

The Potato Association of America
97th Annual Meeting
Annual Business Meeting Minutes
Thursday, August 1, 2013

President Leigh Morrow called the 97th Annual Meeting of The Potato Association of America to order at 1:31 pm in Québec City, Québec, Canada. A quorum of members was present.

President Morrow asked for a moment of silence as a tribute to PAA members and friends who passed away since the last business meeting: Gary Franc, Robert Kunkel, Edward (Edd) Johnston, Myron (Mike) D. Groskopp, Umberto Mendoza, Jan Mosley, Pierre Turcotte.

President Morrow asked for additions to the agenda. There were none.

MOTION moved, seconded and passed to accept the 97th Annual Business Meeting agenda.

MOTION moved, seconded and passed to approve the minutes of the 96th Annual Business Meeting as printed in the AJPR 90:97-118.

A. President Report

1. Executive Committee: In addition to the initial meeting in Denver, the EC held six conference calls: August 16, 2012, October 16, 2012, November 13, 2012, January 15, 2013, February 26, 2013, April 9, 2013, and May 14, 2013.
2. Facebook and Twitter pages: Kent McCue assisted Hannah of Springer to set up these accounts following the Denver meeting. There has been very little activity on either site.
3. Centennial Activity:
 - a. Thank you goes out to Nora Olsen, Larry Hiller, Bob Thornton, Mike Thornton, Kent McCue, Rich Novy, Joe Guenthner, Phil Nolte, and Amy Charkowski for the articles published in the *Spudman* magazine about the PAA history.
 - b. Also thank you to Bill Campbell and Nora Olsen for work on various images during the year. Also, a very special thank you goes to Jeanne Debons for use of her artwork on centennial items.
4. Springer contract: The contract with Springer was approved for another five years.
5. Meeting Site Survey: Final reviews were done following the Denver meeting and a survey about the annual meeting was sent to the membership through Survey Monkey. There were 152 responses. If the summary report has not been published elsewhere it will be attached to this report. In general a majority feels the annual meeting is too long and would prefer about 3.5 days in length. There was agreement that the tours could be scheduled before or after the meeting. Primary hindrances to attending are that the meeting is too long and too expensive. July and August is the preferred timeframes and an urban setting is preferred.
6. Potato Expo: I attended the Potato Expo in Las Vegas as did Lori Wing and many other PAA members. The poster session was better situated this year, but still could be promoted better to get industry people to visit the posters and meet the authors. Special thanks to Lori Wing for commanding the PAA booth in the Expo hall and to Bill Campbell and Andy Jensen for work arranging the poster session.
7. AJPR Publication Fees: The collection of unpaid publication fees (due PAA) was discussed but unresolved during the year. This is an area that still needs attention.
8. Site Selection Committee: This new committee was established with Mike Thornton as chairperson.

9. Web Redesign: We were informed in March that Kelly Wildman will discontinue web hosting services to concentrate on web design. We agreed to a budget for her assistance to convert our site to a different web host and a different platform of managing the site. The web site committee of Kent McCue, Lori Wing and Loretta Mikitzel spent a couple of meetings reviewing templates for our new site and giving Kelly instructions on modifications we would like to see done to the template. Currently the site is under construction and is at about 50% completed.
10. African Potato Association proceedings: We received a request from the African Potato Association to publish their proceedings of a meeting in June 2013. After some review and discussion it was decided that un-reviewed proceedings of another organization are not in the interest of the AJPR. We did offer that any papers from the meeting that would be submitted through the editorial board would be welcome.

Respectfully submitted
Leigh Morrow, President

SPECIAL REPORT BY PRESIDENT LEIGH MORROW

PAA 2012 Survey – Annual Meeting Format

Summary by Leigh Morrow

Responses: 152

Detail results are available at <http://potatoassociation.org/>

1. In terms of days, do you feel the length (4.5 days) of the traditional Annual Meeting (Sunday – Thursday) is: 0% too short, 42.8% just right, **57.2% too long**.
2. How many days would you prefer for the length of the Annual Meeting? Responses: 117. **66.7% would prefer 3.5 days or less** (51.3% based on 152). 27.4% prefer 4-5 days.
3. How likely are you to attend an Annual Meeting during two of the next five years? **73% are very likely to attend an annual meeting** in two of the next five years.
4. Would you prefer traveling to and from the Annual Meeting during business days only, e.g. Monday-Friday, to avoid travel during a weekend? **45.7% say it does not matter**, 40.4% would prefer to avoid the weekend, and 13.9% do not prefer to avoid the weekend.
5. Would you prefer the LAC schedule tours only before or after the Annual Meeting instead of during the middle of the Annual Meeting as an option to shorten the number of days? **63.6% would like the Ag Tour scheduled before or after the meeting**, 22.5% say it does not matter.
6. Rate the factors potentially restricting your attendance at the Annual Meeting:
Primary reasons: travel cost (55.9%) and meeting too long (55.3%). Other reasons by rank were:
 - 46.7%, time of year
 - 43.7%, hotel cost
 - 36.4%, other e.g. financial, work schedule conflicts
 - 33.5%, conflict with other meetings
 - 29.3%, registration cost
 - 15.2%, subject matter
7. Rate your preferred time of year for the Annual Meeting. **The overwhelming preference was for Jul-August (56.3%).** Only 20.4% did not prefer this time period, while other time blocks ranged from 53.1%– 71.4% as "do not prefer".
8. Rate your preference for the type of location: Based on 150 responding the leading location preference was **Urban (City) 42.0% preferred** and 8.7% do not prefer. Others were neutral (71/150) or did not vote on this location (3/150). Other locations by rank were:
 - 28.7% prefer Resort, 23.3% do not prefer
 - 16.7% prefer Airport hub, 36.0% do not prefer
 - 14.7% prefer Rural (country), 22.0% do not prefer
 - 9.3% prefer Suburban, 19.3% do not prefer.
 - Other preference comments (25/150) included accessibility to location, good facilities, university site, and walking to restaurants. One suggestion was to schedule with the Potato Expo.

9. Please rate the importance of the following activities: Results by rank were

Somewhat + Very Important:	
98.7% Paper presentations	65.6% Social activities
95.4% Networking	64.7% Awards banquet
92.6% General session	60.0% Ag tour
90.7% Symposium	56.0% Assn. Business meeting
88.1% Poster session	52.4% Endowment auction
84.5% Section meetings	50.0% Resident's reception

10. What is the future status of your institution's financial support to national meetings such as the PAA Annual Meeting? **56.5% see their travel funds as stable for the next three years;** 42.9% foresee declining funds.

11. What are your plans for attending the 2013 PAA Annual Meeting in Quebec City? **74.8% are planning to attend** the Quebec meeting, although 39.7% claim plans are tentative and 35.1% are certain.

