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## An Overview of The PAA

One of the most enjoyable responsibilities that I have had over the past several months as president of the PAA was the opportunity to bring greetings from PAA to the delegates at the 14<sup>th</sup> Triennial Conference of the European Association for Potato Research in Sorrento, Italy. In preparing my brief statements I took the time to review what PAA is all about. It occurred to me that a summary review might be good for all of us.

The organization was founded and officers first elected in 1913 with the objectives of collecting and disseminating scientific information relating to all phases of the potato industry, including research in breeding, production, transportation, processing, marketing and utilization of potatoes. The PAA is a non-profit organization.

Currently, the types of memberships and number of members in each category are as follows: individual (598), group (197), graduate student (27), sustaining (38), and honorary life (65). In addition, there are 87 foreign and 64 US non-member library subscribers. Of the individual memberships, 339 are US, with Idaho (50) Wisconsin (41), Maine (41), and Washington (38) with twice the membership of the 5<sup>th</sup> ranked state. There are 85 Canadian members and 114 from 41 other foreign countries, led by Mexico with 10.

There are 8 sections: Production and Management (202), Pathology (157), Physiology (126), Breeding and Genetics (125), Utilization and Marketing (102), Extension (96), Certification (91), and Entomology (34).

There are 4 official publications of the PAA. They are *American Journal of Potato Research*, *APJR* (formerly the *American Potato Journal*), *Commercial Potato Production in North America*, *North American Potato Variety Handbook*, and *North American Potato Variety*

*Inventory*. The latter two publications can be found on the PAA web site (url: <http://potato.tamu.edu/variety/paa.htm>). In addition to these publications a bimonthly newsletter, *The PAA Insider*, is published bimonthly, starting in January and alternating with the *American Journal of Potato Research*.

The association has met 82 times annually since 1914, with the exception of four WWII years. Wisconsin (6) and New York (5) lead the states in the number of annual meetings hosted, while New Brunswick, having hosted three meetings, leads the Canadian provinces. The 1999 meeting will take place in Somerset, New Jersey, August 1-5, with the 2000 meeting in Colorado Springs, Colorado, on July 23-27, 2001 in Orlando, Florida in April, 2002 in Ontario, with the alternative possibility of a joint meeting with ASHS and the International Horticulture Congress in Toronto, August 11-17. Completing five years out, the 2003 meeting is scheduled for Washington State in conjunction with the World Potato Congress. Mark your calendars now.

The officers of PAA include the President, President-elect, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer. The governing body of PAA is the Executive Committee, which consists of the five contemporary officers, the immediate past President, the Editor-in-Chief of the journal, and five Directors. The Chairs of all sections are Ex-Officio and non-voting members of the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee meets three times during the course of the annual meeting each year to conduct business. The headquarters office is located at The University of Maine in Orono. There are three part-time salaried employees receiving a total of ~\$40,000 in salaries and benefits, and stipends totaling \$2800 are provided to three of the organization's officers.

Creighton Miller, President

## Dates

### July

**July 10-18:** 1999 Maine Potato Blossom Festival, Fort Fairfield, ME, USA (207) 472-3802

**July 14:** Potato Certification Association of Nebraska Annual Meeting, Alliance, NE. (308) 762-1674

### August

**Aug 1-5:** 83rd Annual Meeting of the Potato Association of America, Somerset, New Jersey.

**Aug. 10-12:** New York Empire Farm Days, Rodman Lott & Sons Farm, Seneca Falls, N.Y. Contact Melanie Wickham (716) 526-5356

**Aug. 19:** Red River Valley Potato Growers Association Field Day, Research Farm near Grand Forks, ND. (218) 773-3633

**Aug. 27-28:** Barnesville (Minnesota) Potato Days Festival, Barnesville, MN (800) 525-4901

### September

**Sep. 1-4:** Idaho Growers Shippers Association 71st Annual Convention, Sun Valley, ID. Contact David Smith at (208) 529-4400

## Inside Information

### NPC's 51<sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting set for 2000

The National Potato Council's 51st Annual Meeting will be held at Disney's Coronado Springs Resort in Florida, January 11-15, 2000. Attendees will enjoy entertaining and exciting meal functions, guest speakers, an expansive exhibit hall, business meetings, and of course, the wonders of Disney.

Registration and information will be mailed in July in conjunction with the distribution of the 1999 Potato Statistical Year-book. It is strongly recommended that you inquire about flight arrangements as soon as possible as many people are traveling in the first month of the new century.

The NPC has reserved a block of rooms at a negotiated rate for NPC Annual Meeting attendees from January 9-16, 2000. If you do not receive the Statistical Yearbook or Annual Meeting Registration and would like to be added to our mailing list, please contact Kristen Damazio, Communications Director at 303-773-9295, or by email at [npcspud@ix.netcom.com](mailto:npcspud@ix.netcom.com)

**Kristen Damazio**

## 1999 Northeast Potato Technology Forum Held in Fredericton

The seventh annual Northeast Potato Technology Forum was held March 22-23, 1999 at the Sheraton Inn, Fredericton, NB Canada. Attendance was at an all-time high, with one hundred twenty registrants from Maine, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island and Quebec.

On Monday, participants registered and then waded immediately into the deep end with a session entitled "Biotechnological approaches for potatoes". Topics included the benefits of micropropagated potato plantlets for stress assessment, somatic hybridization, gene cloning, molecular approaches to potato production and quality, and the importance of molecular techniques for detecting and discriminating between virus diseases.

The afternoon culminated in a round table discussion on the impact of biotechnology on the future of potato production. Led by Dr. Roger Bernier of BioAtlantech Inc., participants engaged in lively discussions that ranged from

consumer rights to the thorny question of intellectual property. The debate continues.

On Tuesday, forum-goers were treated to the latest technologies for optimizing production management. Other topics included managing such pests as Colorado potato beetle, late blight, viruses and storage diseases.

Zeneca/Agro supported a well-received evening reception where delegates had a chance to take it easy and exchange notes. McCain Foods will support the publication of abstracts from the thirty-two technical presentations.

This meeting has become an important annual event for potato specialists from the Northeastern US and Eastern Canada to share technical information and lay the ground work for participation in future joint research and extension projects.

Look for the Northeast Potato Technology Forum to re-appear in Maine next year.

Warren Coleman

## Florian Lauer Honored

Florian Lauer was honored for 40 years of service on the US Potato Genebank Technical Committee at the 82nd annual meeting of the PAA in Fargo, ND, July 25-30, 1998.

The administrative committee of the US Potato Genebank at Sturgeon Bay, WI includes one technical representative from each of the four regions of the US, plus one from USDA-ARS. Dr. Lauer has been the representative for the North Central region for 40 years. His longstanding excellent service as a strong advocate for the potato germplasm interests of the US was recognized at the Breeding and Genetics section meeting.

