

American Pomological Society

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ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING AND AWARDS PRESENTATION

Waikoloa Beach, HI

September 27, 2011

Attendance: Those attending were asked to sign the attendance book.

1. **Comments from the President:** President Terence Robinson called the meeting to order, welcomed the membership and recognized the current executive board and advisory committee. The agenda was discussed.
2. **Secretary's report (Black):** Procedures for compiling last year's minutes were discussed, and the minutes circulated and approved (0:04:20)
3. **Treasurer/Business Manager's report.** Rob circulated a two-page printed report. Fiscal year is the same as the calendar year.
 - a. Negative cash flow of \$5,577.
 - b. Janick and Moore fund is now at \$6,626.
 - c. Items faxed to the business office come to a secure location in Rob's house.
 - d. No longer will an "audit" be conducted. Books will be reviewed by a financial review committee.
 - e. Terence commented that the report is somewhat ominous with declining membership and revenues.
 - f. Report accepted unanimously.
4. **Financial Review Committee report.** Committee consists of Kirk Pomper (chair, and 1st V.P.), Peter Hirst (2nd V.P.), Brent Black (Secretary), Des Layne and Curt Rom. Kirk was not yet present due to a time conflict. Peter gave the report. Three members of the committee met with Rob, reviewed the materials that he brought (transaction report by category), and asked that in the future he provide additional information including bank account statements. Report accepted by the membership.
5. **Approval of Honoraria – Terence.**
 - a. Editor \$2,200 with up to \$2,000 for travel
 - b. Treasurer and Business Manager: \$900
 - c. Secretary: \$200Honoraria and secretarial support payments approved unanimously. (00:16:15)
6. **Nominations Committee Report –Terence.**
 - a. **Continuing appointments:** Desmond Layne - Past President (2011-2012), Terence Robinson - President (2011-2012), Kirk Pomper - 1st Vice President (2011-2012), Peter Hirst- 2nd Vice President (2011-2012), Rob Crassweller - Treasurer and Business Manager, Curt Rom – Executive Board Member (2010-2012), Cheryl Hampson – Executive Board Member (2011-2013). Advisory committee members for 2010-2012: Nahla Basil, Charles Forney, Ksenija Gasic, Kent Kobayashi, Jim Olmstead. Advisory committee members for 2011-2013: David Karp, Elena Garcia, Mercy Olmstead, Kris Pruski, Matt Whiting.
 - b. **Terms ending at the end of 2011:** Brent Black – Secretary; Lailiang Cheng – Executive Board; Advisory Committee: C. Crisosto, F. Takeda, J. Luby, J. Scheerens, G. Volk

- c. **New slate of candidates proposed by the nominating committee:** Secretary - Rich Marini, Executive Board (2012-2014) - Chad Finn, Advisory Committee (2012-2014) - Greg Reighard, Mark Ehlenfeldt, Ian Merwin, Elina Coneva, Fumi Takeda
 - d. A call was made for additional nominations, none were given
- 7. Membership Committee Report (Essie) –**
- a. Essie thanked the society for the opportunity to serve, and emphasized the importance of identifying potential new members among young pomologists.
 - b. Membership Committee report accepted unanimously.
- 8. Editors Report (Warrington) –** Ian complimented Cheryl on a smooth handover. With the exception of some page number problems, the current printer has done a good job. Manuscript submissions are down. Rejection rate is at 45%. Turnaround time is very good, with 1.5 to 3 months from submission to publication. All are reviewed by at least 2 referees.
- 9. ISHS Collaboration (Terence) –** Efforts started 5 years ago with Ed Stover, Essie, Kim and Rob to digitize the journal. The website is ready for launch, hosted on the ISHS pubhort website. (00:31:00) Jozef Van Assche gave a brief overview of the ISHS article download system. Terence announced that within two weeks, members would receive login information to access the journals online, including the latest issue which still hasn't been mailed.
- a. Jules Janick discussed the ISHS collaboration to publish a Scripta Horticulture book on the origin and dissemination of *Prunus*. The APS agreed to cosponsor the initial publication of this publication. The society will receive 50 volumes of the book. The book will sell for \$40. (00:41:00)
 - b. Additional discussion
 - i. A member asked if it was possible to get journals electronically? Terence deferred this to later in the meeting.
 - ii. How far back do the archives go? Kim indicated that scanned versions are available online back to 1947. Additional older proceedings go all the way back to the 1840s. These have not yet been scanned.
 - iii. Question was asked if there will be separate logins for ISHS and APS? Kim said that there are two different portals, with different logins. Both will lead to the same search page.
 - c. Kim and the ISHS were thanked for their efforts.
- 10. Report on new fruit and nut cultivars registry –** (Finn). The largest report to date was published 2 years ago. Calls went out 2 weeks ago for new submissions. The plan is to develop a new list in early 2012.
- a. Curt Rom asked if previous lists could be posted online. Kim said that hard copies are available, but have not yet been scanned. It is hoped that these can be put online in a searchable format. Kim asked for volunteers to help with this endeavor.
- 11. Workshop for next year (Olmsteads) –** Mercy suggested a workshop on high tunnels and protected cultivation, then asked for additional ideas. No other suggestions were presented.
- a. Peter thanked Dr. Tracy Matsimoto for the workshop and tasting organized for 2011.
 - b. Peter also acknowledged the Janick and Moore fund for funding the associated tasting.
 - c. Terence thanked Peter for organizing the workshop for 2011.
- 12. Major issues discussion (Terence) –** Terence suggested that three major issues needed to be discussed by the membership: (1) Declining membership, (2) Lack of articles submitted to the journal, (3) Possible future expanded collaboration with ISHS. This expanded collaboration could include website hosting, online membership renewals, and other collaborative opportunities.
- a. Membership committee

