**Minutes of the American Pomological Society Business Meeting**

Washington D.C., August 2, 2018

Michele Warmund, APS President, called the meeting to order at 8:00 am. There were 37 attendees.

Old Business.

Todd Einhorn (APS Secretary) disseminated 2017 minutes for review. Essie Fallahi made motion to accept the minutes. Peter Hirst seconded.

Nahla Bassil discussed 2018 tour. There were 24 participants. The general impression was that the tour was successful. Tasting of fruit produced at Monticello. The 2018 workshop papers from the ASHS annual conference will be published in APS. Michele Warmund thanked Nahla for her efforts.

**Treasurer’s Report-** Ed Hellman- Financial position is sound. $217,608 in total assets. $180,594 in savings account. Other assets, ATT stock, valued at $37,043.63. APS has not yet collected on ISHS membership dues and article requests ($5,142). Funds currently being transferred through ASHS. $15,433 revenue via page charges largely responsible for increased revenue in 2018 (100% of page charges have been paid). Ed Stover made motion to accept report. Nahla Bassil seconded motion.

**Editor’s Report-** Rich Marini. So far this year, 25 manuscripts were submitted. Acceptance rate is high (~80%). Rich handles three or four revisions prior to submitting to reviewers. The increase in the number of pages per issue took care of manuscript backlog (i.e., journal expanded from 64 to 70 pages). Color photos remain an issue for papers as entire issue needs to be printed in color. Therefore, if an author is willing to pay $400, then acceptable to do so. Brent Black asks whether color can be posted online with a grayscale hardcopy. Rich not sure. Timeline is two months from submission of final paper to the printer to publishing. Rich suggested literature reviews as a means to increase submissions.

**Editorial Committee Report**- Penny Perkins (Chair Editorial Committee). Charge is to create advertisements for the APS Journal. Hedrick award papers are currently paid for by the Journal. Adams County Nursery remains as the only advertiser. Editorial committee generated pricing structure that included number of issues and size of ad.

**Awards**. ***U.P. Hedrick award***. Essie Fallahi (Chair). Essie urges advisors to nominate students and requests additional submissions. 1st Place Award: The response of ‘Montmorency’ tart cherry to renewal pruning strategies in a high-density system. Hanson and Black.

Two 2nd Place Awards: 1) Carter, K., J.D. Zurn, N.V., Bassil, C.E. Finn, and K.E. Hummer. The importance of being ‘Boysen’: Examining genotypic variation with SSR markers and 2) Kargar, M. Screening underutilized banana for carotenoid content.

***P.H. Shepard Award***, Fumi Takeda (Chair not in attendance, delivered by Michele Warmund). John Cline, for the paper entitled, ‘Thinning of peach trees using high-pressure water’.

***Wilder Medal Award***- John Clark (Chair). Two Wilder Medals were awarded in 2018. Dr. William ‘Dick’ Okie and Dr. Gregory L. Reighard.

Ksenija Gasic announced publication of the Registration of New Fruit and Nut Cultivars - 29 pages in HortScience published in 2018 (49th list comprising 18 crops and 300 cultivars). Acknowedges co-editors, David Karp and John Preece. Almond was not included due to late submission. Kate Evans compiled new entries for apple. The Registration included new plum cultivars. Preparations are underway for the 50th publication in two years.

Digitizing update- David Karp. Julia Stover is 2/3rd to 3/4th through the project. Once the draft is complete, John Preece, David Karp and Ksenija Gasic will review. After the review process it will be posted online. As an example of the content, there are 80,000 words for apple alone. Duplicate entries needed to be resolved, patent issues, cultivar names need to be switched to marketing names at some point. Searchable data base developed by Dorrie Main. Michele thanks David for his effort.

Nominations and memberships- Michele Warmund reminds membership that APS dues based on calendar year. Peter Hirst presents slate of new nominees. Incoming President, Marvin Pritts; Nahla Bassil moves to 1st Vice President, Ksenija Gasic moves up to 2nd Vice President. Dario Chavez rotates off Executive Board; Amaya Atucha nominated to fill vacancy. Five new nominees for the Advisory Committee: Greg Lang, Tom Kon, Dario Chavez, Tripti Vashisth, Savithri Nambeesan. Ed Stover makes motion to accept nominees. Essie Fallahi seconds. Motion carries unanimously.

Reappointment of APS Resident agent Wes Autio (Mass.). Robert Crassweller makes motion to reappoint. Peter Hirst seconded. Motion carries unanimously.

New Business.

Workshop topics and tours for Las Vegas in 2019. Eric Hanson was interested in protected culture of berries. Jules Janick interested in the history of protected horticulture. Angela O’Callahan was mentioned as a horticultural contact in Las Vegas. Challenge of limited fruit and nut culture in the region (with the exception of pine nuts). Tour will be avoided given the likelihood of high temperatures, challenges with travel and lack of fruit/nut culture.

Ksenija Gasic requested help with ideas for the tour and/or tasting.

Michele passes gavel to new President Marvin Pritts. Marvin thanks Michele for her leadership. Motion to adjourn. 8:51 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Todd Einhorn