John Bamberg



# The Potato Association of America

## Minutes of the 82<sup>nd</sup> Annual Meeting Fargo, North Dakota July 25-30, 1998

### Minutes: Executive Committee Meeting:

The Executive Committee met in two sessions on July 25 and 28, 1998 in Fargo, ND. President Henninger presided at both sessions. Executive Committee members attending included Henninger, Lambert, Love, Miller, Murphy, Ojala, Owings, Powelson, Lambert, and Weingartner. Also attending was Administrative Assistant Lorelei Wing. Others attending all or parts of these meetings included Section and Committee Chairs.

NOTE: These minutes will make reference to several section and committee reports. Complete versions of these reports appear elsewhere in this issue.

The Executive Committee meeting was called to order by President Henninger. President Henninger called for any additions to the agenda and there were none.

MOTION moved, seconded and passed to approve the Executive Committee agenda.

### 1997 Minutes

President Henninger called for any corrections or additions to the minutes of the 1997 Executive Committee meeting as published in the American Potato Journal 75:1, 45-67. President Henninger indicated his e-mail address was incorrectly listed in the minutes.

MOTION moved, seconded and passed to approve the minutes of the 1997 Executive Committee meetings as published The American Potato Journal 75:1, 45-67.

### Actions/Correspondence Since 1997 Meeting

President Henninger reviewed the actions and correspondence taken by him and the Executive Committee during the period between the 1997 and 1998 meetings. These included replacing PAA Past President Duane Preston's plaque that was damaged during flooding in North Dakota, accepting the PEI LAC report and surplus funds, and approving CAB International's request to include their brochure in PAA registration materials. President Henninger approved a request from Cornell University to

place past issues of APJ on CD ROM for 3<sup>rd</sup> world countries. President Henninger also received a request from the Ontario LAC (2002 meeting date) to hold the PAA Meeting at the same time as the Horticultural Science Meetings. This request was referred to the Site Selection Committee for further consideration.

### Editor-in-Chief's Report

Bud Platt presented the Editorial Committee Minutes in lieu of the Editor-in-Chief's report. The Outstanding Paper has been selected and will be announced during the Annual Business Meeting and the award presented during the Annual Awards Banquet. Short communications will be considered as candidates for this award if they provide significant contributions to science. The Editorial Committee recommended that the Journal cover photos, captions and inside cover descriptions be determined by the Editor-in-Chief, Business Editor and Technical Editor. The first page format will be standardized for all articles in the Journal. Short communication papers will not be used to salvage a rejected paper, and will be restricted to three pages with limited literature citations. There was a comment that the Review papers process needs to begin soon.

### Technical Editor's Report

Hugh Murphy presented the Technical Editor's report. The number of manuscripts received this year (81) has more than doubled over last year's (39) submissions. There are 12 manuscripts in page proof from last year, and 14 manuscripts from two years ago that have not been returned by authors although they have been approved for publication. Steve Love indicated he would help Hugh with this situation. There are 54 papers currently in the review process.

### Business Editor's Report

Hugh Murphy presented the Business Editor's report covering the Business Editor's activities for the past year. Six issues of the Journal have been published with half in the new format. Advertising is no longer being placed in

the Journal. The Business Editor's cost estimates do not match those of the Treasurer, but this may be due to time frames of comparison. The Post Office may be increasing the mailing costs of the Journal. There was discussion on selecting the photograph for the cover of the Journal. Currently Steve Love selects the cover photograph. There was a recommendation that the Editor-in-Chief and Business Editor could choose the photo cover. An article could be placed in the PAA Newsletter requesting photo submissions.

### Treasurer's Report

Dave Lambert presented the Treasurer's report. The PAA has two separate certificates of deposit (\$65,936 and \$70,984) and a Money Market account (\$18,168) in addition to our savings account (\$26) and checking account (\$18,095). The checking account is about \$9,000 less this year compared to last year. We have received \$6,388 in interest and \$7,459 in revenue from sales of the Variety and Production Handbooks. Miscellaneous bank accounting is larger this year than previous years. There are outstanding bounced checks and there is difficulty in collecting foreign registration checks. The banks will not deposit small checks from abroad. Dave suggested we could have foreign members pay registration fees by VISA. There is a \$125 setup charge, \$5 per month service charge, and a 6¼% per item charge. There was discussion on alternative options to help solve this problem.

Dave reviewed costs of producing the Membership Directory and Newsletter. There is about \$12,000 due from reprinting articles. We may be losing about \$2,000 per year in reprint charges. Income from Sustaining Membership has risen several thousand dollars due to Ed Plissey's recruiting efforts. The costs of printing in the Journal in the old format was about \$25,000 per year. The costs of publishing in the new format appear to be about the same as the old format although the number of issues are now six per year. Salary expenses are slightly higher this year because Lori has been working more hours than in past years. The PAA is not paying rent now since the move back to the University of Maine, and telephone costs appear less than usual also. President Henninger noted that the bottom line is that our net worth (total cash assets) is \$2,400 less than last year which is not as much a decline compared to the previous years. President Henninger asked Lori to look into using VISA for foreign registrations.

President Henninger asked for recommendations from Greg Porter on AJPR page charges. Greg indicated that at this time last year they were unsure how much loss might occur with the new changes. Deficits have not been as bad as they appeared due to income from sales of the Variety Handbooks and two LAC contributions. Printing costs for the old Journal format were \$60 to \$70 per page. Printing costs for the new Journal format are about \$116 per page,

which is close to predicted costs. The Finance Committee will be discussing the deficit situation. We do not want to see finances plummet to where reserves are less than a year's operating budget. There is concern that expenses for the CD ROM and Nutrient Management publication could be too large. An option to improve the balance could be to increase rates in some membership categories. The Journal publishes about 250 pages per year that provide income from page charges. Each \$10 reduction in page charges would result in \$2,500 in less revenue. There was discussion on changing membership dues and Journal page charges. There was a comment that some members are not pleased with the increase in Journal page charges. Greg mentioned that 25% of the Journal pages have been for PAA business, which is not a revenue or income source for the PAA. Could the PAA Newsletter instead serve as a record of PAA business? It was suggested that a small yearly subscription fee could be placed on the Newsletter. Sustaining Membership fees are currently placed into the General Account and help to support Journal publication costs. Steve Love suggested that we could request a \$10 increase in membership fees and use the Sustaining Membership income to support publishing the Journal. President Henninger indicated that these considerations should be referred to the Finance Committee for their recommendations.

### Finance Committee Report

Gregory Porter presented the Finance Committee's report. The cash assets of the PAA have decreased \$2,421 this past year and \$12,901 the year before. Although the financial health of the Association is in good shape, there is cause for concern because if the membership fees and page charges remain at current levels then we expect to have continued losses of assets in the future. Increases in membership fees may be key to covering costs. It has been difficult to accurately determine the costs of printing the Journal. Preliminary estimates are that the new format costs \$116 per page compared to \$60 to \$70 per page for the old format. Revenues from page charges and reprints have decreased from 80% to less than 65% of printing costs. The Committee, pending clarification of checking and cash asset statements by the auditor, approved the 1996-97 auditor's report. The Committee accepted the Treasurer's report. A 3% pay increase is recommended for employees. An operating loss of over \$8,000 (\$20,000 if both the CD-ROM and Nutrient publication advances are spent) is expected for next year. The Committee did not achieve a consensus or recommendation for increasing membership dues. However, a \$10 increase in group and individual membership fee could generate \$8,000 in income. Presently, the membership dues subsidize printing of the Journal. If the new format draws in new submissions it

may increase our expenses even more. The Committee recommends that a limited number of high quality scientific advertisements be allowed in the Journal. There was discussion on changing membership dues and page charges for the Journal.

