



# PAA INSIDER

## THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE POTATO ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA

MAKING THE WORLD A BETTER PLACE, ONE TUBER AT A TIME."

### LETTER FROM PAA PRESIDENT

Dear PAA Members,

**M**y last President's message is in front of me. I want to thank all the members that supported me and hope I have done a satisfactory job tending to PAA business over the year. I especially want to thank Lori Wing, Loretta Mikitzel, Larry Hiller, and John Bamberg for all they do keep the organization running smoothly to accomplish our mission of disseminating the latest potato research. I do not want to slight anyone, as there are others to thank as well, but these particular individuals are indispensably involved on a daily or weekly basis supporting PAA. I am looking forward to the meeting in Quebec next month as an opportunity to once again share ideas with friends and colleagues.

Lori is in the middle of preparing for a move of our **office space** in Orono, Maine. Most of you will never visit, but her space is very important to the functioning of PAA. Since the athletics department was in need of a large PAA storage room (formerly a classroom) the PAA storage areas and the office are being shuffled around and the end result will be a larger office space for Lori. Lori does have to give up her window and daily "critter" visits, so it is not all great from Lori's point of view, but she is looking forward to the extra elbow room - and I do mean elbow room.

Lately there has been a great deal in the news about **GM labelling bills** in state legislatures. A referendum failed in California, but in Maine for

instance the state House and Senate voted in a GM labelling law that only requires now the governor's signature to be enacted. It has a clause that would require five contiguous states to pass similar laws before the Maine law takes effect, but other states are working on similar laws. The "contiguous states" provision seems to be the hurdle that GM proponents have needed to get local politicians on board. Labelling is certainly raising awareness, but to me is a side issue. PAA has a number of members that are working in GM science and the benefit of their good work may be significantly delayed, I worry terminated, if the tide of public sentiment is not somehow reversed. I think we should have a serious discussion while in Quebec whether the PAA should agree on a resolution to somehow support GM science in the public forum. I would certainly appreciate ideas from anyone on this issue during the next month.

In the last *Insider* I mentioned the work on a new **PAA website**. The website committee selected a template a few weeks ago and Kelly Wildman has been working to transfer many of the old pages and files to the new site. She has also made some modifications to the template that the website committee would like included. Currently Kelly and Lori have been reviewing the membership directory from the old site before moving it to the new site. Sometime before the Quebec meeting the committee should have a chance to give Kelly a first draft review of the new site. I am hoping that by the time of our annual meeting we will have the second draft done and

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### MEETINGS & EVENTS

#### JUNE/JULY 2013

**06/30-07/04: Sec-Breeding & Varietal assessment:** - joint mtg of EAPR & EUCARPIA Potato; Hévíz (Hungary), Info: The James Hutton Institute - [info@hutton.ac.uk](mailto:info@hutton.ac.uk)

**26-28: NPC Summer Mtg.** Walla, Walla, WA  
Info: Hollee Alexander [hollee@nationalpotatocouncil.org](mailto:hollee@nationalpotatocouncil.org) or (202) 682-9456

#### AUGUST 2013

**10-14: 2013 APS-MSA Joint Meeting.**  
Austin, TX  
Info: <http://www.apsnet.org/meetings/annual/Pages/default.aspx>

#### SEPTEMBER 2013

**11-12: Potato Europe Emmeloord 2013**  
Emmeloord, Netherlands  
Info: <http://www.potatoeurope.com/>

**15-19: EAPR Potato Agrophysiology 2013**  
Agron/Phys Secs] Prague (Czech Republic), Info: Jaroslav Cepl, [pap@vubhb.cz](mailto:pap@vubhb.cz), [cepl@vubhb.cz](mailto:cepl@vubhb.cz)

**97th Annual Meeting—”100th Anniversary”  
of The Potato Association of America  
July 28th—August 1, 2013  
Quebec City, Quebec CANADA**

### Discover Québec City

#### A unique territory for crops and tourism

Dear member of PAA,

**T**his year, your Association has chosen one of the most beautiful area you could imagine to celebrate their 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Québec City will be spectacular and you can expect a fabulous week, from July 28 to August 1!

