

FRSA General Business Meeting July 14, 2006

Colorado State Seed Lab
Fort Collins, CO

President Ethan Waltermire called the meeting to order at 12:16 pm.

Members present: Annette Miller, Barbara Atkins, Pat Conine, Irene Cardona, Sharon Bokan, Mary Loring, Melissa Simpson, Sunny Hanley, Ethan Waltermire, Jim Bruce, Marilyn Milhous and Diedra Peck.

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

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

Web page administrators report: Annette reported that the wage survey and job satisfaction poll has had 61 responses. It will be available for another 1-2 months to hopefully obtain another 100 responses. Mary provided a photo of Aleta Meyr , 2006 Anna Lute Award winner, to post on the site.

Old Business

STEP Update: Jim Bruce reported that an associate (2 year) degree will be offered this fall. There will be 6 classroom courses and a year internship. Jim also announced his retirement from the STEP program. Jim made many contributions to the program and will be greatly missed!

New Business

Review of new selection process for the Anna Lute award: Committee members had , prior to the conference call, read and personally ranked all nominations. The committee then discussed each of their top selections and a final vote was taken to elect the 2006 award winner. Present committee members felt the selection process went well and the committee will remain as the FRSA secretary, 2 FRSA members and 2 past winners. With the exception of the secretary, which will be voted in October 2006, the remaining committee members may volunteer at the January business meeting and arrangements made to contact two past winners during January business meeting.

AOSA Update: Pat reported that there was good attendance at the annual June meeting. Next year's meeting will be held in Cody, Wyoming at the Holiday Inn. Accommodations may be limited so make reservations early. Voting results, changes in rules and committee reports may be found on the AOSA webpage, www.aosaseed.com

Proposed changes in the Colorado State Seed Law: Ethan presented the proposed changes to the Colorado Seed Act to keep analysts aware of possible changes in Colorado state law; please refer to 2 document attached (Changes to Seed Act, Species for TZ Labeling). Annette brought up the fact that tetrazolium test methods are not documented in the AOSA rules nor are the number of seeds to be tested. She suggested Sharon Davidson be contacted about adding special wording in Section 7 to specify a minimum of 200 seeds be cut.

FRSA Voting Process on AOSA Rule Proposals: Ethan presented a new approach to researching and discussing proposed rule changes. Ethan felt that better, more informed decisions on the proposals could be made if FRSA members could research the proposals by contacting the author and discuss pros and cons with persons of expertise and/or persons affected by passage of the proposal. Due to the lack of adequate time to discuss the measure, members are encouraged to read the third attachment (Formalizing FRSA Voting Process on AOSA Rule Proposals) and continue the discussion at the next meeting in October.

Next meeting:

October 11, 2006
Arkansas Valley Seed Testing
4333 Hwy 66
Longmont, CO 80504
1:00 pm (Skip lunch and have pizza with us!)

Jim made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Pat seconded and the meeting was adjourned at 1:13 pm.

Respectively submitted,

Diedra Peck
FRSA Secretary