12. Do you have other comments on how to improve the Annual Meeting to encourage attendance? There were 44 comments to this question, although many were repetitive with the responses to the previous survey questions. Additional information gleaned from the comments is:

- Consider holding the meeting every 2 or 3 years.
- Advertise the section meetings and meal arrangements better to new members.
- Plan sessions appealing to growers.
- Consider trade show booths.
- Continue to plan spouse activities.
- Consider meeting with the EAPR, or as a satellite meeting of the ASHS.
- Plan networking activity for younger members.

B. **President-elect Report**

1. There were two major activities as President-Elect this year. First, I was a member of the centennial celebration committee. This committee was chaired by Bill Campbell. My primary contribution was to solicit articles to highlight PAA and the function of The Association in the potato industry for *Spudman* magazine. There will be a total of 7 articles for the 2013 calendar year. The initial article described the PAA and its' vision. The second two articles written by Larry Hiller and Robert Thornton outlined the history of the PAA. An article highlighting the Extension, Production and Management Section was written by Mike Thornton which also summarized the 2012 phosphorus management symposium. The Plant Protection and Utilization and Marketing Sections worked together to describe their sections with emphasis on zebra chip information. It was co-authored by Joe Guenthner and Phil Nolte. Rich Novy and Kent McCue outlined the Physiology and Breeding and Genetic Sections and incorporated information on sugar development. The last article will be written by Amy Charkowski enlightening readers on the Certification Section. Each issue has a distribution of over 15,000 people. We greatly appreciate *Spudman* magazine and Great American Media Services for their support of PAA and giving us this opportunity to highlight the organization.
2. The second activity was to act as liaison to and from the PAA Executive Committee and the Quebec Local Arrangements Committee. Information was provided and questions answered as requested. The Quebec Local Arrangements Committee was extremely well organized and it was pleasure to work with them in this capacity.

Respectfully submitted,
Nora Olsen, President-Elect

C. **Secretary Report**

1. The Secretary records all association business during the annual meeting and throughout the year and works with the program committee of the current Local Arrangements Committee to arrange the program for the annual meeting. Abstracts for the 2012 annual meeting and a record of all association business conducted at the 96th annual meeting were published in the AJPR volume 90 (2):93-118. Minutes of six Executive Committee teleconferences were recorded since the last annual meeting. The teleconference minutes are posted on the PAA website, in

the PAA Members section. The 2013 annual meeting program was prepared from 136 submitted abstracts for 102 oral presentations and 34 posters. There were 16 Frank L Haynes Graduate Student Research Award Competition papers. The symposium was held Monday morning. Two concurrent sessions were arranged for Monday afternoon, Tuesday morning, and Thursday morning. There were three concurrent sessions Tuesday afternoon followed by the poster session.

Respectfully submitted,
Loretta Mikitzel, Secretary

D. ***Treasurer Report***

1. The Treasurer report for this year presents information for the 2012 fiscal year (January 1, 2012 – December 31, 2012), the current status of various checking, savings, and CD accounts, and the first half of the 2013 fiscal year (January 1, 2013 – June 30, 2013). The association ended the 2012 fiscal year with a net gain in the annual operating budget, favorable growth in the two endowment funds, and modest growth in the various savings investments considering the current financial climate.
2. The association's non-profit status has been maintained through current and up-to-date reports filed with the State of Maine Secretary of State and the Department of Treasury Internal Revenue Service and Social Security Administration. Final 990 reports have been submitted to the IRS for 2012, which means we are currently up to date for all accounts and reports.
3. Our CPA firm in Bangor, Maine, finalized the official audit reports for the 2-year period for 2010-2011. The next 2-year audit will be for 2012 – 2013. These reports bring the association entirely up to date and complete all of the official financial requirements. The response from all agencies concerning the conversion of our fiscal year to a calendar year basis has continued to be quite favorable.
4. The annual operating budget for 2012 is presented in Table 1. Both actual and estimated (budgeted) income and expended figures are shown. Table 2 presents the cash assets of The PAA (excluding endowment funds, accounts receivable, publications on hand, and equipment) that are held in checking accounts, passbook savings, CDs and one TD. Additionally, the Association has a University of Maine perpetual account for the computer/phone/fax lines and services. This account has an encumbered balance of \$204.52.
5. The PAA Endowment and the Frank L Haynes Graduate Student Research Award Endowment are managed by the University of Maine Foundation. These funds are now fully endowed with the Foundation and are being handled appropriately. The administrative cost of these endowments continues to be approximately two percent per year. Table 3 presents the account statement for both endowments for the 2012 calendar year. Also shown is the eligible distribution for 2013 = \$1,667.00 for the Frank L Haynes fund and \$6,095.00 for The PAA General Fund.
6. Finally, Table 4 gives an accounting for the operating budget for the first half of 2013.

Table 1. 2012 PAA Fiscal Year Operating Budget

BUDGET ITEM	2012		[FY 1/1/2012 - 12/31/2012]		
	INCOME	EXPENDITURES	ACTUAL	INCOME	EXPENDITURES
A. PERSONNEL	0.00	43,000.00		0.00	42,984.78
1. Salaries		36,050.00			36,062.28
2. FICA (PAA matching)		2,780.00			2,758.76
3. Retirement (SEP IRA)		2,170.00			2,163.74

