31st)
- Total expenses:
 - o 2022
 - There was a Chad Finn Endowment payout mistake (2021 payout came from APS funds, when it should have come from ASHS)
 - Speaker Travel Costs – Glacier, Great Lakes, Climate Change
- Chad Finn Endowment Funds - \$26,795.
 - o There were \$450.00 donated this year to the Chad Finn Endowment Fund.
- NET Balance for 2023: -\$2,669.05

Motion to accept 2023 Financial Report

- David Karp made a motion to accept the 2023 Financial Report; Gina Fernandez seconded it.

Register of New Fruit and Nut Cultivars – David Karp

- The current edition was published in August 2024 and was the largest edition ever!
- Editors implemented substantial changes to standardize nomenclature.
 - o See report for details (link to report).
- Systemizing nomenclature and keeping track of new fruit varieties is one of the main reasons the society was funded in the mid-19th centuries.
 - o *Question from Cameron Peace*: Is it time to use DNA profiles attached to unique cultivar names?
 - It would entail a lengthy data set
- David Karp is considering retirement in a few years; and we would like to have some volunteers (1 or 2) that can overlap with David Karp to take over the Register in the future.
 - o David will do next version in 2 years but hoping to hand it over to someone else for the following edition in 3 years.
 - o If you have interest, please talk with Ksenija Gasic (kgasic@clemsun.edu) or David Karp (dkarp@ucr.edu).
- There is a digital version of the register (<https://www.fruitandnutlist.org>), but the funding is ending for it.
 - o Dorrie Main, WSU is leading this effort, and she was able to fund it for one more year.
 - o Information came from David's efforts to digitize all the back issues (which was funded by David).
- Much appreciation to David and Ksenija for this issue!

Motion to accept the Register of Fruit and Nut Cultivars Report:

Gina Fernandez made the motion, Per McCord seconded it.

Membership and Nomination Committee (Ksenija Gasic)

- Membership goes up and down
 - o But overall, there has been a declining trend
 - o Students join, but don't maintain their membership after graduation, how can we get them to stay?
- List of members published on the website – will be online by the end of the year.
- **Thank you** to all those Advisory Board Members rotating off:
 - o Jayesh Samtani (Virginia Tech, Virginia Beach, VA)
 - o David Trinka (Michigan Blueberry Growers Association)
 - o Shawn Mehlenbacher (Oregon State University, Corvallis, OR)

- Macarena Farcuh (University of Maryland, College Park, MD)
- Gurreet Brar (Fresno State University, Fresno, CA)
- Slate of proposed candidates for the Advisory Board for the next three years (2024-2027)
 - Juan Carlos Melgar, Clemson University
 - Cameron Peace, Washington State University
 - Matthew Clark, University of Minnesota
 - Essie Fallahi, Emeritus Professor
 - Zilfina Rubio Ames, University of Georgia, Tifton

Motion to accept the slate of candidates for the Advisory Board:

- Curt Rom made the motion, Tom Kon seconded it.
- At Large Member replacement:
 - Gina Fernandez (2021-2024) agreed to stay one more year

Motion to accept Gina as an At-Large Member for one more year:

- Curt Rom so moved, Essie Fallahi seconded it.
- 2nd Vice President Candidate:
 - Lisa Wasko DeVetter (WSU)

Motion to accept Lisa Wasko DeVetter as the 2nd VP:

- Essie Fallahi so moved ; Ksenija Gasic seconded the motion.

We will need nominations this year for:

- Secretary (please contact K. Gasic if you or someone you know would like to be nominated)
- Chad Finn Committee Member (please contact G. Fernandez if interested)

Chad Finn Ambassador Award (Gina Fernandez)

- This is the 3rd time that it is being given out.
- Amanda McWhirt, Renee Threlfall, John Clark: submitted nomination letters for this candidate.
- Winner is **Penny Perkins-Veazie!**
 - Penny's major impact has been to develop process to ship blackberries.
 - An entire body of research has been dedicated to postharvest fruit quality, extension, and education.
- Patrick Veazie (her son) accepted the award.

