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Message From the President

Rather than ramble on in a discussion of personal philosophy, I thought I might use my space in the Insider to accomplish some business. As the result of changes we are making in the operations of the Association, some amendments need to be made in our Constitution and By-Laws. They involve changes in statements describing our tax-exempt status, and inclusion of statements defining the responsibilities of our Vice-President.

Most of you are aware of our efforts to institute an endowment fund as part of PAA operations. We have a good start on getting this under way, and Dave Lambert is completing arrangements to keep us on the right side of the law. The University of Maine Foundation has agreed to administer the fund for us and we are grateful for their assistance. One item we must complete as part of this process is to convert our tax-exempt status to a category that will allow us to collect donations. This is not a complex process. We apply as a tax-exempt organization under federal code section 501 (c)3 rather than 501 (c)5, the section we are now registered under (I hope this means more to you than it does to me). As part of this application process, the U.S. government requires that we include two statements in our constitution. One involves a declaration of purpose for the organization. The other involves instructions for liquidation of property upon dissolution of the organization. To meet this requirement, we are proposing an amendment to Article X of the constitution (outlined below).

The second set of amendments stems from discussions held at our Executive Committee and Business meetings last year. The intent is to create a membership committee that will be a permanent component of the

Association. The hope is that this will make membership recruitment a consistent process. During those discussions, someone pointed out that the Vice-President of the Association has no specified duties. So, it was decided that we propose to the membership that the Vice-President take a role as chair of the membership committee and make the committee one of the standing committees of the Association. The second set of proposed amendments, written below, gives the details.

I think this last amendment, along with the prescribed change in operations, will be a positive move for the association. Joe Guenther is currently our Vice-President and he is working to organize the Membership Committee as described in the amendment. Duane Preston has agreed to chair the Sustaining Membership Subcommittee and Rikki Sterrett has agreed to chair the General Membership Subcommittee. Now we need to identify members of the Association throughout North America who are willing to fill out these subcommittees. I have agreed to serve on the General Membership Subcommittee for the state of Idaho and Susie Thompson has agreed to do the same for Colorado. Do I hear volunteers for other states and provinces? With very little effort, (just watch for potential members among colleagues and deliver a copy of our new membership brochure) each member of these subcommittees can have a positive influence on the Association. By simply looking over our faculty list during the past month, I have brought in two new members. If I can do it, anyone can. We also need volunteers from each of the major potato producing regions to serve on the Sustaining Membership Committee and are willing to actively pursue new Sustaining Members among our industry supporters. If you are willing to

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Dates

June

June 21-24: 2000 National Potato Council Annual Summer Meeting, Mad-den's on Gull Lake Resort Brainerd, MN. Contact: Amy Miles, Communications/Meetings Manager; > 303-773-9295, npcspud@ix.netcom.com

July

July 30-August 3: Plant Growth Regulation Soc Amer + Japanese Soc Chemical Regulation of Plants (joint), King Kamehameha Beach Hotel Kailua-Kona, Hawaii (big island), HI.

August

August 2 - San Luis Valley Research Center, Colorado State University Field Day. There will be potato and small grain topics. Contact: Susie Thompson at sthompso@coop.ext.colostate.edu

September

Sept. 3-6: World Potato Congress, Amsterdam, The Netherlands. E-mail: info@europoint-bv.com or www.europoint-bv.com

Sept. 6-8: "Potato 2000" Arkaute, Spain. Contact Enrique Ritter, Neiker, Arkaute, Apdo. 46-01080, Vitoria-Gasteiz (SPAIN). E-mail: potato2000@gemnop.nl or www.potato2000.com

Inside Information

PAA Website News

The move of our PAA website has now been completed and is housed at the University of Maine in Orono...where PAA Headquarters are located.

There are corrections and updates still to be done, and I will get to them as soon as I can. If you see anything that needs to be updated, please let me know because I might have missed it.

I want to personally thank Anna Hale for all her hard work in setting up the site because it is going to make my job much easier to maintain. She has promised to stay on and help while I'm still in the learning process, for which I am very grateful.

If any sections have information they would like added, please send directly to me..preferably via e-mail so that I can cut and paste right into your section.

Please make note of the new address and bookmark when you visit next time:

<http://www.ume.maine.edu/PAA>

NOTE: The "PAA" must be in all caps

Lori Wing
PAA Headquarters

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help, contact Joe Guenther (jguentner@uidaho.edu) or (208) 885-6056.