MOTION moved, seconded and passed to accept the Finance Committee's report.

MOTION moved, seconded and passed to approve the Finance Committee recommendation to increase employee pay by 3%.

MOTION moved, seconded and passed that an Ad Hoc committee be established to explore the possibility of high quality advertisements in the Journal.

President Henninger appointed Ed Lulai (chair), Ron Knight, Hugh Murphy, and David Spooner to this committee.

### Administrative Assistant's Report

Lori Wing presented the Administrative Assistant's report. Lori reported that we have 101 new members this year, of which 41 are individual, 10 are graduate students, 35 are library, and 15 are sustaining memberships. Lori announced that the Membership Directory would be ready for printing after the Annual Meeting. Lori indicated we have a problem receiving payment in the form of checks from non-US banks. A charge card system would help to solve some of the fund transfer problems, but there will be some setup (\$125 per year), monthly (\$5 per month), and per item (6¼%) transaction fees.

MOTION moved, seconded and passed to authorize the Administrative Assistant to pursue a credit card system for receiving payments.

Lori announced that Instructional Technologies would set up and maintain e-mail addresses for the PAA membership for a \$5/month fee. This could be useful for distributing the PAA Newsletter. However, there is uncertainty whether to have a member only e-mail system or to open it up for outside participation.

MOTION moved, seconded and passed to authorize the Administrative Assistant to have an e-mail listing with the University of Maine.

Lori announced that with approval she would send out certificates to Sustaining Members to thank them for their support in the PAA. It was suggested that Sustaining Members should receive the Journal, a name listing within

the Journal recognizing their Sustaining Membership, a certificate of appreciation/recognition, and a web site link in the PAA web page. Ed Plissey indicated he would look into using a plaque with updated renewal tags each year instead of a certificate. There was discussion on using e-mail to send the PAA Newsletter instead of conventional mail, and to only send the newsletter to individuals who do not have e-mail addresses. There was a question as to whether the printing quality of an e-mail newsletter will be the same on all systems.

### Archivist's Report

Ed Plissey presented the Archivist's Report. Some archived materials have been rediscovered and they will be moved into proper storage as soon as shelf space becomes available. Ed reminded the Executive Committee that \$2,000 of the surplus Maine LAC funds were targeted for archival shelving. There is a need for additional copies of 1947-74 Utilization proceedings and newsletters. Some excess copies of the Journal are saleable and could be advertised for sale in the PAA newsletter.

### President Elect Report

Creighton Miller presented the President Elect's report. There has been substantial construction on the PAA web site. The site now includes a membership application, Officer and Committee listings, PAA Constitution, Section Bylaws, Honorary Life Memberships, past PAA Meeting sites, annual meeting registration information, publications and other information. The PAA web site is also now linked to Sustaining Member's web sites. Do we want to also have a 'potato links' section that provides links to other potato web sites? Would we want to have a publications section also? Creighton suggested a Web Site Committee could help provide direction and updating for the PAA web site. It was commented that PAA publications are an important source of income for the Association and therefore our publications should not be placed on the web site for free access. It was commented that timely updating of the web site will be a challenge.

MOTION moved, seconded and passed to establish the PAA Web Site Committee.

President Henninger appointed Creighton Miller as Chair, and Dave Lambert, Anna Johnson, Al Mosley, Mary Powelson, Sam Thornton, and John Walsh as members of the Web Site Committee.

### Honorary Life Membership Committee Report

Pete Weingartner presented the Honorary Life Membership Committee Report and indicated that three Honorary Life Memberships will be awarded at the banquet.

### Nominations Committee Report

Pete Weingartner also presented this report indicating that nominees for offices had been made and elections will be held at the Annual Business Meeting.

### Site Selection Committee Report

Sam Thornton presented the Site Selection Committee's report. The Committee announced meeting sites for upcoming PAA Annual Meetings: New Jersey-1999, Colorado-2000, Florida-2001, Ontario-2002, Washington-2003, Nebraska-2004, and Calgary-2005. Possible future sites include Michigan or Pennsylvania-2006, Texas and California-2007, and Canada-2008. Sam indicated he would follow up on the proposal to have a meeting either with or near the dates of the International Horticultural Science Meeting in the year 2002. Sam also indicated he would like to have some Canadian members join the Committee.

### LAC Annual Meeting Reports

Gary Secor welcomed the group to Fargo. He announced that there were currently 380 registrations (305 US, 51 Canada, remainder from 9 other countries) of which 42 were Friends and Family. Currently, the North Dakota LAC has received \$50,358 from generous sponsor contributions and \$38,040 from registration fees.

### Journal Format Committee Report

Steve Love presented the final report for the Journal Format Committee. Steve reported that there have been enough articles received to publish three issues of the Journal. The page charges do not appear to be inhibiting author submissions. An editor position needs to be established for responsibility for the photograph on the Journal cover.

### Potato Variety Handbook Committee

Steve Love presented a report of the Committee's activities. The Committee will be considering using a new format for the Handbook that no longer requires adding new sections. The Committee will return at a later date with their suggestions to the Executive Board.

### PAA Web Site Committee

Creighton Miller presented the PAA Web Site Committee report. The Committee recommended placing the Variety Handbook and the Commercial Potato Production Handbook (after revision) onto the PAA web page. Section minutes and the PAA meeting agenda should also be placed on the PAA web page. Links to other sites will be selectively chosen. The Committee recommends establishing a permanent Ad Hoc Web Site Advisory Committee. The PAA Newsletter should be made electronically available to members, but not on the web site. The Committee recommends an Associate Membership category be established that would have voting privileges and receive the PAA Newsletter but not the Journal. The Committee also recommends a \$20 increase in membership dues. Creighton Miller will remain as Web Master for one more year. There was discussion on funding for the web site. The web site is scheduled for transfer to PAA Headquarters by the year 2000.

MOTION moved, seconded and passed to approve the PAA Web Site Committee report.

MOTION moved, seconded and passed to forego considering Associate Membership at this time.

MOTION moved, seconded and passed to transfer \$5,000 from the PAA treasury to support C. Miller's graduate student who is working on the PAA web site.

### Bylaw Changes

President Henninger presented recommendations for changes needed in the Constitution and/or Bylaws to accommodate for recent changes in the Journal and titles of editors. The Technical Editor positions need to be added and references to gender in chair titles should be removed. The new name of the Journal should replace the old name. The PAA Newsletter should be added to the publications received by members. President Henninger presented suggestions for changes in several sections of the Bylaws. The word 'Graduate' could be removed from the student membership category. There was discussion on having an the Editorial Board for the PAA Newsletter and placing this board into the Bylaws under the Duties of Officers section. The Administrative Assistant position should also be added to the Bylaws. It was also suggested that the procedure for amending the Bylaws be changed so they are the same as for amending the Constitution.

