ASA Board of Directors Meetings

First Session, 3 December 1978, Chicago, Illinois

The meeting was called to order by President J. W. Pendleton. Those present were:

J. W. Pendleton, ASA President
John Pesek, ASA President-Elect
M. D. Thorne, ASA Past President
V. A. Johnson, CSSA President
R. G. Creech, CSSA President-Elect
D. N. Moss, CSSA Past President
P. F. Pratt, SSSA President
L. M. Walsh, SSSA President-Elect
V. J. Kilmer, SSSA Past President
M. Stelly, Executive Vice President

The following guests were also present:

R. L. Mitchell, Incoming ASA President-Elect
B. E. Caldwell, Incoming CSSA President-Elect
W. E. Larson, Incoming SSSA President-Elect
L. N. Bass, Chairman, Division C-4
L. E. Wiesner, Chairman-Elect, Division C-4
Paul Rieke, Incoming Division C-5 Bd. Rep.
Orville Bidwell, Chairman, Membership Committee
E. G. Doll, Chairman, Journal on Tropical Agric.-Ad Hoc Comm.
H. S. Jacobs, Observer
D. M. Kral, Assistant Executive Vice President
Vera Cunningham, Administrative Assistant
Cathy White, Recording Secretary
Ruth Meudt, Recording Secretary

A003 Board of Directors

ACTION: It was moved, seconded, and carried to accept the following reports which contained no recommendations for Board action:

A011 A233.2 A440 A606
A015 ACS323.30 A446 ACS621
A052 AC323.6 A449 A691.1
A053 ACS323.7 A449.2 A731
A054 AC323.11 A449.3 A993
A101 ACS323.12 ACS523
A205 AS41 ACS525
A233 A432.2 A605

A030.1 Student Activities

Subdivision A-1 has for officers...Chairman, Past Chairman, Member-at-Large.

The ASA Executive Committee took action in its meeting to recommend to the Board of Directors that the office of Vice Chairman-Elect for Subdivision A-1a be dispensed with.

ACTION: It was moved to approve the recommendation of the A-1 Subdivision and the ASA Executive Committee.

Seconded. Carried.

An election will not be held in 1979 thereby action taken.

A200-299 OPERATIONS AND FINANCE

A201 Organization, Policy, and Bylaws

1. Representatives of a group within the society, N. Baker, USDA-SEA-FR, presented a proposal to the creation of an A-Division on crop simulation.

Dr. Baker stated that the group thought the society was in need of a focal point in the form of a Division for the consideration of crop simulation models and technology of their development testing and application of crop models. The range of technical and scientific matters dealt with under this discipline goes beyond what can be done through joint sessions.

Dr. R. F. Dale, Division A-3 Board Representative, expressed concern that Division A-3 was interested in providing a home for this group and was concerned that a division would be forset the reason why Division A-3 had originally requested a name change because Division A-3 dealt with this subject area, which is much broader than its name, Climatology, indicates. The question was made that the modeling group meet with the membership for further discussion and negotiation before final action was taken. All parties agreed.

ACTION: It was moved to table this item until the second Board meeting. Seconded. Carried. (Refer to A201 in the minutes of the Dec. 1978 Board of Directors meeting.)

2. The O&P Committee was charged with reviewing the Bylaws relative to various revisions. The O&P Committee submitted its report to the Executive Committee which in turn made several recommendations to the Board of Directors.

Dr. Thorne presented the recommendations:

A. It was recommended to the ASA Board of Directors that the present 4-year limitations on undergraduate and graduate members be increased to 5 years. Section 7 now says that undergraduate membership is limited to 4 calendar years. With the proposed change in Sections 7 and 8, of the ASA bylaws would read as follows:

Section 7:

Graduate student members are graduate students as provided in Article XII. Full-time staff members on leave for study are not eligible. Membership in calendar years and shall cease at the end of the calendar year of termination or completion of graduate study. The society may request evidence of graduate student status. Graduate members have the obligations and privileges of active members, except that they may not vote or hold office.

Section 8:

Undergraduate student members are undergraduate students as provided in Article XII. Membership in calendar years and shall cease at the end of the calendar year in which the bachelor's degree is received. The society may request evidence of undergraduate member status. Undergraduate student members have the obligations and privileges of active members, except that they may not vote or hold office.

The action taken.

A260-299 NEWS AND INFORMATION

A261 Activities of the Society

A262 Science, The press, and Public Relations

A263 Student Activities

A264 Membership and Educational Services

A265 Education and Extension

A266 Operations and Finance

A267 Science and Public Policy

A268 Science, Agriculture, and Public Policy