Finally, as I looked over our By-Laws during the process of writing amendments, I noticed a deficiency in the description of our rules for succession in the case of a President or President-Elect being unable to complete their term of office. This is a topic we should probably address at our meetings in Colorado Springs this summer. I hope you are all planning to attend the meetings. I will see you there.

Stephen Love
President

Proposed Amendment - PAA Constitution

(Proposed deletions are in [brackets], edited segments are underlined, and additions are in bold.)

Article X Funds

Section 1. (remains unchanged)

Section 2.

a. The Potato Association of America is organized exclusively for scientific, educational, and charitable purposes under section 501 (c)3 of the Internal Revenue Code.

b. Upon the dissolution of this Association, [the] all 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 within the meaning of section 501 (c)3 of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future tax code.

Amendments – PAA By-Laws

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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. The Vice-President shall assume the duties of the President-Elect in the absence or incapacity of the President-Elect and shall chair the Membership Committee and oversee all membership recruitment activities.

D. Secretary

(section remains unchanged)

E. Treasurer

(section remains unchanged)

6. Committees

(sections A through F remain unchanged)

G. Membership Committee

This committee shall be chaired by the Vice-President and shall consist of the Vice-President and two members, each with chair responsibilities over one of two subcommittees, a Sustaining Membership Subcommittee and a General Membership Subcommittee. Each subcommittee shall consist of members appointed by the Vice-President and shall be geographically distributed throughout North America and elsewhere as needed. The Membership committee shall be responsible for membership recruitment and for all issues related to Association membership.

[G.] H. Other Committees

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

"PAA 2000 Program"

PAA MEETING HEADQUARTERS
Group Registration Desk - Sheraton Colorado Springs Hotel
July 22 - 27, 2000

Please note that all meeting rooms are in the Sheraton Colorado Springs Hotel (800) 981-4012

NOTE! The correct number for the hotel is: **1-800-981-4012**

SATURDAY, JULY 22

6:00 p.m.	Executive Committee Meeting	Salon D
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SUNDAY, JULY 23

9:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.	Registration	GRP Registration
1:00 - 4:30 p.m.	Slide Viewing	Columbine 1
1:00 - 4:30 p.m.	Poster setup	Salon D
6:30 - 9:00 p.m.	President's Reception	Ballroom 1

MONDAY, JULY 24

6:30 - 8:15 a.m.	Extension Section Meeting (Breakfast)	Salon E
6:30 - 8:30 a.m.	Breakfast	Garden
8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.	Slide Viewing	Columbine 1
8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.	Registration	GRP Registration
8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.	Posters: open for viewing	Salon D
8:30 a.m.	Opening session for delegates	Salon AB
8:55 a.m.-12:00 noon	Symposium	Salon AB
9:00 a.m.	Family & Friends Program: Tour 1 - Colorado Springs Tour 2 - Zoo & Cave of the Winds	GRP Registration
12:00 noon	Lunch	Summit
1:30 - 4:00 p.m.	Concurrent paper session 1	Salon E
	Concurrent paper session 2	Salon F
	Concurrent paper session 3	Salon G
4:00 - 5:00 p.m.	Poster Session (authors present)	Salon D
5:00 - 6:30 p.m.	Dinner on your own or Buffet *	Garden*
5:30 - 6:50 p.m.	Section meetings: Breeding/Genetics	Salon E
	Pathology	Salon F
7:00 - 8:20 p.m.	Section meetings: Physiology	Salon E
	Certification	Salon F
	Utilization & Marketing	Salon G
6:00 - 11:00 p.m.	Family & Friends Melodrama Dinner	GRP Registration

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TUESDAY, JULY 25

6:30 - 8:15 a.m.	Production & Management Section Meeting (Breakfast)	Pikes Peak 1
6:30 - 8:15 a.m.	Breakfast	Garden
8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Slide Viewing	Columbine 1
8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Registration	GRP Registration
8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Posters: open for viewing	Salon D
8:15 - 11:30 a.m.	Concurrent Paper Session 1	Salon E
	Concurrent Paper Session 2	Salon F
	Concurrent Paper Session 3	Salon G
8:30 - 11:00 a.m.	Family & Friends Tour: Tour 3 - Olympic Training Center Tour 4 - Manitou Cliff Dwellings	GRP Registration
9:00 a.m.	Executive Committee Meeting	Pikes Peak 2
11:30 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.	Lunch	Ballroom 1
	Family & Friends program: Tour 5 - Pikes Peak Cog Railway Tour 6 - Miramont/Manitou Springs	GRP Registration
12:30 - 5:00 p.m.		
6:00 - 9:30 p.m.	Barbeque	Bear Creek Park