4. Stipends (Sec & Treas)		2,000.00		2,000.00
B. MEMBERSHIPS	46,500.00	0.00	71,860.00	0.00
1. Individual	36,000.00		59,310.00	
2. Emeritus	100.00		410.00	
3. Grad Student	400.00		1,140.00	
4. Sustaining	10,000.00		11,000.00	
C. OFFICE	0.00	6,300.00	0.00	6,150.28
1. Supplies, photocopy, computer		1,800.00		972.54
2. Phone,FAX,LD,Computer data,list		900.00		618.73
3. Univ Metered postage		2,000.00		1,179.50
4 Credit card & bank fees		1,600.00		3,379.51
D. SOCIETY BUSINESS	1,000.00	5,440.00	1,753.07	10,447.85
1. ME non-profit corp fee		35.00		35.00
2. Insurance (business + work comp)		1,000.00		1,809.00
3. Attorney + CPA fees		65.00		900.00
4. Audit		0.00		4400.00
5. Website (consulting + fees)		1,840.00		742.00
6. Association accords		2,500.00		2,561.85
a. NPC Expo Orlando Jan 2012	2500.00			1,176.16
b. Survey monkey/online voting				204.00
c. Plant Management Network				250.00
d. NPC Expo Las Vegas Jan 2013				931.69
7. Interest + Fees (CDs & Savings)	1,000.00		1,607.67	
8. Miscellaneous income			145.40	
E. JOURNAL & PUBLICATIONS	50,000.00	20,650.00	53,297.75	22,470.77
1. AJPR/Springer	26,400.00	20,500.00	28,015.00	21,320.77
a. Springer Dues -- Individual		14,400.00		15,174.25
b. Springer Dues -- Sustaining		3,500.00		4,025.46
c. Springer Dues -- Honorary		2,600.00		2,121.06
d. Springer Quarterly Stipend	8,000.00		8,000.00	
e. Springer Royalty	18,400.00		20,015.00	
2. Publication Fees	23,100.00		24,160.00	1,150.00
3. Member Dir + CPPNA + Back Issues	200.00		430.80	
4. Newsletter + mailing	300.00	150.00	140.00	
5. Non-member author			500.00	
6. Copyright Clearance royalty			51.95	
F. ANNUAL MEETINGS	3,000.00	6,500.00	0.00	3,535.76
1. Awards, certificates, frames		500.00		272.24
2. Grad Student competition				1,400.00
3. Travel (Administrator)		3,000.00		1,863.52
4. LAC '11 startup loan				0.00
5. LAC '12 startup loan	3000.00	3000.00		0.00
5. Miscellaneous				0.00
G. SYMPOSIUM	0.00	3000.00	0.00	
1. Travel + expenses/non-PAA speakers				
2. Symposium 2012		3000.00		
TOTALS	100,500.00	84,890.00	126,910.82	85,589.44
NET GAIN/LOSS	15,610.00		41,321.38	
PAA General Endowment			6,375.00	
Haynes Grad Student Endowment			1,845.00	
Contingency Fund			15005.03	
In & Out transactions			0.00	

Table 2. PAA Assets/Accounts

Account Name/Description	Info/Rate	Value (as of June 30, 2013)
1. UCU Passbook Savings	0.10	105,747.25
2. UCU CD 2 yr	0.55	46,757.84
3. UCU CD 3 yr	1.739	47,798.26
4. UCU CD 6 month	0.20	6,742.92
5. Bangor Savings TD 18 mo	0.25	51,046.34
6. Columbia Bank Savings Passbook	0.02	10,005.59
7. Contingency Fund Savings Pssbk	0.02	15,006.52
Savings Total (w/o Checking)		283,104.72
+ UCU Checking		87,993.09
+ Columbia Bank Checking		18,600.00
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		\$389,697.81

Table 3. Endowment Accounts

[January 01, 2012 - December 31, 2012]	FL Haynes Grad Award	PAA General Fund
Beginning market value	\$31,221.78	\$132,774.86
Contributions & other receipts	\$6,535.00	\$3,875.86
Income distributions & withdrawals	\$0.00	\$0.00
Investment income (loss), net of all management fees	\$3,610.06	\$14,598.97
Ending market value	\$41,366.84	\$151,249.69
Historical Gifts/Principal Value	\$36,954.13	\$138,440.75
Budgeted Support for Academic Year 2013/2014	\$1,667.00	\$6,095.00

Table 4. PAA Fiscal Year Operating Budget - First Half of 2013

<u>2013 FIRST HALF YEAR</u>	PAA FY OPERATING BUDGET		[FY 1/1/2013 - 12/31/2013]	
BUDGET ITEM	Estimated & Approved (08/2011) EXPENDITURE		ACTUAL EXPENDITURE	
	INCOME	S	INCOME	S
A. PERSONNEL	0.00	44,230.00	0.00	19,992.87
1. Salaries		37,130.00		18,572.10
2. FICA (PAA matching)		2,860.00		1,420.77
3. Retirement (SEP IRA)		2,240.00		0.00
4. Stipends (Sec & Treas)		2,000.00		0.00
B. MEMBERSHIPS	44,780.00	0.00	9,555.00	0.00
1. Individual	34,000.00		8,000.00	
2. Emeritus	280.00		235.00	
3. Grad Student	500.00		320.00	
4. Sustaining	10,000.00		1,000.00	
C. OFFICE	0.00	6,800.00	0.00	2,564.26
1. Supplies, photocopy, computer		1,800.00		282.84
2. Phone,FAX,LD,Computer data,list		800.00		311.64
3. Univ Metered postage		1,200.00		536.18
4 Credit card & bank fees		3,000.00		1,433.60
D. SOCIETY BUSINESS	1,000.00	12,035.00	717.97	4,314.13

1. ME non-profit corp fee		35.00		35.00
2. Insurance (business + work comp)		1,800.00		0.00
3. Attorney + CPA fees		910.00		80.00
4. Audit		1,700.00		0.00
5. Website (consulting + fees)		1,840.00		2,517.64
6. Association accords		2,750.00		1,681.49
7. Centennial support		3,000.00		0.00
8. Interest + Fees (CDs & Savings)	1,000.00		687.97	
9. Miscellaneous income			30.00	
E. JOURNAL & PUBLICATIONS	53,400.00	19,450.00	36,206.00	10,048.48
1. AJPR/Springer	28,000.00	19,300.00	23,004.00	10,048.48
a. Springer Dues -- Individual		13,600.00		7,150.24
b. Springer Dues -- Sustaining		3,500.00		1,837.71
c. Springer Dues -- Honorary		2,200.00		1,060.53
d. Springer Quarterly Stipend	8,000.00		0.00	
e. Springer Royalty	20,000.00		23,004.00	
2. Publication Fees	24,500.00		12,442.00	0.00
3. Member Dir + CPPNA + Back Issues	200.00		40.00	
4. Newsletter + mailing	200.00	150.00	20.00	
5. Non-member author	500.00		700.00	
6. Copyright Clearance royalty			0.00	
F. ANNUAL MEETINGS	3,000.00	9,550.00	0.00	420.72
1. Awards, certificates, frames		2,550.00		0.00
2. Grad Student competition		1,000.00		0.00
3. Travel (Administrator)		3,000.00		420.72
4. LAC '12 startup loan				0.00
5. LAC '13 startup loan	3000.00	3000.00		0.00
5. Miscellaneous				0.00
G. SYMPOSIUM	0.00	3000.00	0.00	
1. Travel + expenses/non-PAA speakers				0.00
2. Symposium 2013		3000.00		
TOTALS	102,180.00	95,065.00	46,478.97	37,340.46
NET GAIN/LOSS	7,115.00		9,138.51	

Respectfully submitted,
Larry Hiller, Treasurer

MOTION moved, seconded and passed to accept the 2012 close-out budget as presented and the Endowment Funds report.

E. Past President Report

1. Two nominations for Honorary Life Member were submitted along with letters of support. This information was forwarded to the members of the Honorary Life Membership Committee who concurred that Joe Guenthner and Robert Coffin are deserving of the PAA award honoring their service to the PAA and the potato industry. The awards were presented at the banquet July 31, 2013 in Québec City.
2. The nominees for Director were Samuel Essah, Brian Charlton and Russ Groves. Samuel Essah was elected Director via electronic ballot. The nominees for Vice President were Bret Nedrow and Loretta Mikitzel. Loretta Mikitzel was elected Vice President via electronic ballot.