#### Symposium

On Monday morning July 29, symposium on bacterial diseases of potato promises to be rich in education with renowned speakers such as Ian K. Toth, who came specially from the United Kingdom, to explain how genomics research on the bacterial plant pathogens *Pectobacterium* and *Dickeya* makes a difference to potato growers.

You will also have the opportunity to enrich your knowledge not only of *Streptomyces* as pathogen and essential partner in the soil microbial community, but also on biology and control of *Pectobacterium* in potato and finally the global threat to the potato industry of zebra chip

disease.

#### Congress

For the rest of the week, except for Wednesday, you'll have the opportunity to assist more than hundred conferences about industry-oriented session, breeding and genetics, plant protection, extension, production and management, physiology, certification, utilization and marketing. On Tuesday, don't miss the poster session. There's a lot of interesting stuff too.

#### Agricultural Tour

On Wednesday, July 31, busses will leave the city to head for St-Ubalde, home of Patates Dolbec, a family industry passionate for potatoes. From a mere 25 acres in 1967, the farm has grown to over 10,000 acres in rotation, and has been investing in research and development for the past 15 years, in cooperation with the University Laval. There will be several stands, experimental plots and varieties for demonstration, as well as shows and music.

A beautiful day for the whole family!

Your LAC Committee

President's Letter, cont.

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be able to show the membership the new site, but there is still quite of bit of work to do to get there.

I have thought a little more about ideas for **2013, our Centennial year**. In the last issue I mentioned the linkage of my own family to potatoes in 1913. I would like to run a centennial slide show during the banquet. In particular I am looking for pictures and text of member family trees circa 1913 with potato connections. As I wrote last time, my grandfather purchased a farm in 1910 and was growing potatoes during that era. Do you have a family potato connection one hundred years ago? I have decided to personally offer a **“1913 Potato Vine” prize of \$100 USD** for similar stories. Do

you have a 100-year potato connection? Was your family in the potato business, growing, selling, buying, or research during the creation years of PAA? If you send me your family story in a few sentences you will be entered into the drawing for the \$100 prize. The drawing will be during the banquet, but you will not need to be present at the banquet, or even at the Quebec meeting. I want your stories. And if you include a picture of your relative, farm, business or other appropriate image, I will throw in another 100 pennies, raising the prize to \$101. How can you enter? Send your story and image to [leigh.morrow@mccain.com](mailto:leigh.morrow@mccain.com). It's that easy. I hope to hear from you. I know there are many members with the 100-year connection. Oh, eating potatoes, though appreciated, will not get your

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## Bylaws Changes Proposed for the 97<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of

### The Potato Association of America

#### "Bylaws"

#### I. Membership and Dues

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##### I. 2. Individual Membership

Any person who pays annual dues may become an individual member with all rights and privileges of membership. Individual members will and receive for a period of one year the printed AMERICAN JOURNAL OF POTATO RESEARCH plus with electronic access to it and the AMERICAN JOURNAL OF POTATO RESEARCH, the AMERICAN POTATO JOURNAL, the PAA Insider, and other publications authorized by the Executive Committee.

##### I. 3. Student Membership

Any person enrolled in an accredited college or university is eligible for student membership. Students must have the signature or electronic acknowledgement of their Major Professor/Advisor to certify eligibility. Upon payment of annual dues Student members shall receive for a period of one year electronic access to the *AMERICAN JOURNAL OF POTATO RESEARCH*, the *AMERICAN POTATO JOURNAL*, the PAA Insider, and other publications authorized by the Executive Committee.

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##### I. 5. 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, are not obligated to pay dues, and shall receive for a period of one year the printed AMERICAN JOURNAL OF POTATO RESEARCH at no cost, shall have lifetime electronic access to the *AMERICAN JOURNAL OF POTATO RESEARCH* and, the AMERICAN POTATO JOURNAL, and the PAA Insider, and other publications authorized

by the Executive Committee, ~~and are not obligated to pay dues.~~ In the second and subsequent years the printed American Journal of Potato Research will be available at cost recovery. Biographies of newly elected Honorary Life Members shall appear in the official publications of The Association following their election at the Annual Meeting.