WEDNESDAY, JULY 26

6:30 - 8:15 a.m.	Breakfast	Garden
8:00 - 10:30 a.m.	Slide Viewing	Columbine 1
8:00 - 11:45 a.m.	Registration	GRP Registration
8:00 - 11:45 a.m.	Posters: open for viewing	Salon D
8:15 a.m. - 12:00 noon	Concurrent Paper session 1	Salon E
	Concurrent Paper session 2	Salon F
	Concurrent Paper session 3	Salon G
8:30 a.m.	Family & Friends program: Tour 7 - Royal Gorge/Cowpokes	GRP Registration
12:00 noon	Lunch	Ballroom 1
1:00 - 4:00 p.m.	Poster removal	Salon D
1:30 - 4:30 p.m.	Annual PAA Business meeting <i>Executive Committee meeting immediately following Annual meeting</i>	Salon EF
6:00 p.m.	Social Hour	Ballroom 2 Foyer
7:00 - 9:30 p.m.	PAA Awards Banquet	Grand Ballroom

THURSDAY, JULY 27

7:30 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.	Tour 8 - San Luis Valley potato industry	GRP Registration
8:30 a.m.	Delegate & Family/Friends Program Tour 9 - Colorado Springs Fine Arts Tour 10 - (morning) Horseback Riding Tour 11 - (afternoon) Hiking Garden of the Gods	GRP Registration

PAA to Meet with IHC

During February, the Executive Committee of PAA officially accepted an invitation from the organizing committee of the International Horticultural Congress to hold a joint meeting in Toronto during the summer of 2002. This will be an exciting opportunity to meet with members from every major potato research organization worldwide, all of whom have agreed to support the congress. This meeting will obviously take on a different flavor than our traditional meetings. However, I think we can use this to our advantage as we expand our influence and educate others about PAA.

The decision to meet with the IHC was not an easy one and was made after very careful consideration. The most critical concerns considered by the Executive Committee involved the ability of PAA to accomplish necessary business in such a

diverse format. The final decision to meet jointly came only after commitments from IHC that specific requirements of our PAA meeting agenda be met. These requirements include such things as helping us schedule section and business meetings, as well as a separate awards banquet. The IHC has been very cooperative in helping us feel comfortable with arrangements. A PAA liaison committee, chaired by Richard Tarn, will work with the IHC organizing committee to work out all of the little details that will make the conference successful for PAA.

I am pleased with the arrangements that have been made to date and excited by the opportunity. Please plan to join us in 2002.

Stephen Love
President

New Potato Variety “Amey” Released

The USDA/ARS, The Maine Agricultural and Forest Experiment Station, The Agricultural Experiment Stations of New York, Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Virginia, and The North Carolina Agricultural Research Service, announce the release of the ‘Amey’ potato cultivar.

Amey is a late-maturing (120-130 day), russet-skinned, white-fleshed potato cultivar that yields better than ‘Russet Burbank’ in most eastern United States potato production areas. Tubers of ‘Amey’ are mostly oblong, occasionally long, with an evenly heavily russeted skin. Tubers of ‘Amey’ are smoother, more attractive and have a much lower incidence of external defects than ‘Russet Burbank’.

The specific gravity of ‘Amey’ is equal to or greater than the specific gravity of

‘Russet Burbank’. French fries produced from ‘Amey’ are lighter than or equal in color to those produced from ‘Russet Burbank’, however, tubers are frequently not long enough to satisfy the french fry industry.

Chips from ‘Amey’ are amber-colored and may be suitable for producing an amber-colored chip for specialty markets. Baking and taste quality of ‘Amey’ are excellent and it has potential as a fresh market potato. ‘Amey’ is resistant to race A of the golden nematode, verticillium wilt, powdery scab, and common scab. It is susceptible to potato leafroll virus, late blight, and early blight.

Seed is available from New York and Maine. For further information, contact Dr. Kathleen G. Haynes at khaynes@asrr.arsusda.gov.