- According to PAA bylaws, the President-Elect assumes the position of President and the Vice President assumes the position of President-Elect at the annual business meeting. Therefore, Nora Olsen becomes PAA President and Andrew Jensen becomes President-Elect.

Respectfully submitted,
Bill Campbell, Past-President

F. ***Editor-in-Chief report***

July 25, 2013

- Editors: J. Bamberg agreed to be a candidate for EiC for another 2-year term. M. Konschuh ended her term as P&M Senior Editor, but agreed to continue until Jeff Stark takes over in September 2013. Thus we propose the same editorial board currently posted on PAA website: <http://potatoassociation.org/About%20the%20PAA/2013EiCnBdMbrsnJobs.htm> with the above-noted change.
- (4 issue so far): Assn Bus, 33 papers, PVY Symposium, Drought review. Springer provided a comprehensive annual report of AJPR activity. Impact factor went down in 2012 (see figure below). Our strategy to keep that up is highlighting elite publications, and particularly Invited Reviews which naturally are often cited. Acrylamide review is on line and in the print queue. Senior Editor for Invited Reviews S. Jansky is pursuing a review on starch. Similar highly-citation potential publications are the Symposium papers. Last year's P symposium is in review. We need to get Climate Change 2011 into the pipeline. The Outstanding Paper for 2012 selected was by corresponding author G. Lazarovits about bacteria in the rhizosphere (p. 294).
- Executive Committee business: Last year I was pushing for return of some of our "stipend" money from Springer to be used to help with editorial work, but that failed and I've stopped pursuing it. The EC agreed to give Invited Review authors a credit for equal pages in their subsequent AJPR papers. The Springer contract was renewed. The EC decided not to publish the proceedings from the African Potato Assn meeting (this would not quite qualify as an AJPR publication under our jurisdiction). Cover editor J. Debons has been tasked with picking the 4 manuscripts per year that get free color Printing.
- Editorial Board workload and performance: See Table below (these include Association Business). We received significantly more ms this year and made more decisions. Long time-in-review was a complaint last year and we have not improved. In some cases this is not our fault, but in others the SE really stalls the process by not taking action--it took an average of 25 days to engage reviewers, and 75 days to get the first verdict back to the author. Reject rate has been fairly high and stable.

AJPR STATISTICS

PARAMETER	2012	2011	2010
Total ms received	106	86	83
Decisions			
Total	110	76	75
First decision = as is	1%	6%	5%
First decision = major	26%	24%	31%
First decision = minor	43%	37%	33%
First decision = reject	30%	33%	31%
Revision #1 accept as is	80%	71%	75%
TIMING			
Days EiC > SE	1	1	2
Days SE > reviewer	25	18	21
Days to first decision	75	76	67

Respectfully submitted,
John Bamberg, Editor-in-Chief

G. Administrator's Membership Secretary Report

Membership Totals: January 1, 2013-December 31, 2021

MEMBERSHIP TYPE	01/01/12 - 12/31/2014	01/01/12-12/31/2023
INDIVIDUAL	389	369
STUDENT	39	40
SUSTAINING	23	21
EMERITUS (yearly)	7	6
EMERITUS (10-yr-exp)	4	6
COMPLIMENTARY	4	4
HONORARY (lifetime)	60	56
TOTALS FOR 2013	524	502

1. **Membership:** The first year of multiple-year renewals was a success. Choosing the 3-year option seemed to be the one that most members chose to go for when paying for more than one year. I also had several that chose to have 'automatic' renewal set up. We had lost 50 members at the end of 2012 but were able to bring it up with new members and returning members to where we started, but still below last year's totals. There is a membership application in the back of each Journal, pull it out and give it to somebody you are speaking with and invite them to become part of The PAA Family.
2. **PotatoExpo 2013:** We didn't do as well at The PotatoExpo for recruiting new members this year, only 3. A lot of interest was shown and all the applications (50) were picked up, but that's as far as it went. We were in an excellent position with the US Potato Board behind us and Syngenta off to the other side so as people came around the corner they were stopping. The one thing I learned was that people thought we were just another commercial-type organization that wanted to send out 'junk' mail once we had their e-mail address. I had to reassure them we were a non-profit Association and that wasn't our goal at all. Once they realized we were a non-profit, they were more receptive to listening to what The PAA was all about.
3. **New Office:** Things are busy in the office as I arrange the move across the hall to the 'new' office. I'm actually going to be able to welcome someone into a place that looks like an office and not a storage area filled with boxes and shelves full of journals and file cabinets. The room we had for storing our archives has been taken over by another office on campus so they gave us two other small rooms to make up for lost space. One is directly across from our current office so I will bring over the computer equipment and leave the things I don't absolutely need there and the old office will become a working/storage area. I've been trying to get the journals and other PAA items stored at my house moved back to campus since moving to our current location. Once I get home from the meeting I will make it happen now that I have this new storage area to fill up.
4. **Old Website:** As the new website design is being created, I haven't done very much updating on the current website so we don't run into any problems in the transfer.
5. **2014 Membership Renewals:** I will once again be sending out the first of two renewals for 2014 memberships in October and the second in December. If you do not plan on renewing, please let me know when you receive your first renewal. If you have to have it processed through work, let me know so I can mark it as 'in process.' Just like last year, you will be able to pay for as many years in advance as you wish. Also, if you would like to set up an 'automatic' renewal system with your credit card, let me know. If you paid for multiple years, you will not be hearing from me. Those who signed up for auto-pay will just receive a reminder that I will be making the charge.
6. Something to keep in mind when it comes to being elected an officer in a section or serving on a committee. According to the C&BL, Art III, Sec 2: "A member must be in good standing to participate on any Association committee or board. If the member is not in good standing

within 30 days from the renewal date, the officer or board member will be replaced through appointment by the President or by an election process."

7. **A reminder** that when you go onto the website to make address changes, you must also let me know you have done this so I can update the additional files that I work with. This has caused returned mail with Springer and e-mail addresses that aren't current so get bounced with I send out a message. It is my hope that on the new website we will be able to work out a way that if you make a change it will send me a message to let me know so I can check it out, but until that happens I still need your help.
8. If you no longer want to receive a printed copy of the AJPR, please let me know so I may remove your name from the database. However, since it is part of your benefits package, if you would like to have it sent to somebody else, let me know their name and address and I will make sure they receive it in your name. (i.e. a local library/school/senior center, etc.). We have to pay Springer Journals for each copy we send out, so let's not give them anymore money than we need to. You will always have electronic access to all issues of the Journals published.

