

American Pomological Society

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Annual Business Meeting and Award Presentation

Miami, Florida

August 2, 2012

Attendance: 51 signed the attendance book

1. President Terence Robinson called the meeting to order and welcomed members and nonmembers at 4:00PM. To enhance attendance for the presentations of awards, the awards were presented before the fruit tasting and Terence encouraged nonmembers in attendance to consider joining APS.
2. **U.P Hederick award** (Essie Fallahi): the award is for best paper in the Journal of the American Pomological Society, submitted by a student.
 - a. **1st place:** Terreny Frett, Ksneija Gasic, John Clark, David Byrne, tom Gradziel, and Carlos Cristosto. 2011. Standardized phenotyping for fruit quality in peach [*Prunus persica* (L.) Batsch].
 - b. **2nd place:** Y. Hu, E. coneva, E. Vinson, J. Kessler, Jr., J. spiers, J. Ducar. 2011. Assessment of the Feasibility of Growing Pierce's Disease Tolerant American and French-American Hybrid Bunch Grape Cultivars in Alabama
3. **Sherpard Award** (Fumi Takeda). The award is for the best research paper published in 2011. The award winner was: E. Fallahi, B. Fallahi, B. Shafii, D. Neilsen and G.H. Neilsen. 2011. Impact of long-term evapotranspiration-based water scheduling in various irrigation regimes on tree growth, yield, and fruit quality at harvest in 'Fuji' apple. 65(1):42-53.
4. **Wilder Silver Medal** (John Clark). Recognized significant contributions to fruit breeding and/or pomology. The 2012 award recipient was Shawn Mehlenbacher, Oregon State University.
5. At 5:45PM, following the awards ceremony and fruit tasting, Terence Robinson called the business meeting to order. Terence recognized the current executive board and advisory committee. The agenda was discussed.
6. **Secretary's Report** (Marini): Last year's minutes were compiled by Brent Black. The minutes were circulated, highlights of last year's meeting were discussed and the minutes were approved.
7. **Treasurer/Business Manager's Report** (Crassweller): Rob circulated the printed report. Fiscal year is the same as the calendar year.

- a. Overall expenses exceeded income by \$5,456 and over the past two years the Society has a negative cash flow of about \$7,000.
 - b. Janick & Moore fund is now at \$4,648.
 - c. Terence commented that the trends in declining revenue and membership are not sustainable.
 - d. Report accepted unanimously.
8. Starting in 2011 there was no longer an “audit”, but the books were reviewed by a financial review committee. The review committee consists of Kirk Pomper (chair and 1st V.P), Peter Hirst (2nd V.P.), Brent Black (Secretary), Des Layne and Curt Rom. Kirk Pomper reported that the books were in proper order.
9. **Approval of Honoraria** – Terence.
- a. Editor: \$3,000 with up to \$2,000 for travel
 - b. Treasurer and Business Manager: \$900
 - c. Secretary: \$200

Honoraria and secretarial support payments were approved unanimously.

10. Nominations Committee Report – Desmond Layne

Continuing appointments:

Rob Crassweller – Treasurer & Business Manager

Rich Marini – Secretary

Executive Board Members: Cheryl Hampson (2011-2013) and Chad Finn (2012-2014)

Advisory Committee members:

2011-2013: Elena Garcia, David Karp, Mery Olmstead, Kris Pruski and Matt Whiting

2012-2014: Elina Coneva, Mark Ehenfeldt, Ian Merwin, Greg Reghard, Fumi Takeda

Terms ending at the end of 2012

Executive Board: Curt Rom

Advisory Committee members: Nahla Bassil, Charles Forney, Ksenija Gasic, Kent Kobayashi, and Jim Olmstead

New slate of candidates proposed by the nominating committee:

President: Kirk Pomper

First Vice president: Peter Hirst

Second Vice President: Michele Warmund

Executive Board:

2011-2013: Cheryl Hampson

Editor's Report (Warrington): Ian Warrington reported that he has had trouble finding people willing to serve as reviewers and about 25% of his requests go unanswered. There has been a modest submission of papers and he has no manuscripts in the pipeline for the October issue of the Journal. Turn-around time for most manuscripts is usually less than three months from submission to publication. The rejection rate was only 9% because Ian worked with authors to improve the quality of their manuscripts. The main issue facing the Journal is a lack of submission of good manuscripts.

