Reports of Divisions, Branches, and Committees

000-099 ORGANIZATION
A010-049 AGRONOMIC DIVISIONS

001 RESIDENT EDUCATION, DIV. A-1

A012 LAND USE AND MANAGEMENT, DIV. A-2

No meetings of the Division were held during 1975, other than the annual meeting in Chicago, Ill., from 3–8 Dec. 1975. Contacts were made with past Division Chairmen at intervals throughout the year to discuss various Division matters, and in connection with program planning for the 1978 meeting. The matter of a Division history was discussed, the need for such a history, and sources and methods for obtaining information to compile it. A tentative commitment was made to seek information where possible for reporting to the annual meeting in Chicago. This was not done, however, but continuing effort will be made to collect historical information for reporting to the Division for the 1979 annual meeting at Fort Collins, Colo., in August, 1979. The 1978 meeting presentations were well received by those in attendance. Attendance at the various sessions was good. Seventeen (17) papers dealing with various aspects of renewable natural resource management were presented in three sessions. Separate sessions for land managers with each of the military services, Army, Navy, and Air Force were held to discuss matters of common interest. A joint meeting with Division C-5 Turfgrass was held on 6 December. This was an indoor meeting due to weather uncertainties in Chicago in December. There were also two poster presentations during the poster session. The business meeting was called to order on 7 December in the Marriott Hotel. Marley Biehn, A-2 representative on the ASA Board of Directors reported on his first meeting as a director on 3 December. Non-members were urged to join the Society and become more active in Society affairs. Nominations for Division Chairman for 1981 were presented. Dr. Leo Labyak, A-2 chairman for 1979, was presented and discussed plans for the 1979 meeting at Fort Collins in August. Dr. Labyak placed great emphasis on program participation by all who were interested in Division A-2 matters and noted the shorter than usual time for submitting program forms and preparation of presentations.

—R. C. BEAM

A013 CLIMATOLOGY, DIV. A-3

The annual business meeting convened on 6 Dec., 1978, in Chicago, Ill. The meeting was opened by Dr. J. T. Ritchie, chairman of Division A-3. Dr. Ritchie reported that 45 papers were submitted to the division and reported good attendance at all the sessions and symposiums that involved Division A-3. Dr. Robert Howell from ARCPACS announced that approximately 650 people have registered, with one-third of them being in the agronomists category. He further explained that the purpose of the meeting was to collect the public better and to provide assistance to identify qualified people in the area of agronomy. Dr. Wayne Decker, chairman of the Regional Research Committee to sponsor a symposium on agricultural meteorology, announced a meeting was being planned by CSRS, SEA, and the experiment stations throughout the country. The meeting will be held in Kansas City, Mo., sometime in early October 1979 at the Airport Hilton Hotel. The next item for discussion was a new name for Division A-3. Dr. Ritchie reported that the name submitted earlier was not acceptable to the Board of Directors and a new committee was appointed on 6 Jan. 1977, including Dr. Hyde Jacobs, chairman, five members, and the chairman of the A-3 Division, the S-1 chairman, the C-2 chairman, and the C-3 chairman. The committee decided to submit the name Agroclimate Systems. Discussion indicated that if there was a new division for modeling, then Division A-3 should be Agroclimatology. The floor was then opened for general discussion. Dr. D. A. Holt reported that Division C-2 voted 2 to 1 for not supporting a new division and that the C-2 Division suggested A-3 be named Agroclimatology and Agronomic Modeling. Dr. Ken Boote commented that there was a motion to support the effort of crop modeling at the C-2 meeting and that there was a need to identify crop modeling as a subject matter area. Dr. Don Baker discussed the rationale behind the name change and indicated that models interface with many disciplines. There was a desire by the modeling group to facilitate programming outside the A-3 and C-2 and to have modeling as a separate division. Dr. J. L. Wright moved that Division A-3 accept the suggested name Agroclimatology and Agronomic Modeling and forward it to the Executive Committee. Motion was seconded by Dr. Ken Boote. The motion passed by an unanimous voice vote.

There was further discussion by Dr. Don Baker on whether we should go ahead and propose a new division. Dr. Harry Hodges indicated the need for the new division was for programming purposes. If topics include modeling, he was satisfied that the new division name would be appropriate. Dr. Hyde Jacobs indicated that he would report to the Board of Directors to reflect the action of the committee. Dr. Robert Dake suggested that we submit a second choice in the event that the Board did not accept the first choice. Further discussion indicated that this would not be necessary depending on how the Board acted on this proposal. Dr. J. T. Ritchie then introduced Dr. Ed Kanemasu as the new chairman of Division A-3 who, in turn, introduced D. C. Reicosky as the chairman-elect. Dr. Kanemasu went on to say that there was an excellent turnout for the symposium on the partitioning of plant assimilates and modeling and that we would have a similar program next year. He invited the modeling group to put together a symposium for the Fort Collins meeting and invited anyone interested in chairing a session at that meeting to contact him.

—D. C. REICOSKY

A014 EXTENSION EDUCATION, DIV. A-4

A015 ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY, DIV. A-5

The business meeting was held on 6 Dec. 1978 in Chicago. Dr. Davidson presided with about 30 members present. Davidson stressed that A-5 schedule is packed; 121 submitted papers required 12 sessions, and usually 3 must run concurrently. Some A-5 papers were presented in poster sessions. Comments indicated that some authors feel that poster preparation required much more work than usual, and that there was little additional benefit. Another complaint was that a few people take too much time with some authors. Someone requested that discussion periods be reserved during each regular session. Dr. Davidson pointed out that this may be impossible with the number of papers submitted to A-5. A suggestion to limit presentations to 12 min was discussed but no action was taken.

Dr. Davidson stated that a number of authors don’t follow instructions for submitting title-summary forms. Dr. J. H. Smith suggested throwing these out.

Dr. Davidson asked for suggestions for session chairman and nominees for chairman-elect. The following volunteered willingness to chair sessions:

Dr. Richard Barth, CSMRI, Golden, CO
Dr. Verle Hale, Battelle Northwest, Richland, WA
Dr. Bobby McCaslin, NM State University, Las Cruces, NM
Dr. Keeney reported from the ASA Board of Directors meeting. A new division of modeling has been requested. There were questions about the scope of the new division. Dr. Keeney answered that it was expected to encompass most interests in ASA, but the proposal was still vague and no action was expected during the annual meetings.

Page charges for JEQ were outlined. There was little discussion and no objection. Dr. Smith felt that page charges should be a project cost. Dr. Davidson pointed out that subscribers also should pay their fair share of publication costs.

Dr. Keeney reported on the involvement of ASA societies in public policy issues. Dr. A. L. Page considered that CAST is the proper agent for this activity. A concern was expressed about endangering the exempt status of ASA.

ARCPACS information was presented. Some members question "What's in it for me?" However, four states have recognized ARCPACS certification. More may follow if the credibility of ARCPACS is maintained. Good criteria for certification need to be established and publicized.

—R. C. MENZEL