Respectfully submitted,
Lori Wing, PAA Administrator/Membership Secretary/Web Manager

H. ***Archivist report***

1. ***Commercial Potato Production in North America.*** I still have around 150 copies left and available for sale. They are \$12.35 for a box of 25 (Priority mail box) or \$2.00/each. Please let everybody who might have an interest know so I can clean out the storage area. They would be good to take if you are traveling internationally to some of these countries that don't have access to a lot of information.
2. The inventory remains the same for the *American Potato Journal* and *American Journal of Potato Research*. Springer Journals has given us permission to do whatever we wish with the journals in Maine up until 2008 when they became the publisher. Any idea is always welcome with how someone might benefit from all the important information that has been published over the years. We could take a set number of years where there are a lot of extras and make a variety released issue or a specific subject issue. Put your thinking caps on and let's see what we can come up with.

Respectfully submitted,
Lori Wing, PAA Archivist

I. ***Finance Committee Report***

1. The Finance Committee consists of Alexander Pavlista (Pres. 2008) as Chair, Larry Hiller (Pres. 2006) as Treasurer, Philip Nolte (Pres. 2010), Rob Davidson (Pres. 2005), and Joe Guenthner (Pres. 2002). The final report on CY12 is completed and submitted in the Treasurer's report. Note that the actual GAIN was greater than double the amount estimated. This is due to the initiation for CY13 of paying dues two and three years in advance. For this reason, there will be a disconnect between income for individual membership and expense for printed journals to Springer. As a result, net balances for CY13 and CY14 will vary until an equilibrium is reached. The LAC12 (Denver) had an income of nearly \$7,200. Their intended distribution is to divide it into \$4,200 for graduate student travel and \$3,000 for the Vision Implementation Com.; the mechanism for distribution will be discussed during the winter. The Treasurer's report indicates that the first half of CY13 is in line with the budget estimate and The PAA should have a net gain. The CY14 budget estimate is attached; the net GAIN for CY14 is estimated to be just over \$3,000. Expenses and income for The PAA meetings and Symposium are now incorporated in the General Fund.
2. Recommendations that were approved by the Executive Com. and at the Business Meeting were:
 - (1.) increase of the Administrator's compensation by 3%,

- (2.) increase the honorarium for the Secretary and Treasurer to \$2,000 per annum,
- (3.) continue funding for website maintenance at \$1,500,
- (4.) continue support of Plant Management Network for 'Focus on Potato' webinars at \$250,
- (5.) allocate \$2,500 to support The PAA's presence at EXPO2014,
- (6.) discontinue charges for the directory and shipping charges for newsletter (both available on website),
- (7.) allocate payout of the F. Haynes Graduate Student Endowment to pay expenses for competition awards and certificates,
- (8.) invest the UCU savings accounts into Certificates of Deposits to achieve a 5-yr rotation, &
- (9.) roll over current CDs into the investment rotation of item 8.

One recommendation was not approved and that is to use the payout from the General Endowment Fund for use by The PAA; instead it will continue to roll over into the Endowment until the Endowment reaches its goal of \$200,000.

	PAA BUDGET	
	Jan 1 - Dec 31, 2014	
	APPROVED	EXPECTED
BUDGET ITEM	INCOME	EXPENSES
A. PERSONNEL		
Salaries		\$ 38,260.00
FICA		\$ 2,930.00
Retirement		\$ 2,300.00
Honorariums (Sec&Treas)		\$ 4,000.00
B. MEMBERSHIPS		
Individual	\$ 25,300.00	
Emeritus	\$ 280.00	
Graduate Student	\$ 600.00	
Sustaining Membership	\$ 10,000.00	
C. OFFICE OPERATIONS		
Supplies + Photocopy		\$ 1,000.00
Land lines		\$ 800.00
Postage		\$ 1,600.00
Credit card		\$ 3,000.00
D. SOCIETY BUSINESS		
Maine Corp Fee		\$ 40.00
Insurance		\$ 1,810.00
Attorney + Accountant		\$ 900.00
Audit (2-year)		\$ 1,700.00
Website Maintenance		\$ 1,500.00
Association Accords		
Focus on Potatoes		\$ 250.00
EXPO 2014		\$ 2,500.00
Interest, CDs - Fees	\$ 1,500.00	
E. JOURNAL & PUBLICATIONS		
Springer Dues/Individual		\$14,400.00
Springer Dues /Sustaining		\$ 3,500.00
Springer Dues /Honorary		\$ 80.00
Springer Stipend/Services	\$ 8,000.00	
Springer Royalty	\$20,000.00	
Publication Fees	\$24,500.00	
Directory et al	\$ -	
Newsletter incl shipping	\$ -	

Non-PAA Author Fee	\$ 500.00	
Copyright Royalty		
F. ANNUAL MEETING		
Awards, Certificates	\$ 500.00	
Grad Student Competition	\$ 500.00	
Travel (Adm)	\$ 3,000.00	
LAC14 (start-up loan)	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
Miscellaneous		
G. SYMPOSIUM		
Expenses/non-PAA Speakers		\$ 3,000.00
Symposium 2013		
TOTAL	\$ 93,680.00	\$90,570.00
Projected Net Gain	\$ 3,110.00	

Respectfully submitted,
Alexander Pavlista, Chair

Alexander Pavlista indicated Kent McCue has been added to the Finance Committee.

J. Site Selection Committee Report

1. The site selection committee met over lunch on Monday, July 29, 2013. Members present included Mike Thornton (Chair), Loretta Mikitzel (NB 2009), Craig Yencho (NC 2011), Andre Gagnon (QE 2013), Mark Pavek and Rick Knowles (WA 2014), Greg Porter (ME 2015). The meeting started with a presentation by Dave Douches representing the group inviting PAA to meet in MI in 2016. The proposed meeting location, venue, and format were discussed. After the presentation it was moved and seconded (Yencho, Porter) to recommend to the EC that the MI bid be accepted. The motion passed unanimously.
2. The next order of business was to discuss potential host sites for 2017, 2018 and 2019. It was pointed out that the next three meetings will be in the West (WA), East (ME) and Midwest (MI), so it would be nice to find a location in the south. CA, FL , TX and Mexico were mentioned as potential hosts. Several committee members suggested that if we looked at a location in the south, we should at least consider meeting in conjunction with the NPC Potato Expo in January. It was also pointed out that ID has traditionally hosted the meeting every 10-12 years, and is coming up on that milestone. Other locations mentioned in the west included Alberta, Montana and Hawaii. A suggestion was made to explore having MT and ID jointly host the meeting in HI, possibly in conjunction with the winter tests for seed certification. The final location discussed was a Midwest site, possibly MN, ND or Manitoba. The Committee chair will explore these options after getting input from the EC, and will contact potential host states with the goal of having bids to host the 2017 and 2018 meeting for consideration at 98th meeting in Spokane.

