Presidents of the American Society of Agronomy


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 for recruiting new members and finding ways to make the journals better.

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4. Soils Science Society of America Journal is being consider 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 makes recommendations. Another suggestion was to add page charges. There was a motion to kill the Journal of 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 CSA News were members and a large number of their advisors were not members. Dr. Hoeft emphasized that the executive committee must continue to attempt to reverse this membership trend.