MOTION moved, seconded, and passed that Honorary Life Membership announcements, including biographical sketches and photographs, be placed in the Journal.

### Potato Nutrient Diagnostic Concentrations Publication

Dale Westermann presented the report on the status of this publication being sponsored by the Production and Management Section. Printing costs for 3,000 copies will be around \$6,000 to \$8,000. The sale price is currently \$10 per copy. New sections have been added to the publication on boron and manganese toxicity. The publication should be ready for printing sometime this year.

### Section Reports

Reports were received from all Sections except Entomology. The contents of the reports can be found elsewhere in this issue. The Physiology Section is preparing topics for a mini-symposium to be held at the 1999 Annual Meeting. The Utilization Section is planning on submitting a proposal next year for a Symposium topic.

### Other Business

A representative of the Potato Promotion Board discussed the referendum now being considered for continuation of the Board. The referendum originated by a petition of 788 grower signatures. Although many signatures have yet to be validated, it may be likely that the referendum will go forward. The Potato Promotion Board is seeking favorable comments from potato growing areas. The marketing benefits that the Potato Promotion Board has provided to the potato industry were reviewed. The Board cannot request or advise anyone on how to vote on this issue or to support the Board. There was further discussion on the referendum. There was a comment that the referendum may be a reaction to difficult marketing conditions.

There was also discussion regarding where to publish PAA business information and announcements. It was suggested that the Association Business be published in the PAA Newsletter. There was discussion on where announcements of Outstanding Paper Awards and new Honorary Life Memberships should be published. There was general consensus that the Outstanding Paper Award announcement should be placed in the PAA Newsletter, and all scientific papers and abstracts should be placed in the Journal.

MOTION moved, seconded and unanimously passed that The Potato Association of America supports the records and achievements of the Potato Promotion Board in North America.

There was discussion on sending a PAA representative to the Triennial Potato Meeting in Italy.

MOTION moved, seconded and passed to authorize an airline ticket for the President-Elect to attend the Triennial Conference of the EAPR.

Respectfully submitted,

John Ojala  
PAA Secretary  
The Potato Association of America  
82<sup>ND</sup> Annual Meeting  
Fargo, North Dakota

### Minutes: Annual Business Meeting

The 82<sup>nd</sup> Annual Business Meeting of the Potato Association of America was held on July 29, 1998 in Fargo, North Dakota. A quorum of members was present. The meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m. by President Henninger who then asked for a moment of silence as a tribute to those members who passed away since last year's meeting: Al Fladkin - \_\_, Chesley Smith - \_\_, and Jim Kraus - ID.

President Henninger added an item to the agenda and then asked for any additions to the agenda. There were no further additions.

MOTION moved, seconded and passed to approve the agenda.

NOTE: Reference to many reports will be made in these minutes. Complete versions of these reports appear elsewhere in this issue.

### Association Reports

President Henninger asked for any additions or corrections to the minutes as published in The American Potato Journal 75:1, 45-67. There were no corrections or additions offered.

MOTION moved, seconded and passed to accept the minutes of the 81<sup>st</sup> Annual Business meeting as published in The American Journal of Potato Research 75:1, 45-67.

President Henninger called upon Hugh Murphy to present The American Journal of Potato Research Business Manager's report on behalf of Ron Knight. There was brief discussion on the costs to print the Journal.

MOTION moved, seconded and passed to accept the Business Manager's report.

Hugh Murphy then presented the Technical Editor's report. There was no discussion. President Henninger expressed appreciation to the officers and staff in Maine for their assistance in PAA operations this past year.

MOTION moved, seconded and passed to accept the Technical Editor's report.

Lori Wing then presented the Administrative Assistant's report. There was no discussion.

MOTION moved, seconded and passed to accept the Administrative Assistant's report.

Dave Lambert then presented the Treasurer's report. There was no discussion.

MOTION moved, seconded and passed to accept the Treasurer's report.

Gregory Porter, Finance Committee Chair, then presented the Finance Committee report. There was discussion on the costs of new page format compared to the costs of the old page format. Greg indicated that the costs of printing in the old format were in the range of \$60 to \$70 per page. The publication costs for the new format are approximately \$116 per page.

MOTION moved, seconded and passed to approve the Finance Committee report.

### Committee Reports

President Henninger asked the Chairs of the Standing and Ad Hoc Committees to present their reports. The following committees presented reports: Graduate Student Awards, Outstanding Paper Award, Honorary Life Member, Site Selection Committee, Journal Format Committee, and PAA Web Site Committee. Submitted reports can be found elsewhere in this issue.

MOTIONS were moved, seconded and passed to accept each of the Committee reports.

President Henninger presented the Potato Nutrient Diagnostic Criteria Committee report and indicated the Executive Committee had given approval for printing this publication.

### Executive Committee Actions

President Henninger presented the Executive Committee actions taken during July 25-28, 1998. These actions were as follows:

- 1) Authorized the Administrative Assistant to pursue a credit card account for receipt of payments.
- 2) Authorized the Administrative Assistant to establish an e-mail listing with the University of Maine.
- 3) Expressed support for the goals and achievements of the National Potato Promotion Board in North America.
- 4) Disapproved consideration of a PAA Associate Membership.
- 5) Approved the recommendation of the Finance Committee to raise employee salaries by 3% effective July 1, 1998.
- 6) Established an Ad Hoc Committee to explore the possibility of high quality advertisements in the Journal.
- 7) Approved the transfer of \$5,000 to support a person(s) working on the PAA Web Site.
- 8) Authorized an airline ticket for President Miller to attend the Triennial Conference of the EAPR.

MOTION was moved, seconded and passed to approve actions one through four of the Executive Committee.

MOTION was moved, seconded and passed to approve actions five through eight of the Executive Committee.

### Bylaws Revisions

President Henninger presented revisions that need to be made in the Constitution and Bylaws. These changes have arisen because of the new editorial position titles, the new Journal name, replacement of Chairmen titles with gender neutral designations, and the new Administrative Assistant title change. The Bylaw revisions must be published at least two months before membership voting.

### Section Reports

President Henninger called upon each Section to present their report. Reports were presented from all Sections except Entomology. The reports can be found elsewhere in this issue.

MOTIONS were moved, seconded and passed to accept the Section reports as presented.

### LAC Reports

Gary Secor presented the North Dakota LAC report. About 422 total registrants are attending the conference, of which about 380 are delegates. About \$38,000 income

was received through registration and another \$50,000 through sponsors. Mel Henninger provided an overview of next year's Annual Meeting in Somerset, New Jersey. Susie Thompson-Johns presented plans for the PAA Annual Meeting to be held in Colorado in the year 2000.

### Election of Officers/Directors

Nominations Committee Chair Pete Weingartner presented the Committee's recommendations/nominees for PAA offices:

- 1) Creighton Miller be elected PAA President.
- 2) Steve Love be elected PAA President-Elect.
- 3) Chuck Brown and Oscar Gutbrod be nominated for the office of Vice President.
- 4) Ed Lulai and Gregory Porter be nominated for the vacant Director position.