U.P. Hedrick Award (Essie Fallahi)

- Established to encourage promising and gifted students to specialize in the field of pomology.
- **Winners:**

- First Place winner: A Research Paper:
Manuscript title: Evaluating Growing Degree Days and Fruit Development Periods in Peach Breeding Material from Clemson University.
Authors: Matthew Almy, John M. Lawton, and Ksenija Gasic

- For Second Place, we had two co-recipients, as they ranked identical:
Second-place co-recipient No. 1:

A Research Paper:
Manuscript Title: Anthocyanin Content and Profiles of Strawberry Fruit from North Carolina Genotypes.
Authors: Brianna Haynes, Gina Fernandez, Guoyina Ma, and Penelope Perkins-Veazie

- Second-place co-recipient No. 2
A Review Paper:
Manuscript Title: Pawpaw: An Underutilized Tree with Potential
Authors: Griffin Erich, Greg Peck and Marvin Pritts.

The First and Second-Place winners and non-recipients were notified, with warm words of encouragements by the chair. First and second-place winners will receive plaques from at the APS business meeting. Additionally, a check will be given to the first author in the amount of \$300 to the first place and \$150 to the first author of each of the second-place co-recipients.

Shepard Award (Ksenija Gasic for Kelsey Galimba)

- Recognizes outstanding research, presented for the best research paper published each year (previous year)
- Will be awarded by end of the year and recognized next year.
- For 2025, because there are so few papers for 2024, those will be moved to 2025 for consideration for the 2026 award.

Wilder Award (K. Gasic for Brent Black)

- Winner this year is **Kate Evans (WSU)**, for the outstanding contributions to pome fruit breeding and genetics.
- Nominated by Jim Luby.

- *Biosketch link:*
- WA-38 – Cosmic Crisp has tremendous impact, phenomenal and fast adoption by the U.S. apple industry.
- Two members are rotating off:
 - o Margaret Worthington
 - o Dario Chavez
- Please send all nominations (including self-nominations) to Brent Black at Utah State University

Editor’s Report (K. Gasic for Rich Marini)

- Rich Marini retired after 9 years as Editor-in-Chief
 - o Will stay involved as an emeritus
- Usually 30-35 submissions each year, but very low since the pandemic (2020).
 - o Only 4 submissions in 2024.
- New editor: Mercy Olmstead

Editor Committee Report (K. Gasic for Penny Perkins-Veazie)

- Work on DOIs have been folded into the discussion of the APS Journal Transition
- Not much else to report; Penny submitted a small paragraph that was included in packet to membership.

Website Report (M. Olmstead)

- Mercy Olmstead reported that website moved from original hosting service (Peak Internet, Corvalls, OR) to an online cloud server.
- Annual fees have been waived due because of non-profit status for APS.
- Mercy also mentioned that it would be great to find another person to take over website because of other roles that she has taken on in the society.

Motion to accept the website report:

- Ksenija moved to accept the website report; Mercy seconded it.

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Journal Transition – Mercy Olmstead

- Presentation on options for digital transition of the printed and .pdf formatted journal given to membership
 - o Option #1 – KGL quote
 - Initial set up fees: \$10,031.88

- Ongoing annual fees: \$8,604.75
 - Option #2 – Open Journal Systems, part of the Public Knowledge Project
 - Annual fees: \$2,700
 - Need metadata and migration of all issues and articles though.
 - Option #3 – Combined approach
 - Use KGL to migrate content and extract metadata from each article - \$5,332
 - Host journal site with OJS - \$2,700
 - All options would have to include the Crossref Membership (For DOI assignment), annual fees of \$275 + Editor Salary of \$4,000 annually.
- Pricing for articles will increase to pay for the Creative Commons Open Source License for each article
 - Research Articles
 - Non-Member Fee: \$2,000
 - APS Member Fee: \$1,000
 - Standard article
 - Can submit supplementary material
 - Short Paper Articles
 - Non-Member Fee: \$700
 - APS Member Fee: \$500
 - Maximum: 1,800 words
 - Maximum: 2 scalable images, tables, or figures
- Combined approach was approved by the membership with a show of hands. No formal motion needed as this was decided as best approach by EC Board.