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Reports of ASA Divisions, Branches, and Committees, 2001

A011.04 EXTENSION EDUCATION, DIV. A-4

The business meeting of the American Society of Agronomy, Div. A-4, was called to order at 3:50 p.m. by Chair Steven Hodges (North Carolina State University) on Monday, 21 Oct. 2001. The 2000 minutes were distributed and approved as written.

Chair Steven Hodges recognized incoming chair, Gene Krenzer (Oklahoma State University); chair-elect for 2003, Bill Heer (Kansas State University); and Bob Hoeft (University of Illinois), Incoming President-elect of ASA.

Board Representative Report—Jim Shroyer

A-4 Board Representative, Jim Shroyer (Kansas State University), was introduced to give his report on items from the ASA Board meeting.

1. A-9—Professional Practitioners is being considered for change from a provisional division to a permanent division.

2. Membership in the tri-societies has dropped from more than 10,000 to approximately 8000 in the last 10 years. Even though the society is still in good financial condition, there is considerable concern about the declining membership. Page numbers in the journals is also down. The Board is especially interested in input on possibilities of other societies to couple with to offer special joint membership and other ways to reverse the membership trend.

3. Authorship of papers presented at annual meetings was discussed extensively. Approximately 650 of the 2900 papers presented this year were presented by nonmembers. A. Motion was made and seconded that the corresponding author must be a member of one of the tri-societies. Majority vote against. B. Motion made and seconded that the presenter must be a member of the tri-societies. 19 voted for and 19 voted against.

C. Motion made and seconded that the policy stay as it currently reads where one of the authors must be a member of the tri-societies. 32 in favor and 10 opposed.

There was an additional suggestion that the rules governing number of papers presented be changed to allow a person to present one volunteered oral paper and up to two volunteered poster papers.

4. Soil Science Society of America Journal is considering placing all past issues on CD.

5. Journal of Natural Resources and Life Sciences Education has been in the red for several years and the budget and finance committee is recommending changes be made. Some possibilities being considered are: A. Discontinue, B. Change scope, C. Online version free to all tri-society members. The journal board may make other recommendations. Another suggestion was to add page charges. There was a motion to kill the Journal of Natural Resources and Life Sciences Education, but it was not seconded.

Bob Hoeft reported that only 7% of the students whose thesis titles appeared in recent CSANews were tri-society members and a large number of their advisors were not either. Dr. Hoeft emphasized that the executive committee was interested in ways to attract more membership.

Chair Hodges presented the A-4 Educational Materials Award Certificates of Excellence to the 42 entrants receiving these awards. There were 92 entrants in 2001. Judges for each category were thanked. They included:

Glenn Harris (University of Georgia) for publications of 16 pages or less
Carl Crozier (North Carolina State University) for publications of >16 pages
Bill Eberle (Kansas State University) for newsletters
Jerry Kidder (University of Florida) for audio-visual