President Henninger asked for further nominations from the floor. There were none.

MOTION moved, seconded and passed to cast a unanimous ballot to elect Creighton Miller PAA President.

MOTION moved, seconded and passed to cast a unanimous ballot to elect Steve Love PAA President-Elect.

Ballot elections were held and Oscar Guthbrod was elected PAA Vice President, and Gregory Porter was elected to a Director position.

There was discussion on the upcoming possibility of a referendum on the Potato Promotion Board.

### Other Business

There was discussion on which types of Association business should appear in the PAA Newsletter and Journal. President Henninger requested that each Section provide an article to the PAA Newsletter each year.

President Henninger requested topics from the Sections for future Symposiums. There has not been a Symposium topic presented to the Executive Committee for next year's Annual Meeting. Steve Love indicated there is interest in organizing a Symposium topic on potato breeding for next year, and he will discuss it further with colleagues during this Annual Meeting.

MOTION moved, seconded and passed that 1) the American Journal of Potato Research shall include accepted manuscripts, abstracts, biographical sketches, and pictures of new Honorary Life Members, and 2) all business of the Association shall be published in the official newsletter, the PAA Insider.

### New Business

Steve Love presented a request for pictures (slides are best) that could be used for the cover of the Journal.

There was discussion on changing membership rates for different categories. A 50% increase over current rates would increase active membership from \$40 to \$60 per year, Sustaining Membership from \$300 to \$450 per year, and Library rates from \$65 to \$97.50 per year. This increase would increase PAA revenues by about \$20,000.

MOTION moved, seconded and passed that the Executive Committee takes action to increase by 50% the membership rates for all categories.

### Recognition of North Dakota Hosts

President Henninger called upon newly elected PAA President Creighton Miller to provide an appropriate recognition of the efforts of the North Dakota LAC in hosting the 82<sup>nd</sup> Annual Meeting of PAA. Creighton Miller offered the following "Resolution in Appreciation":

Whereas the 82<sup>nd</sup> Annual Meeting of the Potato Association of America was held at the Holiday Inn, Fargo, North Dakota, during the week of July 25 to July 30, 1998 and;

Whereas the North Dakota PAA 98-Center of Excellence hosted over 400 delegates and guests from 12 countries, and had 20 Graduate Student Competition presentations, and a record number of 33 poster presentations and;

Whereas the Holiday Inn has been an excellent meeting site and;

Whereas the North Dakota LAC chaired by Gary Secor spent countless hours planning an exceptionally well organized and run conference assuring that attendees "discovered the spirit" of the "peace garden state" and;

Whereas the significant contributions of the North Dakota State University College of Agriculture and Agricultural Experiment Station, the potato industries of North Dakota and Minnesota, and the USDA-ARS are sincerely acknowledged and;

Whereas our North Dakota hosts have shared their table of tastes, custom brewed Bravo's Best bitter Beer, bison barbecue, other culinary delights such as chocolate covered "Chippers", and local cultural attractions and shopping, as well as providing an outstanding environment for educational opportunities and;

Therefore, be it hereby resolved on the 29<sup>th</sup> day of July, 1998, that The Potato Association of America express our highest gratitude and immeasurable thanks to the North Dakota LAC, the Red River Valley potato industry and the sponsors of this meeting for their exemplary

contributions to our organization by hosting this outstanding event.

MOTION moved, seconded and unanimously passed to approve this "Resolution In Appreciation" in recognition of the efforts of the North Dakota Local Arrangements Committee.

### Passing of the Gavel

There being no further business, the 82<sup>nd</sup> Annual Business Meeting concluded with the traditional "passing of the gavel" from outgoing President Henninger to incoming President Creighton Miller. President Miller briefly commented on areas of concern and effort that will be emphasized in the coming year and pledged to move forward with these issues.

MOTION moved, seconded and passed to adjourn the 82<sup>nd</sup> Annual Business Meeting.

Respectfully submitted

John Ojala  
PAA Secretary

### Minutes: New Executive Committee Meeting

The first meeting of the new Executive Committee was held on July 29, 1998 in Fargo, North Dakota. The meeting was called to order by President Miller. Discussion began on the proposed increases in membership fees. Concern was expressed not to increase graduate student membership fees, and a sharp increase to Libraries may cause them to respond by canceling their subscriptions.

MOTION moved but died for lack of a second to change Group Membership fee to \$75 per year.

MOTION moved, seconded and passed that the PAA membership dues structure be changed to the following:

- 1) Individual Membership - \$60 per year
- 2) Sustaining Membership - \$400 per year
- 3) Library and Group Membership - \$75 per year
- 4) Graduate Student Membership - \$15 per year

MOTION moved, seconded and passed that the new membership dues structure begins January 1, 1999.

MOTION moved, seconded and passed to appoint Dave Lambert to a two year term as Treasurer.

There was discussion on the Symposium topic for the 1999 Annual Meeting. John Bamberg and Rich Novy will be serving as Co-Chairs for a 1999 Symposium on Germplasm Enhancement.

MOTION moved, seconded and passed that the Executive Committee approve the topic on Germplasm Enhancement for the 1999 Symposium, and approve expenditures of up to \$2,000 to support author page charges and travel expenditures for non-member speakers for the 1999 PAA Annual Meeting.

President Miller suggested that a membership application in the form of an insert card could be placed in the Journal. The card could be placed in every other issue (three times per year) and would not cost much for the 1,600 issues mailed.

MOTION moved, seconded and passed that each issue of the Journal include a membership application card beginning January 1, 1999.

Ed Plissey, representing the Utilization Section, submitted a request to host a Symposium on "New Developments in Utilization" for the year 2000 Annual Meeting.

MOTION moved, seconded and passed to approve \$2,000 in start up funds for the Colorado LAC.

Past President Henninger announced that the Executive Committee can be reached through email at the following address: [paaexec@aesop.rutgers.edu](mailto:paaexec@aesop.rutgers.edu)

MOTION moved, seconded and passed to retain Gregory Porter as Chair of the Finance Committee.

In other business, President Miller asked Lori Wing to change the cover of the Membership Directory with each new issue to allow easy recognition between different years of the Directory. President Miller appointed a PAA 2000 Committee (Mary Powelson, Chair, Ron Voss, Steve Love and Creighton Miller) to make recommendations on anticipated changes in the near future, such as transferring the PAA web site, moving the PAA Insider to the PAA Headquarters, and impending retirements of the Technical and Business Editors.

MOTION moved, seconded and passed to adjourn the new Executive Committee Meeting.

Respectfully submitted,  
John Ojala  
PAA Secretary

# Constitution/Bylaws of The Potato Association of America

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Incorporated, January 14, 1975, in the State of Maine as a non-profit organization.

Ratified: July 28, 1971

Amended: December 1950; September 1952; September 1954; December 1957; July 1961; July 1964; July 1968; July 1969; July 1979; July 1980; July 1984; August 1985; August 1987, [August 1999].

## Article I NAME

The name of this organization shall be The Potato Association of America; hereafter referred to as The Association.

