

FRSA General Business Meeting April 13, 2005

Arkansas Valley Seed Solutions
Longmont, CO

President Ethan Waltermire called the meeting to order at 1:17 pm.

Present: Annette Miller, Laurie Thoma, Karen Paxton-Gray, Richard Agnew, Barbara Atkins, Pat Conine, Irene Cardona, Mary Loring, Mike Dideriksen, Sunny Hanley, Ethan Waltermire, Jim Bruce, Marilyn Milhous and Diedra Peck.

Secretary's report: Diedra Peck presented the past minutes for approval. Ethan Waltermire moved to approve and Barbara Atkins seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report: Pat Conine reported the current financial standings. Ethan Waltermire moved to accept the report, Barbara Atkins seconded and the motion carried.

Web page administrators report: Annette reported that the web page has been upgraded to 2000 megabytes at no extra charge. Barbara Atkins suggested that more USDA plates, seed identification keys and information from the Delorit/Gunn legume book be added. Jim Bruce also thought Handbook 30 plates and drawing could be added. Annette will check into adding those publications.

Old Business

Audit Committee Report: Mike Dideriksen presented the report which found the FRSA financials in good standing. Mike did note that any mailings should include the purpose of the mailing to make the audit less time-consuming. Annette Miller motioned to accept the report, Barbara Atkins seconded and the motion passed.

STEP Update: Jim Bruce reported that more online/correspondance courses are being offered on seed technology, but a more "hands on" approach is necessary, especially for those students not currently working in labs. Discussions are underway with Colorado State University as to adding a seed lab course to the curriculum.

Anna Lute Award Nominations Committee: Packets were distributed to Mike Dideriksen and Ethan Waltermire at the meeting. The third person, Dustin Terrell of Arkansas Valley Seed Solutions, will represent the seed industry vote. The committee's selection is due by May 15th.

FRSA Constitution: The proposed changes to Article 4 and 5 were moved to accept by Jim Bruce and seconded by Annette Miller. The motion carried. (The changes can be found in January 2005 meeting minutes).

New Business

2005 AOSA Rules Proposal Review Session: Annette Miller suggested that opinions on the rule changes be summarized and sent to the rules committee. The following considerations will be sent to the AOSA Rules Committee, to the attention of Chairperson Deborah Meyer.

The 14 FRSA members at the April 13, 2005 business meeting discussed and voted as follows:

Proposal #1: FRSA support

Proposal #2A: Out of the 14 voting members present, 11 supported the proposal, 1 voted against and 2 abstained from voting. With the current ruling of “some endosperm development”, the 1/3 ruling would be a little less ambiguous, but past FRSA referee programs concerning this problem showed there was no statistical evidence that the 1/3 ruling would make endosperm identification more consistent between analysts. The FRSA encourages the use of stereoscopes with diaphanoscopes to determine the amount of endosperm development.

Proposal #2B: FRSA support if proposal 2A fails.

Proposal #3: FRSA support.

Proposal #4: FRSA support

Proposal #5: FRSA support

Proposal #6: FRSA support

Summer Seed School Workshop: Lab sampling procedures will be this year’s topic; the session to be held sometime during the purity workshop at CSU (week of July 11th). Committee members are: Mike Dideriksen, Jim Bruce, Richard Agnew, Ethan Waltermire and Diedra Peck.

Other New Business

Laurie Thoma would like to set up a little retirement party for Loren Wiesner and Marilyn Milhouse this summer. Pat Conine will check the quests of honor schedules to set up a date and time.

Mike Dideriksen made the motion to adjourn the meeting, Mary Loring seconded and the meeting was adjourned.