C600-699. COLLABORATION

ACS628. American Dairy Science Association

The liaison person between the three associated societies and the American Dairy Science Association recommended to Society Presidents of the three associated societies and the American Dairy Science Association meet and determine the value of maintaining liaison among the societies. If liaison is determined to be desirable and if a representative from each society can provide this service, then a description of the job and the duties of each representative, acceptable to all societies, should be drafted to replace the present duties.

ACTION: It was moved to instruct the CSSA President to work with the Presidents of ASA, SSSA, and the American Dairy Science Association to resolve this matter. Seconded. Carried.

C691.1. Council for Agricultural Science and Technology (CAST)

Dr. J. F. Carter, CSSA Representative to the CAST Board of Directors, presented an information report on CAST activities to the CSSA Board. Dr. Carter pointed out that CAST has sponsored various information symposia throughout the year, has made itself known to various state and federal governing bodies as a source of technical information on matters relating to agriculture, and is active in making the general public aware of the importance of agriculture. CSSA pays $1125 per year to CAST as its membership dues; this amount is based on the size of the CSSA membership.

ACTION: It was moved to continue CSSA membership in CAST. Seconded. Carried.

C700-799. MEETINGS

C711. Program Planning

Dr. C. O. Gardner, CSSA President-Elect and Chairman of Program Planning, gave a brief report on what is being planned for the 1974 CSSA program. Dr. Gardner stated that the exact theme of the program had not as yet been worked out; however, in all likelihood it would deal with land use and environmental quality. Some of the symposia tentatively planned were mentioned. These include Physiological Traits and Plant Breeding (Divisions C1 and C2); Protein Quantity and Quality in Cereal Crops (Division C3 and C1 and maybe Divisions C2 and S4); Energy Crisis. Alternative to Nitrogen Fertilization; Commodity Organization versus Discipline Organization; and others.

This was viewed as an information item.

AC721. Resolutions

ACTION: It was moved to adopt the following resolution in honor of Dr. Robert W. Howell, CSSA Editor-in-Chief, for his contributions to the Society:

Whereas, Dr. R. W. Howell has served as Editor-in-Chief of the Crop Science Society of America since the position was first established in 1971, and

Whereas, Dr. Howell has served as Editor of Crop Science from 1968 to 1970, and

Whereas, Dr. Howell has devoted many hours toward the study of the overall publication program of the Crop Science Society of America and the efficient overall coordination of review and publication of manuscripts submitted to Crop Science, and

Whereas, Dr. Howell’s personal attention and professional expertise as Editor-in-Chief have enhanced the establishment of publication guidelines and the quality of publications in Crop Science,

Be it resolved, that the Crop Science Society of America commend his faithful and diligent performance and hereby express its sincere appreciation to him. Seconded. Carried.

In adjoining the meeting, appreciation was expressed to Dr. Martin Masengale for his outstanding job as President of the Society.

—M. STELLY

President’s Annual Report

The 1972-73 Society year, which began during the annual meetings in 1972, was a busy and productive one for Society Officers, members, and Headquarters Office staff. The CSSA Executive Committee met five different times during the year. Three of these meetings were in Madison (January 18-20, March 5-9, and July 31-August 3, 1973), one in Miami, following the 1972 meetings, and one in Las Vegas prior to the 1973 meetings. The Executive Committee also met on November 16, 1973 in Las Vegas, with the new President presiding. Certain specific activities which were handled during the year are listed below.

GRAS (Generally Recognized as Safe). CSSA took the leadership role in working with the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) on items relating to GRAS. Immediately following the 1972 meetings, correspondence was initiated about our Society’s concern over the potential impact of proposed FDA regulations on plant breeding, both private and public. The FDA has been and is concerned with the development and implementation of regulations relating to the release of new varieties on the basis of both toxic and nutritive constituents. It is believed that the efforts of CSSA, in part, convinced the FDA officials that the matter needed careful study and evaluation before regulations were decided upon and implemented. As a result, a task force of scientists has been appointed to study different aspects of the problem.

Preservation of Genetic Stocks. Action initiated by the Committee on Preservation of Genetic Stocks resulted in a resolution being forwarded to Mr. T. W. Edminster, Administrator ARS, USDA, and to Dr. F. H. Roper, Director of the National Seed Storage Laboratory program in collecting, cataloging, and storing germplasm vital to our future plant breeding programs. Mr. Edminster acknowledged the resolution, expressed ARS concern about the same problem, and stated that they were giving this item highest priority. He further mentioned that ARS had an ARS committee working on the problem of Introduction and Maintenance of Plant Germplasm and that they would be glad to have CSSA review and comment on the Committee’s report. A copy of this report was provided and it was forwarded to members of the Committee on Preservation of Genetic Stocks for their comments.

Publications. CSSA is copublishing with ASA a number of books such as, “Range Resources of the Southeastern United States,” “Foundations of Modern Crop Science,” and “Proceedings from the 2nd International Turfgrass Conference.” CSSA is publishing, in addition, “Anti-Quality Components of Forages” and “Seventy Generations of Selection for Oil and Protein Concentration in the Maize Kernel.” We expect all of these books to be available within this calendar year or early in 1974 except for “Foundations of Modern Crop Science.”

Steps were taken during the year to make some rearrangements in the editorial work of the Society. The Editor-in-Chief of CSSA and Editor of Crop Science positions will be held by one person and two Technical Editors will be appointed to handle most of the editorial work on Crop Science. One Technical Editor will be largely responsible for handling papers pertaining to crop breeding, genetics, cytology, and statistics while the other Technical Editor will handle papers dealing with crop physiology, ecology, production, and utilization. It was further agreed that postage charges incurred by these three Editors on behalf of the Society would be reimbursed by the Society upon request.

Intersociety Relations. The Executive Committee of CSSA spent considerable time during the year studying relationships with our two associated societies—American Society of Agronomy and Soil Science Society of America. We believe that these discussions and study sessions have resulted in a better understanding and appreciation of the needs, interests, and objectives of each of our societies. The development of a training session for new officers of the three societies and a new schedule for handling Executive Committee meetings of the three associated societies which, hopefully, will expedite these meetings, have resulted from these discussions.