## Article II OBJECTIVES

The objectives of [The] Association shall be to collect and disseminate scientific information relating to all phases of the potato industry, including research in breeding, production, [pests], transportation, processing, marketing and utilization of potatoes.

## Article III MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Any person or organization may become a member of The Association upon payment of membership dues fixed by the Executive Committee. Membership may be Individual, Group, (Graduate) Student, Sustaining, or Honorary Life. Non-member (Library) subscriptions are available to libraries.

Section 2. Voting privileges shall be limited to members in good standing with each member having one vote.

## Article IV OFFICERS

Section 1. The officers of The Association shall be President, President-Elect, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

Section 2. The duties of the officers shall be those customarily pertaining to these offices.

Section 3. The officers shall hold office until the expiration of the term for which each is elected or appointed, [or] (and) until a successor is duly elected or appointed.

## Article V EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Section 1. The governing body of The Association shall be an Executive Committee which shall consist of the (contemporary) officers, the retiring President, the Editor-in-Chief, [the Technical Editor] and the five Directors. The [Chairs] (Chairmen) of all sections shall be ex-officio and non-voting members of the Executive Committee.

Section 2. The President shall call meetings of the Executive Committee at the [President's] (his) discretion or upon written request of three of its members.

Section 3. The presence of a majority of the Executive Committee shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

Section 4. All actions of the Executive Committee or Officers are subject to approval by The Association at the next Annual [Business] Meeting, except as specified in Article VIII, Section 3.

## Article VI ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

Section 1. The President, President-Elect, and Vice-President shall be elected for one-year terms at the Annual [Business] Meeting. There shall be five(5) Directors who shall serve three-year terms. One Director shall be elected in 1980 and every third year thereafter. Two directors shall be elected in other years. Nominations for Officers and Directors shall be made by [the] (a) Nominating Committee (appointed by the President) and additional nominations shall be accepted from the floor at the Annual [Business] Meeting or as otherwise directed by the Executive Committee. Voting for the officers shall be by ballot, and a plurality shall elect.

Section 2. The Secretary and the Treasurer shall be appointed by the Executive Committee for terms of two years which shall not expire concurrently.

Section 3. The President, President-Elect, and Vice-President shall assume office upon the final adjournment of the Annual [Business] Meeting at which they were elected.

Section 4. The Executive Committee may fill by appointment any vacancy occurring within the prescribed term, such appointment to continue for the unexpired balance.

#### Article VII MEETINGS

A general meeting of The Association shall be held annually, unless prevented by a national emergency, at such time and place as the Executive Committee shall direct, unless otherwise ordered by The Association. Special (or local) meetings may be arranged at the discretion of the Executive Committee.

#### Article VIII SECTIONS, COMMITTEES, AND CONDUCT OF ASSOCIATION BUSINESS

Section 1. The President shall appoint such standing and [ad hoc] (special) committees as may be appropriate to conduct the business of the organization.

Section 2. Standing Committees are those whose functions include the general policies and internal relations of The Association and its relations with other organizations. These Committees shall have a revolving membership and shall submit a written annual report to the Executive Committee [and an oral report] at the Annual [Business] Meeting. (of The Association.)

Section 3. The Executive Committee may undertake and carry out special activities between Annual Meetings. (including reference of questions to the membership by mail or through special notices in the Journal).

Section 4. Sections may be formed by groups of members with common interests who request Section status of the Executive Committee. Requests approved by the Executive Committee shall be submitted for ratification at the Annual Business Meeting. Sections shall elect a Chair and other leadership as necessary and [submit a written] (present an) annual report [to the Executive Committee and an oral report at the Annual Business Meeting.] (The Chair of each section shall be a non-voting, ex-officio member of the Executive Committee and shall serve a maximum of three one-year consecutive terms.) Any financial matters of the Sections shall be maintained separately from The Association, including the liability, thereto, excepting those presented to and accepted by the Executive Committee.

#### Article IX JOURNAL AND EDITORIAL BOARD

Section 1. The official publication of The Association shall be the [AMERICAN JOURNAL OF POTATO RESEARCH, which shall include accepted manuscripts, abstracts, and biographical sketches and pictures of honorary life members. All of The Association's business shall be published in the official newsletter, the PAA Insider.] (AMERICAN POTATO JOURNAL.)

Section 2. The Executive Committee shall appoint [the] (an) Editor-in-Chief, [the Technical Editor, the Editor of the Newsletter, and the] (They also shall approve an) Editorial Board [which is nominated] (selected) by the Editor-in-Chief. (as prescribed in the Bylaws) A Business Manager (also) may be appointed who [also] may [serve as] (be) the Secretary or the Treasurer. (, at the discretion of the Executive Committee.)

Section 3. The Executive Committee may authorize the [Technical Editor], (Editor-in-Chief) or other officers to employ such assistants as may be necessary for the proper conduct of their work.

Section 4. The Executive Committee may authorize the publication and distribution of other publications and employ the personnel required to edit and manage the distribution of such publications.

#### Article X FUNDS

Section 1. The control of the funds of The Association, received from any source, shall be vested in the Executive Committee, to be administered through the appropriate fiscal officers and committees. An audit of the receipts and disbursements shall be made at the end of each fiscal year by a certified public accountant. The reports of the Treasurer or other fiscal officers, (together with that of the public accountant,) shall be published annually in the [PAA Insider]. (official publication)

Section 2. Upon the dissolution of [The] (this) Association, the real property shall be sold and all monies remaining after the payment of liabilities shall be given to one or more universities or to one or more divisions of the U. S. Department of Agriculture to be used to conduct research and/or publish the results of research on *Solanum tuberosum* or related species of plants.

#### Article XI RATIFICATION AND AMENDMENTS

Section 1. This Constitution shall become effective upon its ratification at the 1999 (1984) Annual Meeting and shall supersede the original Constitution and all amendments thereto.

Section 2. This Constitution may be amended at any [Annual Business] (general) meeting of The Association provided that the proposed amendment has been considered by the Executive Committee, that notice of the proposed amendment has been circulated by the Secretary to members or printed in the [PAA Insider] (American Potato Journal)

not less than two months prior to the meeting at which time such amendment is to be considered and that it receives an affirmative vote of at least two-thirds of those present or entitled to vote.

## THE POTATO ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA

### BYLAWS

#### 1. Membership and Dues

##### A. Individual Membership (and Dues)

Any person who pays annual dues may become an individual member with all rights and privileges of membership and receive for a period of one year the [American Journal of Potato Research, the PAA Insider.] (American Potato Journal) and any other publications authorized by the Executive Committee. Annual dues for all classes of membership shall be set by the Executive Committee.

##### B. Group Membership

Any organized group, such as a firm, association or other organization, may obtain membership (in The Association) upon payment of Group membership dues and will receive, for a period of one year, the [American Journal of Potato Research, the PAA Insider.] (American Potato Journal) and any other publications authorized by the Executive Committee. Participation in [The] Association affairs requires that one individual be designated as representative of the group.

##### C. (Graduate) Student Members

(Graduate) [Students] who are active at time of application may hold membership in the Association upon payment of (Graduate Student) dues. Students must have the signatures of their Major Professor/[advisor] to certify membership.

