BUSINESS MEETING OF THE CROPS SECTION

The meeting was called by Dr. H. B. Sprague of New Jersey, Chairman of the Section, for November 19, 1936. Dr. M. T. Jenkins, U. S. Bureau of Plant Industry, reported for the Subcommittee on Nomenclature of Corn Hybrids. A motion was made by Dr. M. A. McCall, U. S. Bureau of Plant Industry, that the committee on Nomenclature of Corn Hybrids be continued, pending the development of a Corn Conference, the committee to report next year. Motion carried.

Dr. Sprague reported for the Executive Committee on a canvass of the Crops Section regarding reorganization. He read the following report:

A PROPOSED PLAN FOR REORGANIZATION OF THE CROPS SECTION OF THE AMERICAN SOCIETY OF AGRONOMY

It is proposed that there be 3 subsections of the Crops Section: Subsection No. 1 shall embrace the fields of breeding, genetics and cytology; Subsection No. 2, the fields of physiology (including nutrition), morphology, and taxonomy; and Subsection No. 3, all other phases of crops not covered in the preceding subsections.

It is proposed that there be an executive committee consisting of 3 members elected annually, one of whom shall serve as chairman of the Crops Section, and shall be responsible for the activities of Subsection No. 3. The remaining 2 members of the executive committee shall act as secretaries of Subsections 1 and 2, respectively, and shall arrange suitable sectional programs for the annual meetings as desired by the membership of the Society. The chairman shall arrange for such programs or discussions on specific crops embracing various phases of plant sciences, on specific regional problems, on statistics and plot technique, on teaching and extension, as may be deemed desirable, and shall also provide for joint programs with soils groups when mutually desired.

It is also proposed that Crops Section programs at annual meetings shall not exceed 2 1/2 days (plus 1/2 day for general meeting of the Society), with specialized programs occurring in the earlier periods of the meeting and the more general programs during the latter periods.

Dr. Sprague moved that the plan as outlined in the above proposal be accepted as a basis for a more specific plan to be prepared by the Executive Committee and presented at next year’s meeting for action.

An amendment was offered by Dr. D. R. Dodd of Ohio that the report of the Executive Committee be accepted and referred to the future Executive Committee for reconsideration in providing a plan for reorganization at the meeting next year. The amendment was accepted by Dr. Sprague. Motion carried.

The Nominating Committee, composed of R. D. Lewis, Chairman,