Inside Information

USDA Recognizes Potato Pesticide Assessment Team

Maury Wiese and Joseph Guenther, Univ. of Idaho, Alexander Pavlista, Univ. Nebraska, Joseph Siczka, Cornell Univ., and Jeffrey Wyman, Univ. Wisconsin, received a “Certificate of Appreciation” from the USDA for their assessment of U.S. potato production and quality relative to pest management practices, pesticide use, and target pests.

The project resulted in a NAPIAP report titled “Use, Target Pests, and Economic Impact of Pesticides Applied to Potatoes in the United States” and an article in the American Jour. Potato Research (January-February, 1999). The team conducted an assessment of pest management practices in potato production. “We believe that our colleagues in the States as well as the potato industry will find that this publication makes a strong contribution to pest management strategies in potato production and a useful reference publication,” said Charles Laughlin, Administrator of USDA-CREES in Washington, D.C.

In a letter accompanying the plaques, Edward Wilson, Deputy Administrator, wrote “The information contained in this publication will be used extensively by the USDA and the EPA in the development of crop profiles and the development of transition strategies for Food Quality Protection Act implementation.”

PAA Background

PAA Executive:

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Steve Love

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Oscar Gutbrod

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Joe Guenther

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Steve James

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Dave Lambert

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Dr. Bob Goth Retires

Dr. Robert W. Goth, Research Plant Pathologist in the Vegetable Laboratory, USDA/ARS, Beltsville Agricultural Research Center, Beltsville, Maryland, retired on December 31, 1999 after 44 years of government service including four and a half years of military credit.

Dr. Goth is a well known plant pathologist who creatively developed methods to identify, isolate and detect a variety of bacterial, fungal and viral pathogens of horticultural crops in a research effort to develop and evaluate host resistance to a number of these plant pathogens.

Among his many research achievements, the following have had the most impact: discovery and identification of sources of resistance to the devastating watermelon blotch bacterium; identification of bacterium causing pepper fruit rot; discovery of new fungal pathogens of beans; co-discovery of the presence of A2 strain of *Phytophthora infestans*, the cause of potato late blight; development of late blight resistant potato germplasm that has survived the challenging new strains of *P. infestans*; development of a detached leaf method to assay foliar pathogens of tomato and potato; demonstration of *Fusarium proliferatum* as the source of the mycotoxin fumonisin in rye; and demonstration that UV-B irradiation inhibits Carla virus infection and that the Carla virus PVS is not transmitted via true potato seed.

Dr. Goth has co-authored over 159 publications. As the ADODR for 78 specific cooperative agreements and grants with fourteen universities within the last 8 years, he administered over \$2 million to university researchers on Verticillium wilt, bacterial wilt,

bacterial ring rot, early blight, silver scurf and scab.

Dr. Goth has been active in the American Phytopathological Society (APS), The Potomac Division of APS, and The Potato Association of America (PAA).

As a member of Potomac Division of APS since 1962, he served as its Program Chair, Secretary-Treasurer, Vice-President and President.

As a member of the PAA since 1967, he served as Director, Secretary-Treasurer, Vice-Chairperson, and Chairperson of its Pathology Section.

He was selected as an Honorary Life Member of the PAA in 1993 for his outstanding research efforts in the development of disease-resistant potatoes.

He received the North American Seed Potato Researcher of the Year Award in 1993 from the National Potato Council for research in evaluating and improving disease resistance in potato varieties.

In March 1998, he was the recipient of the Distinguished Service Award from the Potomac Division APS for contributions to the science of plant pathology.

In August 1998, Dr. Goth was awarded The Northeastern States Agricultural Experiment Station Directors Award for Regional Research Excellence for outstanding cooperation among Federal and State programs in evaluating and developing new cultivars to sustain economic potato production in the Northeast Region.

He is also a member of Gamma Sigma Delta, Gamma Alpha, and Sigma Xi.

Let's all wish Bob well in retirement and that he's able to find time to do the things he's always wanted to.

Publication Inventory Complete

The inventory is now completed for extra copies of the American Potato Journal, the American Journal of Potato Research and the PAA Insider. In the next newsletter, I will publish what is available. Requests will be filled on a first come/first served basis. The

price will be \$4/each or \$48/complete set which includes Second Class postage. If you currently know of any issues that you are missing, you may contact me and check to see if they are available.

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