11. **Report on New Fruit & Nut Cultivar Registry** (John Clark): Issue 64 was published in HortScience and there were many contributors. Kim Hummer is working to produce a searchable list and the first 36 volumes are now online. Jules Janick indicated this is important to avoid using names for new cultivars that have already been used. Chad Finn and John Clark intend to step down as editors and the next list is due in about 18 months. The Board wants to continue this activity and asked that volunteers contact John Clark, Chad Finn, or Board members. Kim Hummer already contacted John Preistly and he is interested in a team approach and David Karp and Ksenija Gasic also volunteered.
12. **Workshop for 2013**: David Carp will take the lead to have a collection of dates and stone fruit for the fruit tasting. Michele Warmund will organize the workshop and she is looking for good ideas.
13. **Major issues discussed** (Terence Robinson): Terence indicated that the major issues discussed at the board meeting included 1.) Declining membership, 2.) Declining revenue, and 3.) Future collaboration with ISHS.
 - a. **Membership**: During the past two years the Society lost about 150 members. The membership committee that was appointed at last year's meeting didn't make much progress, so Terence volunteered to chair the committee with the goal of increasing membership by 100 new members in the next year. He intends to contact authors of Acta Hort fruit papers, he will ask one person in each state to provide a list of academics, nurserymen, county agents and consultants who work with fruit, and he will contact members of amateur fruit organizations. He is also looking for additional ideas.
 - b. **Finances**: The Board approved an increase in dues from \$50.00 to \$75.00 for U.S. members, \$75.00 to \$85.00 for international members, and dues for graduate students will remain at \$25.00. Institutional dues will increase by \$10.00. Peter Hirst offered an amendment that the dues of all members requesting the on-line version only will be \$60.00. The amendment was approved.
 - c. **Collaboration with ISHS**: ISHA will host the Journal of the American Pomological Society for \$10.00 per person or a minimum of \$1,500 per year. ISHS can manage our membership with online dues collection for \$10.00 per person and ASHS will

also put membership a box on its web site and charge us a 6% credit card fee. The total charge for ISHS will be \$20.00 per person per year for handling membership and hosting our Journal. Sherry Crassweller's role in serving the Society will be revisited.

Some members felt that the proposed dues increase was too much, and some discussion followed. Michele asked how many in attendance would prefer to receive only the electronic version of the Journal and about 90% responded that they would prefer only the electronic version. There was the general feeling that if we offer an electronic version, we will save money, but we don't know how much.

The Board voted for the following changes to the Journal

1. APS will work with ISHS to provide an online version of the Journal
2. Colored pictures will appear on the cover of the Journal. One of the four issues will have a picture of a tropical fruit, a deciduous fruit, a berry fruit and a nut.
3. Review articles and variety descriptions will be encouraged
4. The method of for citations will follow the method used by ASHS.

14. Unfinished business

- a. The board discussed the publication of at least two newsletters per year to enhance interest and communication among the membership.
- b. Editors for the New Fruit and Nut Cultivar Register have not yet been identified.
- c. The new role for Sheri Crassweller must be worked out.

15. Wes Autio was reappointed as the Resident Agent

16. Terence recognized Kim Hummer's work with ISHS on membership and electronic distribution of the Journal. He also recognized the contributions of the retiring Board members, Jim Olmstead, Curt Rom, Kent Kobayashi, and Charles Forney.

- a. Meeting adjourned at 7:00PM.