



FRONT RANGE SEED ANALYSTS

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General Business Meeting Agenda

Call to order: *Mary Loring*, President

Present: Mary Loring, Barbara Atkins, Mike Dideriksen, Sunny Hanley, Marilyn Milhous, Annette Miller, Diedra Peck, Karin Paxton-Gray, Ethan Waltermire, Loren Wiesner

Secretary's Report: Annette Miller substituted for Laurie Thoma who was unable to attend.

Mike Dideriksen motioned and Loren Wiesner seconded the motion to approve the April 7, 2004 meeting minutes as published on the website. Motion carried.

2004 Membership update: We currently have 17 Sponsors, 8 Supporters, 10 Individual Members and 6 Gold Members. Marilyn Milhous is the Anna Lute Award recipient for 2004

Treasurer's Report: Annette Miller substituted for Pat Conine who was unable to attend.

Barbara Atkins motioned to approve the treasurer's report as presented. Marilyn Milhous seconded the motion and the motion carried. Mike Dideriksen requested that the treasurer prepare a 5 year summary of FRSA finances and that strategic planning regarding finances be discussed at the October meeting. Everyone agreed that this is a good idea.

Web Page Administrator's Report: Annette Miller explained her use of the FRSA website as a test site for the AOSA TZ website and the AOSA TZ database project. We have plenty of space for this use and these uses involve only temporary postings. Annette expressed appreciation for help from Laurie with some website improvements.

Old Business

Outreach Committee Report: Laurie has been working hard on the publication "You Need the Seed." A list of photographs needed for the project was distributed. Sunny Hanley and Ethan Waltermire volunteered to obtain the needed photos.

STEP update: Loren Wiesner reported that the program has received a Challenge Grant from the USDA to make the program international. A survey will be sent out to those using SeedImages.com AOSA will have an agreement for AOSA members to use the site. APHIS has compiled a database and key of noxious weed seeds in the Federal Seed Act and will be adding those photos to the SeedImages.com database.

Oct. 6 Workshop Planning Committee Report: Barb Atkins, Marilyn Milhous, Karin Paxton-Gray, Ethan Waltermire. The committee reported that the workshop has been postponed to October 6 (9am-4:30pm) Barbara submitted a list of genera that may be covered: *Aristida*, *Eschscholzia*, *Muhlenbergis*, *Vigueria*, *Scirpus*, *Salvia*, and *Ceanothus*. Electronic seed keys will be tested. If anyone has other requests for genera to cover, contact Ethan or Barbara by July 30. Barbara also had a list of bulk samples that will be available for distribution.

Participants will be encouraged to bring unknowns for an open ID session. Annette will work with Laurie on a registration form with information about species covered, brown-bag lunch (or food court) and a rough agenda.

Mike Dideriksen will check the constitution and bylaws for changes to wording about meeting days. Changes may need to be proposed for allowing more flexibility in the day and agenda.

New Business

Karin and Annette gave a brief review of items from the June AOSA/SCST meetings in Mississippi. Karin has a list of flower species for which seed counts are still needed. The AOSA/ISTA harmonization committee will be asking seed trade organizations for issues affected by the differences in AOSA and ISTA Rules. Voluntary user-fee funded US Lab accreditation is being developed to address needs for accredited labs to handle international trade. SCST will be voting this fall about new membership categories. The SCST proficiency test is still voluntary. SCST members' membership in ISST is also voluntary. Wayne Guerke is the new editor of the Seed Technology Journal. AOSA members are looking into a voting mechanism to allow SCST members a chance for an official vote on the AOSA Rules. The southwest region referees will be *Bromus* ID and *Atriplex*.

Next Workshop and Business Meeting with new officer elections

Wednesday, October 6, 2004

9:00-4:30

in Fort Collins either at the NCGRP or in a CSU classroom.

FRSA welcomes Brad Erker to Colorado. Brad Erker, a CSU alumnus, is the new Director of Seed Programs overseeing the Seed Lab, the Seed Growers, and the Foundation Seed Programs for Colorado. Brad previously worked for Holdens Foundation Seed and Coors as a breeder.

Mary Loring adjourned the meeting at 11:00am.

Thanks to host Ethan Waltermire for refreshments and a tour of the Colorado Seed Laboratory.