The meeting adjourned at 1:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Mike Thornton, Chair

K. Endowment Committee Report

1. Phil Nolte reported that Larry Hiller will outline in an PAA Insider article how IRA contributions by those 70 ½ years old can go directly from the IRA to a non-profit organization, such as PAA, and count as a tax-free donation and not as income. He discussed potential ideas of how to use the PAA Endowment Fund payouts.
2. Mel Henninger stepped down as committee Chair and Phil Nolte will assume the role. Phil indicated the committee is looking for young new members.

L. Frank L Haynes Graduate Student Research Competition Award Committee

The members of the Graduate Student Competition Committee in 2013 were, Samuel Essah (Colorado State University – Chair), Leslie Wanner (USDA-ARS, Beltsville, MD), Paul Bethke (USDA-ARS, Madison, WI), Shelley Jansky (USDA-ARS, Madison, WI), Hector Lozoya Saldana (PICTIPAPPA, Mexico), Alfonso del Rio (University of Wisconsin), and Silvia Rondon (Oregon State University).

1. The awards were funded by The Frank L. Haynes Graduate Student Research Competition Endowment Fund.
2. Sixteen students participated in the competition: 6 Ph.D. and 10 M.S. students. They made presentations in the following sections: Breeding and Genetics (7), Extension, Production, and Management (4), Plant Protection (3), Physiology (1), and Industry Oriented (1).
3. They were from eleven institutions: Michigan State University (3), University of Idaho (2), University of Maine (2), University of Wisconsin-Madison (2), Universite Laval (1), Universite de Sherbrooke (1), University of Saskatchewan (1), Research and Development Institute for Ag. Environment, Canada (1), Washington State University (1), Virginia Tech (1), and Cornell University (1).
4. The students came from five countries: USA (8), Canada (5), South Korea (1), Bangladesh (1), and Kyrgyzstan (1).
5. The winners were:
 - (a) 1st Place – Boucher, Annie Christine, M.S., Universite de Sherbrooke, QC, Canada, and Agriculture and Agrifood Canada, QC, Canada, ‘New Information on the Historical Introduction of the Golden Nematode in North America’.
 - (b) 2nd Place – Fortin, Gabrielle, M.S., Universite Laval, QC, Canada, ‘Use of a Genotyping-by-Sequencing (GBS) Approach for Marker-Assisted Backcrossing of Resistance to Golden Nematode’.
 - (c) 3rd Place – Park, Jaebum, Ph.D., Cornell University, ‘QTL Analysis of Tetraploid Potato for three Potato Agronomic Traits with SNP Markers’.
 - (d) 4th Place – Kyle Rak, Ph.D., University of Wisconsin-Madison, ‘Genotype x Storage Environment Interactions and Stability of Potato Chip Color: Implications in Breeding for Cold Storage Chip Quality’.
 - (e) 5th Place – Arnold, Brenda Elaine, M.S., Virginia Tech, ‘Identification of Candidate Genes for Self-Compatibility in a Diploid Population of Potato Derived from Parents Used in Genome Sequencing’.

Respectfully Submitted,
Samuel Y.C. Essah, Chair

M. Silent and Live Auctions 2013

Larry Hiller reported that the silent raised \$1,655 and the live auction raised \$5,650. The grand total, including a \$45 additional donation, is \$7,350. This is pretty much an all-time high amount raised and will go into the PAA Endowment Fund.

N. Colorado LAC 2012

The 96th Annual Meeting of the Potato Association of America was held in Denver, Colorado at the Crowne Plaza-DIA. There were 209 participants attending with the following breakdown:

1. 182 delegates of which 19 were students and 27 accompanying persons; 21 US states and 6 Canadian provinces represented with participants from Brazil, the Netherlands, Mexico and South Korea as well. 15 sponsors donated \$33,250 to help with the meeting. During the industry day on Monday with presentations selected especially for the grower/industry base, 26 industry (18) or growers (8) attended as well.
2. \$64,450 was collected from participants and the other single day guests as registration fees. Additional funds (\$1,550) were collected at the door from single day registrations and for specific events.
3. 120+ individuals attended the BarBQue on Wednesday evening with 65 individuals traveling on the Ag Tour and another 15 traveling on other tours prior to dinner. 93 individuals attended the Awards Banquet. During the week, 55 individuals took part in the various tours, pre-meeting fishing trip and the golf outing. Additionally, 42 individuals attended the SolCap Potato Genomics Workshop on Sunday.
4. General expenses for the event included: Crowne Plaza-DIA (all rooms, food, A/V equipment, etc) - \$62,101, Expenses for tours-\$15,525, Bar-B-Que-\$6,500, registration packets, event insurance, printing, door prizes and other miscellaneous items-\$7,925, for total expenses at \$92,051. Total revenues came in at \$99,250. After expenses, there was an excess of \$7,199. This money will be donated to the PAA after visiting with the PAA Finance Committee during the 97th Annual meeting in Quebec, Canada.

Respectfully submitted,
Robert D. Davidson
LAC Co-Chair, PAA 2012

O. Québec LAC 2013

André Gagnon reported the 97th annual meeting had 230 delegates, and 20 guests, from 19 US states, 8 provinces and 9 countries. There were 21 sponsors. The meeting is in the black money-wise.

P. Washington LAC 2014

Raina Spence reported for Chair Mark Pavek that the LAC committee is in place. The meeting will be held July 27-31, 2014, following a tradition format with the banquet on Thursday evening. The meeting website is active at wsu.edu\\paa2014. Room rates at the Davenport Hotel will be \$144 per night.

Q. Maine LAC 2015

President Morrow reported that himself, Don Flannery and Greg Porter have discussed the meeting. The preferred location is the new Cross Insurance Center, Bangor. However, the hotel near the Center is not slated to be completed until August 2015. The meeting may have to be moved to Portland, Maine. Proposed dates are August 15-20, 2015. The tours will be held on Thursday.