- i. Wes Autio (chair), Jim Olmstead, Kirk Pomper, David Karp, Mark Ehlenfeldt
 - ii. Charge: raise membership to 500 by next year.
 - iii. Discussion: Jules asked what current pomologist numbers were. Terence volunteered Jules to also be on the committee.
 - iv. Rebecca Harbut asked if the benefits could be more clearly defined, and perhaps less closely tied to actually attending ASHS each year. She also pointed out that the society needs to evolve to suit the needs of younger pomologists. (1:00:00)
 - v. Greg Lange nominated Des Layne to this committee to help with promoting the society through modern media.
 - vi. Marv Pritts suggested expanding membership to serious hobbyists and industry members.
- b. ISHS Interaction/ web committee
 - i. Kirk Pomper – chair
 - ii. Members: Peter Hirst, Mercy Olmstead, Rob Crassweller, Essie Fallahi.
 - iii. Questions: Website hosting, institutional memberships, online membership renewal
 - c. Editorial committee
 - i. New chair – Cheryl Hampson proposed
 - ii. Membership: Essie Fallahi, Brent Black, Kim Hummer, Greg Reighard
 - iii. Considerations: look and format of the journal, include review articles relevant to extension
 - iv. Call for volunteers: Michelle Warmund
 - d. How do we increase journal submissions (1:07:09)
 - i. Ian Merwin – Online access is key. Should offer an online version only.
 - ii. Ian Warrington - Libraries and individuals don't want to store hard copy journals. The journal currently goes to 150 libraries around the world. How could this be increased.
 - iii. Randy Beaudry suggested incentives for recruiting members, for example giving a Scripta Hort book to top recruiters.

13. U.P. Hedrick award (Essie Fallahi)

- a. 1st place: Marc Rowley, B.L. Black, C.V. Ransom, J.R. Reeve and J.E. Creech. Alternative alleyways for tart cherry orchards. Marc Rowley was not available to receive the award. Marc's coadvisors Brent Black and Jennifer Reeve accepted the award on his behalf.
- b. 2nd place: Claire Luby. The effect of training system on yield and fruit quality of Marquette and LaCrescent wine grape in a Vermont vineyard. Claire's mother Emily Hoover accepted the award on her behalf.

14. Recognition of outgoing officers

- a. Brent Black – Secretary
- b. Lailiang Chang – Executive Board member
- c. Advisory committee: Jim Luby, Gail Volk, Carlos Crisosto, Joseph Scheerens.

15. Shepard Award (Michelle Warmund). The award is for the best research paper published in 2010. This year's committee consisted of Michelle, Bruce Bordelon, Cheryl Hampson and Doug Archbold. The award winner was: Brent Black, Dan Drost, Thor Lindstrom, Jennifer Reeve, JayDee Gunnell, and Greg Reighard. A comparison of root distribution patterns among *Prunus* rootstocks. *Journal of the American Pomological Society* 64(1): 52-62. Brent, Jennifer, and Greg were present to accept (1:19:00).

16. Wilder Silver Medal (Terence). Recognized significant contributions to fruit breeding and/or pomology. Selection committee: Doug Archbold (chair), Jim Luby, Gail Volk, Curt Rom, Peter Hirst, Matt Whiting, Jim Olmstead, Diane Miller. The 2011 award recipient is James Hancock, Michigan State University. Jim's program is best known for his blueberry varieties including Liberty, Draper, Aurora and most recently Huron highbush blueberry. These have become the most lucrative plant patents at MSU, returning 1 million in royalties to MSU. Jim has developed a close collaboration with the Chilean fruit industry. Trained 26 graduate students. Randy Beaudry accepted on his behalf.

17. Meeting Adjourned.