

Minutes
January 8, 2003

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Host: Pat Conine

Attendance: Mike Dideriksen, Michael Bricker, Loren Wiesner, Jim Stanelle, Marilyn Milhous, Irene Cardona, Annette Miller, Patricia Conine, Mary Loring.

FRSA President Mary Loring called the meeting to order at 1:00pm. The October 9, 2002 meeting minutes were approved (Annette moved, Marilyn seconded). Laurie Thoma provided current membership statistics (Annette reported for Laurie). Pat Conine presented the treasurer's report and it was approved (Pat moved, Loren seconded). The audit committee was selected. Annette Miller and Marilyn Milhous will review the treasurer's records and provide an audit report at the next meeting.

Annette reviewed the status of the web page. If anyone wants anything added, please let her know. The FRSA website has been used twice in the last year, for development of online referees for the AOSA Purity subcommittee. It was also used as a platform to develop the AOSA TZ website. Future additions to the site may include a teacher's area with materials from the outreach program.

The FRSA's outreach program and partnership with CSU's Mobile Investigations has had little progress in the last 6 months due to time constraints of those working on the project. Annette and Laurie will be contacting CSU's Mobile Investigations this spring to see how the project can move forward. Members suggested contacts with the State's Department of Agriculture's 'Agriculture in the Classroom' program to see they can use FRSA's materials (contact Betty Blande, Windsor).

CSU's Seed Analyst educational program STEP (Seed Technology Education Program) has a growing number of participants (about 12 per month) and the completion rate is increasing. Web CT is easier to use. Jim Bruce and Arnold Larsen are working hard to improve SeedImages.com. In particular, the noxious weed section has been improved. APHIS has expressed interest in subscriptions for its 22 sites. The site is also in partnership with PureHarvest for record keeping features that PureHarvest will be offering to seed laboratories. In the future, when seed lab reports are provided, the customer will be able to click on any of the contaminants listed and see the seed image from SeedImages.com. This year's summer workshops will be held July 14-18 (Purity) and July 21-25 (Viability). The tentative location is over in the Plant Science building.

Jim Stanelle was very pleased with the FRSA displays and response at the 2002 CSGA/CSIA meetings despite the low attendance (partly attributed to location – third time in Fort Collins in the last 3 years). Next year's meetings will be held in Denver.

Suggestions were taken for members for the 2003 Anna Lute Award Nominations Committee. Pending contact and acceptance, committee members will be: Mike Bricker, Karen Nastick, and Mike Frink. Award nominations deadline is March 15.

2003 donations were discussed. \$200.00 was approved for a donation to the CSGA/SCIA Scholarship to CSU Plant Science Department. (Mike Dideriksen moved, Loren seconded)

Ideas for the FRSA's summer workshop/forum centered on the theme of conditioning and a visit to ARDEC. A committee to work on details of the forum will (initially) include: Laurie Thoma, Annette Miller, Jim Stanelle, and Loren Wiesner. Anyone is welcome to help.

Mike Bricker was contacted by seedtoday.com about linking from our site to theirs. FRSA is among the links on that site.

Loren reported that the Wyoming State Seed Laboratory is scheduled to open in July in Powell, Wyoming. The Director of the Montana Seed Laboratory is moving to Oklahoma, and there are two positions open at the Idaho Seed Laboratory.

The Colorado Seed Laboratory and the Seed Growers Association are finally in their new homes in the Shepardson building. The Seed Growers Association is in room 227, the Seed Lab is in 224 and there is a conference room in 225. Phone numbers remain the same.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:30pm.

(Note: FRSA extends sincere condolences to former director of the Wyoming Seed Laboratory, Billie Jean Lundberg, regarding the recent death of her husband, Jeffrey Lundberg.)