R. Section Meetings

Breeding and Genetics
Monday, July 29, 2013

Chair: Dave Douches
Vice Chair: Helen Tai
Secretary: Aliya Momotaz

Started on 5 pm on 7/29/2013

1. Call meeting to order:
2. Collect attendance: People introduced themselves & signed. 26 signatures were documented. Missing some.
3. SNP marker conversion (Jansky): SolCAP chips are being used in some mapping populations. Now want to develop markers & how can those markers be used in breeding populations. Who can help? How to proceed? Informal lunch meeting on Tuesday is planned for those interested in the topic being discussed further.
4. Genebank update (Bamberg): John B. updated on gene bank's current list, what it does & what it will do & the website they are maintaining. Ready to provide germplasm.
5. PVMI (Debons):
 - (a) Started on Oct. 2005
 - (b) Royalties and licenses collected so far going to operate PVMI & the remainder is split between the 3 universities in Oregon, Idaho and Washington State.
 - (c) Trialing of varieties in different countries of Europe, one LB tolerant line is going to Bangladesh which is replacing Diamant
6. SCRI PVY grant update by P. Nolte: Found some lines are resistant to all strains using the ER mechanism; resistant sources are coming from both *S. andigena* & *S. stoloniferum* sources (according Jonathan Whitworth). Some of the lines do not express symptoms easily.
 - (a) NTN is the tuber necrotic & serious one.
 - (b) One can rogue out visually PVY-O easily, however further vectoring of PVY is occurring late in the season—Need to modify the protocol, how to certify the seeds.
 - (c) Varietal resistance is the only way to solve the PVY epidemic.
7. NCPT/NFPT - fast-track update provided by Higgins but presented by Dave Douches. About a dozen lines from different programs are being evaluated. About 50 loads will be evaluated in chip-processing plants in 2013.
8. SCRI Acrylamide grant update (Bethke): Paul Bethke presented details of the research results.
 - (a) Must to develop processed genotypes on a large scale basis.
 - (b) FF processing lines have to be exceptional in every way
 - (c) Identified some ASN QTLs in a chip processing population
 - (d) Focusing on top ten priority traits
 - (e) So far they have obtained found couple of promising lines for FF processing.
 - (f) Minituber production for 5 clones
9. Simplot Innate products: Updated by Haven Baker.
 - (a) Non browning, No bruise, acrylamide, acid invertase silencing
 - (b) Pipeline: PVY, LBR, Zebra Chip, browning, bruising, acrylamide
 - (c) 5-7 yrs. Delivery
 - (d) Got 1/3 positive responses from public comment period: an impressive statistic.

Other business

Election of officers: Elected new Chair as follows:

Chair: Helen Tai

Vice Chair: Aliya Momotaz

Secretary : Jeffrey Endleman

Respectfully submitted,
David Douches

Certification
December 5, 2012

PAA Seed Potato Certification Section
Memphis TN, Dec 5th, 2012

At 8.30 am Tom Wessels (WA), vice chair, opened the meeting. The minutes of the meeting in San Antonio in December 2011 were approved as amended. The agenda was approved as amended.

1. Potato pathogen updates:

Zebra Chip. Steve Marquardt gave a report about a Zebra Chip (ZC) workshop held last November in San Antonio, TX. It was fairly clear that there may be more psyllids overwintering in various areas than previously thought. Andy Jensen's presented on the collection of overwintering psyllids on nightshade in ID and silverleaf nightshade at Larsen's in TX. More research is needed looking at the bacteria's (Lso) status on overwintering hosts, especially to determine if they are significant reservoirs of inoculum. We need to improve detection, because it appears that the Lso is not just disappearing from populations, it can be present at very low levels. There is a great need for work to better understand the Lso/Psyllid interaction. As far as seed is concerned, while ZC can significantly reduce sprouting, no data exist indicating that ZC will establish in the field because of transmission through seed. Present data seem to indicate that ZC is not going to establish in a field unless the infested psyllids are present.

2. Potato Cyst Nematode (PCN) -

- a. Alain Boucher, (CFIA) gave a snapshot of the Canadian PCN program. The program started in 2006. Total number of soil samples collected to date was 339,140 samples of which 213,327 were for the detection survey. Close to 80% of seed production is sampled in Canada, all samples tested negative outside the regulated areas. The only reason to sample in many cases in Canada is to allow post harvest test-samples to go to Hawaii and Florida. About 50% of the samples are for expected export. It is costly for the growers. CFIA announced that it will start to cost recover this activity. Presently, CFIA is spending millions of dollars and the plan is for seed potato growers exporting to various markets requiring PCN soil sampling and testing to start paying for some of those costs. The large amount of testing makes us confident that there is nothing to be found in seed potato areas. CFIA has been able to refresh the survey data. They have to depend on science to deregulate areas that were never positive, but were within a certain regulated area.
- b. The only countries to ask for more PCN testing were the US and Mexico. Countries in Latin America have not required any more testing. Deregulation in Alberta means that two fields are still regulated. They will have bio essays done, which is more than the guidelines require. Presently, one field in Alberta has undergone bioassay and the soil has been gathered for testing. Deregulation in the British Columbia regulated area, Saanich area, will be based on a survey of all fields in the regulated area. Growers in the regulated area have been prohibited from planting potatoes, tomatoes, or eggplants for over 40 years. In Quebec the regulated area is under a management plan, which includes monitoring, crop rotation and resistant varieties. Every time a potato crop is grown the field will be sampled. We are looking forward to concentrating efforts where the risk is manifest. There is much research on-going and there are new PCN varieties released regularly. Canada did surveillance in the 80's and 90's, but budget cuts forced to stop the surveillance. Alain Boucher suggested building a system of surveillance that is based on risk and science. In any system there is a threshold, which in reality becomes your tolerance.
- c. The system of deregulation is agreed upon between the two countries. Until 2009 it had not been possible to release land. As an example of release in another country Australia was mentioned where land had been deregulated.
- d. Jonathan Jones, USDA/APHIS: In the National Survey 158,135 samples had been tested since 2007 and all were negative. The National survey was to demonstrate area freedom of

potato cyst nematodes (pale cyst and golden nematodes) in the United States. This protects domestic production and interstate and international markets. Numbers have dropped to export only.

- e. Some funding was still available but was reduced from prior years. Funds were available in states for surveys of fields from where the crop will be shipped to Canada. Samples were sent to the laboratories in Idaho and New York with APHIS covering cost of analysis. States may do analysis at own expense.
- f. The five year Idaho PCN Program Review: Goals remain unchanged. Survey has not found PCN outside of Idaho; <2000 acres & 5 mile radius. 9 infested fields were found in the first 3 years treated and are at less than 1% viability; 5 fields in bioassay at University of Idaho with negative results to date. Trade has been restored to all but Japan. This year 26,000 acres were surveyed in Idaho.
- g. The revised field release process: Two soil surveys are required, each after a potato crop. 3 x 2000 cc samples. Both must be full field surveys. It was agreed to modify our release protocol to now require a potato crop before each of the surveys before releasing associated fields; this has grower support. With the agreed upon guidelines USDA/APHIS could now deregulate areas. USDA/APHIS did deregulate land in New York, where for decades more than 1.27 million acres or almost 2000 square miles have been under regulation for golden nematode. The areas in Elba and Byron (Genesee County, NY) had been quarantined since 1977. These areas were associated with the infested fields to their north. Despite sampling over decades, GN had never been detected in any of these fields. APHIS completed the removal of Elba and Byron townships (43,520 acres) from regulation in December 2010.
- h. APHIS reviewed the historical records from 2010 to 2011 for counties Livingston and Steuben and determined that 262,000 acres in these Counties were eligible after having been regulated since the 60s-80s. Most of these areas were never planted in potatoes not even in cultivation. In February 2012 USDA/APHIS removed these acres from regulation. Almost 1M acres remain under regulation in NY State. USDA/APHIS continues to work with NYSDAM to identify other areas.
- i. Infestation is limited to 6,185 acres or 308 fields in parts of nine counties of New York State. In 2012: 6,197 soil samples were collected from 2,457 acres in 154 fields in New York. There were no new detections of golden nematode in 2012. Active research is underway to develop and test sticky nightshade as a trap crop and rapeseed meal as a bio-fumigant. The speaker said that they recognize that budgetary challenges will continue.

