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

Las Vegas, July 24, 2019

Marvin Pritts, APS President, called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. There were 37 attendees.

**Old Business**

Todd Einhorn (APS Secretary) disseminates 2018 minutes for review. Curt Rom motion to accept the minutes. Mercy Olmstead seconds motion.

Marvin provides brief updates on APS membership and journal page charges for international submissions (i.e., APS will honor page charges at time of submission).

**Treasurer’s Report-** Ed Hellman (not in attendance). Financial position is sound. $215,901 in total liabilities and equity, $178,858 in total assets (accounts and ATT stock, the latter valued at $37,043). APS has not yet collected on ISHS membership dues and article requests ($5,142) but funds are currently being transferred through ASHS. An increase in 2018 revenue (from previous year) was attributed to page charges (100% of page charges have been collected). Ed Stover made motion to accept report. Curt Rom seconded motion.

**Editor’s Report-** Rich Marini (not in attendance). Fifteen manuscripts submitted as of July; July issue on schedule and October issue is set. The journal is short on tree fruit submissions (relative to the past). Rich sees the publication of proceedings as favorable, but in general, the number of submissions is short. Review papers would be welcome; Rich advises graduate student advisors to encourage students to submit literature reviews. Des Layne makes motion to accept the Editor’s report. Essie Fallahi seconds the motion.

**Register of new fruit and nut cultivars-** Ksenija Gasic announces the upcoming publication of the 50th Registration of New Fruit and Nut Cultivars. David Karp provides an update on the 4th Edition of Brooks and Olmo; an online, beta version is located at Fruitandnutlist.org and is anticipated to be completed soon. Julia Stover is nearing completion of the work. Marvin thanks David and colleagues for their efforts.

**Awards**

***U.P. Hedrick award***. Essie Fallahi (Chair). Essie urges advisors to nominate students and requests additional submissions. Seven papers were judged according to the criteria developed for each type of manuscript (i.e., review vs. original research papers). First place is awarded to Khalil R. Jahed and Peter M. Hirst for their paper, Pollen Source Effects on Seed Number, Fruit Quality and Return Bloom of Apple. Peter received the award and check ($300) on behalf of his student. The 2nd Place Award is given to the paper, Genetic analysis of peaches grown by Native Americans in the North American Southwest” authored by Reagan C. Wytsalucy, Ksenija Gasic, Matthew Robbins, Grant Cardon, Dan Drost, and Brent Black. Reagan accepts the award and check ($150).

***P.H. Shepard Award***. Fumi Takeda (Chair). The paper judged as the best of 2018 is ‘Breeding for Brown Rot (Monilinia spp.) Tolerance in Clemson University Peach Breeding Program, by Wanfang Fu, Ralph Burrell, Cassia Da Silva Linge, Guido Schnabel, and Ksenija Gasic. Fumi needs volunteers to serve on the committee.

***Wilder Medal Award***- John Clark (Chair). The Wilder Medal committee of nine awards the 2018 Wilder Medal to Dr. Esmael ‘Essie’ Fallahi for his extensive contributions to apple physiology and horticulture. John delivers his customary high-spirited, eloquent and thoughtful summary of Essie’s contributions.

**Website Update**- Mercy Olmstead provided an overview of the website and new content. Additional suggestions are solicited from the membership.

**New Business.**

Marvin Pritts requests members to consider a logo for the Society.

Ksenija provides an update for 2020 FL tour and workshop; ideas include a visit to micropropagation facility and juice plant as well as the potential to co-host a tour with viticulture/small fruits and citrus. The traditional APS fruit-tasting event could coincide with the tour. Workshop ideas include mechanized harvest of small fruit and controlled environment agriculture but alternative groups may be better suited to conduct these workshops. Michele Warmund suggested an historical perspective of early plant collectors and nurseries. Marvin requests additional ideas.

Ksenija – Summarizes the 2019 workshop on fruit and nut germplasm systems in the US that featured four presentations on diverse germplasm collections. The consensus was that the workshop was engaging and well regarded.

Nominations and memberships- Marvin requests volunteers. Michele presents the slate of five officers including one additional Advisory committee nominee (Dwight Wolfe) to replace Tom Kon, who has moved to the Executive board. The five new nominees are Jill Bushakra, Essie Fallahi, Megan Muehlbauer, Mike Parker and Shengrui Yao. Curt Rom makes a motion to accept the slate as presented; Peter Hirst seconds.

Michele moves to reappoint our resident agent, Wes Autio as a condition of the Society’s incorporated status in the state of Massachusetts. Peter Hirst second the motion.

Essie Fallahi make motion to adjourn; Peter Hirst seconds motion.

Meeting adjourns at 6:48 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Todd Einhorn