##### D. Sustaining Members

Sustaining membership may be granted to any person, firm, association or organization upon payment of (Sustaining membership) dues, and will receive, for a period of one year, the [American Journal of Potato Research, the PAA Insider.] (American Potato Journal) and any other publications authorized by the Executive Committee. Participation in [The] Association affairs requires that one individual be designated as representative for the Sustaining Member.

##### E. Honorary Life Membership

Honorary life membership may be granted at the discretion of the Executive Committee to individuals who have made outstanding contributions to the interests of The Association or the potato industry. Not more than four new Honorary Life members shall be elected at any Annual Meeting. Honorary Life members are entitled to all membership rights and privileges and are not obligated to pay dues.

#### F. Non-Member Library Subscriptions

Non-member library subscription provides the [American Journal of Potato Research and the PAA Insider.] (American Potato Journal) to libraries for a period of one year upon payment of a fee set by the Executive Committee; (but does not provide any) [no] other rights or privileges are [granted].

#### 2. [American Journal of Potato Research] (American Potato Journal) and Other Publications

##### A. Editorial Board [s]

The policies governing publication of the [American Journal of Potato Research] (American Potato Journal and other publications) shall be vested in an Editorial Board consisting of an Editor-in-Chief, [Technical Editor.] and such [senior and] associate editors as may be [nominated by] (selected at the discretion of) the Editor-in-Chief. The Editorial Board shall have authority to reject any paper deemed unworthy of publication. (in the Journal or other publications of The Association).

[The policies governing publication of the PAA Insider shall be vested in the newsletter editorial board which shall consist of the Newsletter Editor, Technical Editor, and the Executive Committee.]

##### B. The [Technical Editor] (Editor-in-Chief)

The [Technical Editor] (Editor-in-Chief) and any assistants may receive compensation for services as determined by the Executive Committee.

##### C. Mailing Charges and Back Numbers

Extra postage for foreign accounts will be set by the Treasurer and [Technical Editor] (Editor-in-Chief) with the approval of the Executive Committee. Arrangements for replacing, (and for the) pricing, and sale of back numbers and/or volumes of [any Association publications] (the American Potato Journal) shall be determined by the Treasurer and [the Technical Editor] (Editor-in-Chief) with the approval of the Executive Committee.

#### 3. Duties of Officers

##### A. President

The President shall preside at business meetings and (general sessions of The Association and) serve as Chair of the Executive Committee.

##### B. President-Elect

The President-Elect shall assume the duties of the President in the absence or incapacity of the President and shall coordinate the activities and functions of all committees.

##### C. Secretary

The Secretary shall keep the records of The Association at all (of the) regular, (or) special (meetings) and (a record of meetings of the) Executive Committee [meetings] and shall make necessary arrangements for the Annual [Meeting] or other meetings at the direction of the Executive Committee.

#### D. Treasurer

The Treasurer shall keep (,or cause to be kept,) full and accurate accounts of receipts and disbursements in books belonging to The Association and shall deposit all monies and other valuable effects in the name of and to the credit of The Association in such depositories as (may from time to time be) designated by the Executive Committee. The Treasurer shall disburse the funds of The Association as (may be) ordered by the Executive Committee, taking proper vouchers for such disbursements and shall render to the President and Executive Committee whenever they (may) require it, as well as to the Annual [Business] Meeting (of The Association,) an account of all transactions.

[An Administrative Assistant] (A membership Secretary) may be employed at The Association's expense and under the Treasurer's supervision to facilitate the business of The Association [as described in the position description.] (in the area of records keeping and billing for dues and subscriptions, for page charges and reprints and back issues of the American Potato Journal.)

#### 4. Duties of the Executive Committee

The Executive Committee shall act for The Association in the interim between Annual Meetings, shall fix the date of the Annual Meeting, (and) shall consider matters of general policy in The Association, and [shall] present their recommendations at the Annual [Business] Meetings. The Executive Committee shall meet prior to the Annual Meeting of The Association or at other times approved in Article V, Section 2, of the Constitution.

#### 5. Quorum

Ten members of The Association shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at a regularly called Annual or Special Meeting of which at least thirty days notice shall have been given to members.

#### 6. Committees

##### A. Program Committee

This committee shall be appointed by the President, with the Secretary as Chair. This committee shall schedule: business [meeting] (sessions), (and) symposia for the presentation of papers, exhibits, demonstrations, trips, and other functions [at] (for) the Annual Meeting(s). The Secretary shall receive titles and abstracts of all papers to be presented at [the] Annual Meeting(s) and shall arrange the program (of such meetings). The committee shall also prepare copies of the abstracts of papers for distribution at Annual Meeting(s).

##### B. Nominating Committee

This committee shall be appointed by the President. It shall consist of five members with the Past President as Chair. This committee shall present one (1) nominee for [President] and President-Elect, two (2) nominees (each) for the office(s) of Vice-President and [two nominees for

each] (one or more) Director [needed] (as necessary) at the Annual or other Special Meeting of The Association. Nominees shall be (made so as to provide) representative [of the] (from) various areas of the Americas and from various fields of interest of the membership of The Association.

##### C. Membership Committee

This committee shall be appointed by the President and its duties shall be the promotion of membership in The Association.

##### D. Finance Committee

This committee shall be appointed by the President to work with the Treasurer on monetary matters and submit a report including a proposed budget at each Annual Meeting.

##### E. (Committee for) Local Arrangements [Committee]

This committee shall be appointed by the President (and be combined with the Program Committee) and shall work closely with the Program Committee in making local arrangements for Annual Meetings.

##### F. Honorary Life Membership Committee

The immediate Past President shall be Chair of the committee which shall consist of the President, President-Elect, Vice-President, the five Directors and the two most recent living Past Presidents.

##### G. [Ad hoc] (Other) Committees

Other committees may be appointed by the President as deemed advisable to study and report on other special fields of activity associated with the potato industry.

#### 7. Miscellaneous

##### A. Fiscal Year

The fiscal year of The Association shall be from July 1 to the following June 30.

##### B. Liability

The liability of an officer or member shall be no greater than the amount of the dues paid by the member for the current year.

##### C. Amending Bylaws

[These bylaws may be amended as described in Article XI Section 2, of the Constitution.] (These bylaws may be amended at any Annual Meeting of The Association or at any meeting called for this purpose; provided that any proposed amendments have been considered by the Executive Committee at least two months prior to the Annual Meeting, received Executive Committee approval, been published in the American Potato Journal and that two-thirds of the members present at the Annual Meeting vote in favor of the amendments.)

## Nell Mondy Receives First Elizabeth Fleming Stier Award

Nell Mondy, professor emerita of food science, nutrition, and toxicology, has received the first Elizabeth Fleming Stier Award. The award, presented by the Institute of Food and Technologists (IFG), an organization of more than 28,000 members, honors a member for the pursuit of humanitarian ideals and unselfish dedication that have resulted in significant contributions to the well-being of the food industry, academia, students, or the general public. Mondy's research on potatoes and her solutions to Third World malnutrition problems are her most notable contributions.

