

Business Meeting Minutes

2006 North Central Branch Meeting, American Society of Agronomy

March 15, 2006 in Johnston, IA at the Carver Conference Center, on the campus of Pioneer Hi-Bred International.

The meeting was called to order at 7:40 AM, by President Steven Paszkiewicz, new officers were introduced; Harold Watters incoming President, Randy Brown Secretary/Treasurer

Harold Watters gave a brief recap of the minutes from the previous years meeting. They were approved as presented.

The treasurer's report from Past-President Dale Leikam included the following.

Balance of funds being held at ASA on behalf of NCB-ASA:

Ending balance December 31, 2005	\$18,261.88
Meeting registrations through Mar 7	3,190.00
2006 HQ staff charge	(938.75)
Balance March 7, 2006	\$20,513.13

That does not include all charges for the NCB Meeting, award donations, award funds or late registrations.

For the 2006 North Central Branch, American Society of Agronomy meeting, 113 pre-registered (including speakers) and 8 walk-in registrations.

Certified Crop Advisor CEUs were applied for and approved: 5.5 CEU's

CEU #	Session Title	Date	NM	SW	PM	CM
NA 06374	New Tech for Corn & Soybn Prod	03/14/06	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.5
NA 06375	Overview of Seed Ind North Amer	03/14/06	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.5
NA 06376	Making Sense Crn N Recmndtns	03/15/06	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
NA 06377	Nutrient Management Session	03/15/06	0.5	1.0	0.0	0.0

NM Nutrient Management **SW** Soil & Water Management
PM Integrated Pest Management **CM** Crop Management

Winners of the 2006 North Central Branch ASA Graduate Student Poster Contest:

Crops:

- 1st Place \$300 – Terry J. Schulz, Michigan State University. The Effect of *Bradyrhizobium japonicum* inoculant on Soybean Growth and Yield. Major Professor: Kurt D. Thelen.
- 2nd Place \$200 – Christopher R. Boomsma, Purdue University. Corn Yield Responses to Plant Height Variability Resulting from Tillage and Crop Rotation Systems in a Long-term Experiment. Major Professor: Tony J. Vyn.
- 3rd Place \$100 – Paige M. Johnson, Iowa State University. The effects of head smut (*Tilletia maclaganii*) on switchgrass fields used for biomass production in southern Iowa. Major Professor: Charlie Brummer.

Soils:

- 1st Place \$300 – Natalia Rogovska, Iowa State University. Soybean growth and yield on calcareous soils as affected by compaction. Major Professor: Antonio Mallarino/Alfred Blackmer.
- 2nd Place \$200 – D.A. Ruiz Diaz, Iowa State University. Assessment of N Supply from Poultry Manure Applied to Corn. Major Professor: John E. Sawyer.
- 3rd Place \$100 – Daniel E. Kaiser, Iowa State University. Broadcast and In-Furrow Starter Phosphorus and Potassium Fertilization Strategies for Corn-Soybean Rotations. Major Professor: Antonio P. Mallarino.

The contest was supported by \$250 gifts from Pioneer, BASF, John Deere and The Foundation for Agronomic Research. Thanks were presented to each of the sponsors and everyone who entered the poster contest.

Poster presentations:

- 10 posters were included in the contest
- 4 additional posters were on display

Three staff members from ASA headquarters Madison, Wisconsin gave suggestions and updates:

Bonnie Lueck who is in the Agronomic Science Foundation office spoke first.

- She would like to see increased connections with younger members.
- She indicated that the fund raising for the Smithsonian Soils Exhibit is progressing well but still needs about \$1.5 million.
- At the Indianapolis Annual Meeting coming this fall there will be special programming to BS candidates. They will be matched with mentors. A committee is working on this and has raised \$180,000 for the program to encourage top-notch students in Crop Science.
- Keep in mind that ASA will celebrate its 100th anniversary in 2007 in New Orleans. They are soliciting ideas as to what ASA will do in the next 100 years.

Susan Chapman, Director of Member Services.

- ASA has added 1800 new members in 2006, with 525 new undergraduate members.
- The World Congress of Soil Science will be held in July in Philadelphia, the first time in 40 years in the U.S.
- Headquarters is moving to new computers and programs for the member database.
- The awards program nominations are open until April 4th.
- Headquarters is increasing public relations and outreach with the public.
- Should there be more support for graduate student posters and talks at the branch meetings? Susan asks if this would help drive interest and

participation.

- It might be possible to have monetary awards
- Maybe do like the North Central Weeds graduate poster/ paper contests?
- Perhaps promote winning at the Branch meeting as a way to promote traveling to the Annual Meetings? Maybe offer a travel award?
- Susan would like to see increased participation of graduate students at the Branch meetings.
- Consider working with another North Central group to hold a joint meeting
 - Perhaps NC Weeds or the NC Entomological Society meetings?
 - Discussion followed that this might be possible for 2008 or 9
 - Harold Watters will approach the NC Weeds folks to see if this might be possible to hold a joint meeting. This may involve moving to a December meeting time-frame.

Ellen Bergfeld, Executive Vice President of the Tri-Societies spoke last from ASA.

- Thanks to Pioneer for the hospitality.
- ASA was restructured as of December 31, 2005 with a smaller board better able to concentrate on programs and agronomy related activities. ASA was a minority on its own board when all three societies operated under ASA management.
- There will be a Management Organization created by the end of 2007 to manage the activities of the American Society of Agronomy, the Soil Science Society and the Crop Science Society – additionally two other organizations are considering joining under the management organization.
- In Washington DC we have co-located our personnel with Animal Science groups, we were already located jointly with Weed Scientists and Ag Economists.
- There is a move to revamp publications.

President Steven Paszkiewicz asked for nominations from the floor for Secretary/ Treasurer. None were brought forth at this time. We will have an election in the June to July time frame. The Past President will work with other officers to identify candidates and conduct the election with headquarters assistance.

Steve welcomed new President Harold Watters with the passing of the gavel. Harold announced that the next meeting would be held in Indianapolis, Indiana on March 13 & 14, 2007.

Meeting adjourned.

Minutes recorded by Harold Watters with contributions from Steve Paszkiewicz.