##### I. 6. Emeritus Membership

Emeritus membership status may be granted to any person who pays the appropriate dues, has previously held an individual membership, and has retired from their professional position. Emeritus members are entitled to all membership rights and privileges and shall receive for a period of one year the *PAA Insider*, electronic access to the *AMERICAN JOURNAL OF POTATO RESEARCH*, and the *AMERICAN POTATO JOURNAL*, and other publications authorized by the Executive Committee.

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#### VII. Standing Committees

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##### 3. Membership Committee

This committee, appointed by the President, shall be chaired by the Vice-President and shall consist of the Vice-President and two four 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 The Association membership.

Andy Jensen, Chair  
Constitution & ByLaws Committee

## PAA Information

### 2012-2013 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

**President:** Leigh Morrow

**Pres-Elect:** Nora Olsen

**Vice-President:** Andy Jensen

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**Utilization & Marketing:**

Clyde Jeff Bragg

**97TH ANNUAL MEETING**

**'100th Anniversary'**

**July 28-August 1, 2013**

**Quebec City, Quebec**

**CANADA**

<http://www.paa2013.com>

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## PAA Member News

Once again I have to report a PAA HLM member passing. **Myron 'Mike' D. Groskopp** [06/24/1920—05/11/2013]. Mike received his B.S. from the Univ of Wisconsin-River Falls ( Ag Education) in 1946 and his M.S. from the Univ of Wisconsin-Madison (Agronomy). He participated in many areas of research and teaching throughout his career. While in PAA, Mike served on the

Membership Committee and Utilization Section. For a full write-up of his HLM status and his Obit, visit the link below.

<http://www.potatoassociation.org/About%20the%20PAA/Honorary%20Life%20Members/1986HLMBiogs.htm#mikeobit>

## PAA 10th Annual Silent Auction

100% of the proceeds will benefit the PAA Endowment Fund

§ Location: PAA 2013 Conference, Quebec City, Quebec, Canada

§ Bidding Starts: Monday, July 29th at 9:00 AM

§ Bidding Ends: Tuesday, July 30th, 5:00 PM

The auction will wrap up at the BBQ, Tuesday, July 30th and **you must be present to win.**

Donated items will be accepted at the Registration Table Sunday (7/28/13-1:00 PM) and continuing through Tuesday (7/30/13 1:00PM). (Silent Auction material will be displayed all day Monday & Tuesday for your bidding pleasure)!

Don't forget....all donations are tax deductible!

Please share this information with family, friends, and sponsors who would like to support the Auction and The PAA Endowment Fund.

So here's a challenge, everybody bring ONE (1) item, no matter what it is, potato related or not. If you can't bring it with you, then please send to:

Carol Halseth, 14 Fiddlers Green, Lansing, NY 14882

Questions? More information on the auction, please contact:

Carol Halseth at: [carolhalseth@yahoo.com](mailto:carolhalseth@yahoo.com)

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family into the drawing. Thanks.

I will close by thanking all the PAA members that voted in the elections. Also, regardless of the elections outcome, Loretta Mikitzel has informed me that she will be ending her role as PAA Secretary sometime soon. We will be in search of another person to fill her shoes. PAA has been

fortunate to have many excellent secretaries, and if you have a desire to achieve this honourable position please speak with me or Nora Olsen. I'm sure Loretta will also give her insight. Until Quebec then, respectfully yours,

Leigh Morrow  
President 2012-2013

***Pre-Meeting Botanical Painting Workshop***

Saturday & Sunday 10am – 4pm at the Hotel Venue

This is an opportunity to learn the techniques required to capture botanical subjects on paper in a series of straightforward steps. Learn the fundamentals of botanical painting in watercolor, including an introduction to necessary supplies, drawing and painting techniques, composition, choosing and mixing colors, creating colors, and more.

Cost: \$55 per day

To register or find out more call Jeanne (541) 383-3927 or email at [jeannedebons@msn.com](mailto:jeannedebons@msn.com)

A minimum of 6 people are requested.

Thanks,