Mondy was a visiting scientist at the International Institute of Tropical Agriculture (IITA), Nigeria, in 1983-84 and at Gadjah Mada University, Indonesia, in 1989. She has visited, given lectures, and/or served as a consultant for research institutes, universities, and food companies in 47 different countries. In 1987, she lectured with other IFT members at Chinese universities.

While at IITA, Mondy visited the Kersey Children's Home in Ogbomoso, where malnutrition was a major concern. IITA's Soy Research Group was seeking ways to introduce soybeans into the Nigerian diet; Mondy persuaded them to donate soybeans to the home. She taught the home's staff how to prepare soybeans as high-protein foods for

children. Mondy brought the two organizations together, starting a long-lasting collaboration. UNICEF has used the Kersey Children's Home as a model.

Mondy is a Fellow of the American Institute of Chemists and the American Association for the Advancement of Science, and she was named an IFT Fellow in 1985. In 1987, she wrote a proposal on potato marketing that led to the formation of the Agricultural Research Service-National Potato Council's National Potato Research Program. In 1983, in honor of her many contributions to the potato industry, she was made an honorary life member of the Potato Association of America. During sabbatic leaves from Cornell, Mondy served as supervisory food specialist for the U.S. Department of Agriculture and consultant to the R.T. French Co., and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

The award consists of a \$3,000 honorarium from IFT's New York Section and an engraved plaque from IFT.

submitted by Hugh Murphy

*(Editor's note: The award was presented in Orlando, Florida, June 14, 1997. This article was submitted for publication in the Insider last November, but, unfortunately, languished in the editor's files until now).*

## North American Potato Varieties in Europe

Over the last few years there has been considerable interest in the introduction of N.A. potato varieties into Europe. One of the requirements in some European countries is information on the reaction of the variety to the fungus causing potato wart disease.

Although potato wart disease was reported in the United States in 1919, it is now regarded as having been eradicated in the very limited non-agricultural areas of Pennsylvania, Maryland and West Virginia, where it

occurred. The race of the organism occurring in the USA was considered to be the same as the common European Race 1, and limited testing of varieties was conducted up to the late 1940's.

Testing of some N.A. varieties has been undertaken in various European government laboratories, particularly in the UK and the Netherlands. From published and unpublished

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### Inside Information

#### From the Editor:

You have no doubt noted the unusual size of this month's *Insider*. Necessity forced us to publish the Minutes of the 1998 Annual Meeting in Fargo and the proposed changes to the Constitution and Bylaws. The Bylaws themselves require that any changes be published at least two months prior to the annual meeting, this year from August 1-6 in Somerset, New Jersey. We were afraid that we wouldn't make the deadline with the next issue of the *Journal*, so we decided to put them here.

You will also have noted that changes in membership information are now published on separate pages that can be pulled out and put with the PAA directory. We (Lori and I) hope that this will prove more convenient for our members. I would like to recommend that the directory be eventually moved onto the web site, where it is much easier to keep things up to date.

As far as I know, no one has come forward to take over my duties as Editor of the *Insider*. I will be travelling to Orono later this summer to train Lori in the use of PageMaker, the program used to assemble and publish the newsletter. This will make the new editor's life much simpler. A little incentive, perhaps?

John Walsh

## PAA Background

### PAA Executive:

**President:**  
Creighton Miller

**President-Elect**  
Steve Love

**Vice President:**  
Oscar Gutbrod

**Secretary:**  
John Ojala

**Treasurer:**  
Dave Lambert

**Past-President:**  
Mel Henninger

**Directors:**  
Ed Plissey  
Joe Guenther  
Bud Platt  
Greg Porter  
Tom Owings

**Editor-in-Chief:**  
Lind Sanford

**Technical Editor:**  
Hugh Murphy

**Business Editor:**  
Ron Knight

**Annual Meeting:**  
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# Position Announcements

Assistant Professor Potato Breeding & Genetics. Dept. of Plant Breeding, Cornell University. Tenure track position, 70% research, 30% teaching. Responsibilities: Direct an innovative program on genetic improvement of potato to address current and future needs of this crop in New York, the Northeast and globally, combining techniques of breeding, cell/molecular biology, and genomics. Continue development of improved germplasm for regional growers, with support from other experienced personnel. Contribute to Cornell's interdisciplinary projects on pathogen and pest resistance and to programs on genomics of solanaceous crops. Interact effectively with industry representatives and international groups. Teach a course related to plant breeding/genetics and contribute to graduate training in plant breeding. Qualifications: Ph.D. in plant genetics, plant breeding, plant molecular biology, or related discipline and the ability to direct a breeding program. Postdoctoral and/or other relevant experience desirable. Starting date: September, 1999 or as negotiated. Salary: commensurate with background and experience. Application: Submit a letter of application, curriculum vitae, academic transcripts and have three letters of reference sent to: Potato Search Committee Chair, Dept. of Plant Breeding, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY 14853-1901. Additional information can be obtained at [www.plbr.cornell.edu](http://www.plbr.cornell.edu) or by contacting Cynda Farnham, [clf4@cornell.edu](mailto:clf4@cornell.edu); 607-255-2180;

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reports, and personal experience I have compiled the following list:

Races susceptible to wart disease (Race 1): Atlantic, Chieftain, Kennebec, Red Pontiac, Sebago, Shepody, Warba and Yukon Gold.

Races resistant to wart disease (Race 1): Green Mountain, Irish Cobbler, Norchip, Norland, Russet Burbank, and Superior.

For confirmation of these results, contact should be made with plant health or

607-255-6683 (fax). Review of applications will begin May 1, 1999 and will continue until a suitable candidate is identified. Cornell University is an EEO/AA employer.

State Seed Inspector for North Dakota: The North Dakota State Seed Department, a separate agency of government regulating the seed industry, is seeking a State Seed Commissioner, who functions as chief executive officer. The individual would develop, implement and communicate the vision, mission goals and objectives of the agency. The agency is responsible for programs to develop the seed industry of such crops as potatoes, grain, soybeans, edible beans, sunflowers and other crops. The Commissioner is responsible for preparing and presenting budgets, employing a professional staff, administering and managing the budget. Applicants must have academic training and experience in the agricultural field.

The agency is located on the campus of North Dakota State University in Fargo North Dakota. Interested applicants can contact the North Dakota State Seed Department at (701) 239-7210, access the ND Central Personnel web site at [www.state.nd.us/cpers/](http://www.state.nd.us/cpers/), or contact a Job Service office for additional information, including minimum qualification requirements and application procedures. Closing date for applications is 6/1/99. Equal Opportunity Employer.

certification agencies in the United Kingdom, the Netherlands or Germany.

The only other area in N.A. in which wart diseases has been found is in the province of Newfoundland in Canada, where several races of the organism are found. Field testing of N.A. varieties in Newfoundland has been undertaken as part of the potato breeding and evaluation programme conducted by Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada since 1949. The results of these field tests conducted in Newfoundland are not relevant to the information sought by European countries in regard to varietal reaction of varieties to Race 1.

Kenneth G. Proudfoot  
Potato Breeder (retired)

