

## **APS BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA**

Denver, Sunday, August 8, 2021, 5:00 - 6:00 pm

**Attending:** See list below at the end of the minutes

### **Old Business:**

1. Minutes from 2020 meeting - Todd Einhorn
  - Meeting convened – 353 participants as of 4 pm PST – enough for a quorum
  - Nahla motioned to accept the meeting minutes from 2020; Mercy Olmstead seconded; motion was approved by majority vote
2. Workshop on ‘Long Term Preservation of Genetic Resources’ - Patrick Conner
  - Patrick Conner not present
3. Report from ASHS - Heather Hilko
  - Heather not present, but Nahla shared via screensharing
  - Membership has decreased, so an effort is placed on determining why membership has declined and discover ways to increase membership
4. Financial report - Ed Hellman
  - APS is financially sound - there was an increase from individual membership dues, journal subscriptions, and stock dividends that offset a reduction in journal page charge income
  - Treasure’s report was screen shared – see report for further details
  - Discussed sharing APS membership list to understand more about dynamics of membership; Curt Rom made a motion to approve this action, Penny seconded, will be voted on separately by the Executive Committee
  - Curt made a motion to approve the treasurer report, Des Layne seconded, approved with majority vote
5. Editor’s Report - Rich Marini
  - Increase in submissions and published a 5<sup>th</sup> issue in 2020
  - Usually get 26-28 manuscripts a year
  - Large number of international submissions
  - 83% acceptance rate – high acceptance rate due to editor working closely with authors to make papers acceptable
  - Manuscripts that summarize workshops are well received and encouraged to continue
  - Graduate student review articles are also nice additions and encouraged to continue
  - Rich may be requesting more photos for covers
  - See editor’s report for further details
6. Editorial Committee Report - Penny Perkins-Veazie
  - Working on getting doi
  - Need ssl and secure website (http vs https) to get doi
  - doi costs \$100/year
  - Nahla will authorize payment of the doi costs when available
7. Registration of New Fruit & Nut Cultivars - Ksenija Gasic & David Karp
  - Working on Registration of New Fruit & Nut Cultivars - Some contributions have already been submitted, please remember to provide those contributions
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- David Karp is digitizing Fruit and Nut Registrar List and working with Dorrie Maine's group on website; should be available by end of Sept. 2021 to members
    - Plan is to add hyperlinks to patented material and color photos
    - Making an effort to also include significant Mexican cultivars
    - Pomological descriptions have not changed much, but there has been an effort to update content as needed
    - Working with International Union for the Protection of New Varieties of Plants (UPOV) technical group
8. Membership & Nomination committee - Marvin Pritts
- Treasurer – Amaya Atucha
  - Secretary – Lisa DeVetter
  - Executive Committee – Gina Fernandez
  - Members rotating off and new members shown below
- Advisory committee (3 year term):**  
**Members that are rotating off:**
- Dario Chavez (University of Georgia, Griffin, GA)
  - Greg Lang (Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI)
  - Savithri Nambheesan (University of Georgia, Athens, GA)
  - Tripti Vashisth (University of Florida, Lake Alfred, FL)
  - Dwight Wolfe (University of Kentucky, Princeton, KY)
- New Members- 2021- 2024**  
Jayesh Samtani (Virginia Tech)  
David Trinka (Michigan Blueberry Growers Association)  
Shawn Mehlenbacher (Oregon State)  
Macarena Faruqi (University of Maryland)  
Gurreet Brar (Fresno State)
- Resident Agent:** Wes Autio
- Des Layne made a motion to approve, seconded by Ksenija Gasic, approved with majority vote
9. U. P. Hedrick Award Committee - Essie Fallahi (presented by Nahla)
- First place – Gizem Demirel, Alejandro Calle, Omer, Atagur, John M. Layton, and Ksenija Gasic – “Enabled DNA Informed Breeding for Chilling Requirement in Peach”
  - Second place – Haley Williams, Eric Stafne, and Patrick Conner – “Inbreeding among Muscadine cultivars”
10. Shepard Award Committee - Fumi Takeda (presented by Nahla Bassil)
- Award given to Gennaro Fazio, Stuart Adams, Jaume Lordan, Nick Roberts, Terence L. Robinson, and Brent Black
  - For their paper, “Rootstock, scion, and graft type influence graft union flexural strength of apples trees”
11. Wilder Medal Award Committee - Brent Black
- Award given to Dr. Terence Robinson
12. Chad Finn Ambassador Award - Gina Fernandez (presented by Lisa DeVetter)
- The Chad Finn Ambassador Award was established in 2020 by APS in honor of Dr. Chad Elliot Finn.
  - Dr. Bernadine Strik is the first award recipient. She was presented with the award by Nahla Bassil on July 15 at the OSU Blueberry Field Day, which was her last field day before her upcoming retirement.

- Award is sponsored by Pairwise and we also received donations, which go to an ASHS endowment investment account managed by APS.
  - Total funds generated to date: \$24,850 from 15 donations
13. Preview of website updates - Mercy Olmstead
- Website not shared, but is updated regularly

### **New Business**

- Workshop and topics for ASHS 2022, Chicago, July 30 – August 3
  - Discussed topics/ideas:
    - Impacts of Great Lakes Fruit Production – cold hardiness, lake effects, climate change, glacial soils – proposed by Todd Einhorn
    - Fruit varieties from Chicago area – proposed by Brent Black
    - Eradicating fruit deserts in Chicago – making fruit available in inner cities – proposed by Gennaro Fazio
  - Discussion followed – preference to merge ideas #1 and #2 together and it was suggested Todd Einhorn and Brent Black work together to work on the idea further
  - Discussion was also held about whether idea #3 could include a tasting, but that is challenging given hotels do not allow outside food. Marvin Pritts suggested we could do a trip instead and could work with a local farm to do tastings of local fruits and midwestern wines. Gennaro Fazio advised to develop idea further
  - Nahla requested other ideas or preferences to be emailed to her
- Gennaro Fazio made a motion to adjourn, Essie Fallahi seconded

### **Attending:**

Bassil, Nahla  
Black, Brent  
Bushkara, Jill  
Calle, Alejandro  
Clack, John  
Connor, Patrick  
Demirel, Gizem  
DeVetter, Lisa  
Donahue, Dan  
Einhorn, Todd  
Fazio, Gennaro  
Gasic, Ksenija  
Gonzalez, Luis  
Hellman, Ed  
Kalcsits, Lee  
Karp, David  
Kon, Tom  
Lang, Gregory  
Layne, Desmond  
Marini, Rich  
Olmstead, Mercy



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Parker, Michael  
Peace, Cameron  
Perkins-Weazie, Penny  
Plotto, Anne  
Pomper, Kirk  
Pritts, Marvin  
Reighard, Gregory  
Robinson, Terence  
Rom, Curt  
Serra, Sara  
Stafne, Eric  
Stover, Ed  
Strik, Bernadine  
Ward, Dan  
Williams, Haley  
Worthington, Margaret

*Minutes respectfully submitted by Lisa W. DeVetter*

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