3. Potato Wart in Canada – Trevor Yu (CFIA):

Recent discoveries of potato wart on Prince Edward Island were not in seed, but in fields for processing and a research plot. That was followed by immediate restrictions under the Plant Protection Act and PP Regulations to prohibit the movement of soil and plant material, mandatory cleanup and disinfection of equipment, seed status revoked, place end use restrictions under compliance agreement with CFIA. Trace forward and trace back is well underway. **~22,000** soil samples are required to delimit infestations and they are being prioritized by risk and planned movement. Presently, **~11,000** soil samples have been collected, **~7,000** tested negative aside from one suspect confirmation. In spring 2013, **~9,000-11,000** samples are to be collected and analyzed. CFIA is looking at PCR testing for wart that is expected to be less tedious than the present technique.

4. PVY- Research: Dr. Amy Charkowski (WI):

Extensive testing has been done on new varieties to discover the symptom expression and new varieties are being developed. The website www.potatovirus.com shows the symptoms of the different strains of PVY on different cultivars. The tuber necrotic symptoms are mostly problematic on yellow flesh varieties. Dr. Rob Davidson indicated that at a PVY conference it

was made clear that strains are mixtures that may be selected by the potato variety. He drew attention to the fact that they had seen mechanical transmission of PVY.

5. Canada/US Management Plan for Tuber Necrosis Potato Viruses – Dr. Rick Zink (USDA/APHIS):

After discussions and proposed amendments we are looking at what Canada's opinion is. Alain Boucher said the only thing that has been changed is that we will not test FG2 for PVYn. A letter is on file between USDA and CFIA indicating that FG2 testing was discontinued. Canada had not been involved in the past few years discussion to amend this management plan. There are elements that Canada cannot accept. We are looking at the management plant as it had come out of the PMTV occurrence. We should ask ourselves whether we need that plan. We are prepared to discuss it in a smaller group. We should determine how it will be enforced, and if it remains a bilateral agreement. Dr. Zink stated that the state agencies should review the latest version.

Don Flannery suggested to submit the version as it comes out of the industry-meeting in January. USDA/APHIS and CFIA suggested having a discussion before it goes too far out. CFIA suggested having a small group look at the proposals. CFIA said that enforcement is important, because there needs to be a national program to implement import requirements. The PVY issue is not a phytosanitary issue, but a seed potato certification issue. Recognizing each others' seed certification program facilitates trade. Bill Campbell and Willem Schrage moved and seconded to create a working group of USDA, CFIA, WI, CO, NE, WA, OR, MT, ME to discuss possible amendments to the PVY Management Plan and submit a report to PAA Cert. Section. The working group will be co-chaired by Dr. Zink (APHIS) and Alain Boucher (CFIA).

6. Update on Seed Certification / APHIS MOU:

Terry Bourgoin (USDA/APHIS) gave the history of the APHIS – state MOU. The MOU had as objective the creation of oversight of the state seed potato certification programs. Manuals were audited. Over 95% of the seed potato production is now covered under the program. The National Plant Board will have a conference call to establish whether an announcement can be made that the national program is in effect. Alain Boucher asked how long derogations may last.

7. Update on Seed Potato Quality Management Program:

- a. Alain Boucher (CFIA) presented that the Canadian Seed Potato Quality Management Program (SPQMP) which is an audit based program with defined roles for Canadian growers and the CFIA. As of April 1st 2014, the government of Canada is expanding the current voluntary SPQMP and is making it a mandatory program for all Canadian seed growers growing field generation seed potatoes. The SPQMP is a program that allows seed potato growers to complete their own tuber grade inspections and certification paperwork for domestic movement and export to the United States under the oversight of the CFIA. CFIA will continue to be responsible for phyto-sanitary certification for all shipments of seed potatoes destined for the United States.
- b. There is no change to the Canadian seed potato standards. The changes are only changes in the process used to conduct the seed potato tuber grade and quality certification. There is no change for potatoes imported from Canada for commercial planting in the United States, not for further multiplication as seed. CFIA is maintaining the phyto-sanitary certification. Canada is looking at expanding the use of the SPQMP for all potatoes shipped domestically and to the United States. Details of the SPQMP are explained in Directive D-06-04. Full implementation is expected in April 2014. The website is:
<http://www.inspection.gc.ca/plants/plant-protection/directives/potatoes/d-06-04/eng/1328793793466/1328794843468>

The program has been in place since 2006 and it has worked well said Alain Boucher.

- c. A question was posed to USDA/APHIS on how this program would affect the MOU with the States?.
- d. There are state regulations e.g. in Michigan that do not accept a seed lot for certification without a shipping point inspection certificate signed by the appropriate authority. Phyto inspections must be done by a designated authority. CFIA inspectors carry out a harvest bin inspections in relation to loads on the floor if possible. Enforcement may be a combination of audits, complaints and re-inspection. Tags are pulled if a lot fails re-inspection.

8. National Farm-Level Bio-security Standard for Potato Growers:

Alain Boucher said that potatoes became part of an initiative to develop an on-farm biosecurity standard. CFIA has worked on developing a standard that is on their website. Another standard for the grain and oilseed sector is in development. The standard is voluntary and is intended to create awareness. The website is:

<http://www.inspection.qc.ca/plants/plant-protection/biosecurity/eng/1323475293667/1323475279124>

9. Updates and Reports from past meetings or other groups

WERA meeting March 13-14 in New Orleans. A symposium on seed potato certification will not be planned.

10. UNECE Report-

Willem Schrage gave a report on developments in the UNECE Standard for Seed Potatoes. Some of the topics to be covered are internal defects and cutting of potatoes for inspection, the certification of cut seed and promotion of the Standard. The meeting in Edinburgh showed a wide interest in the standard by the participation from all over the world. Willem Schrage announced that the next meetings will be 11-12-13 March, 2013 in Geneva, Switzerland, and in Fargo, ND, September 29 - October 3, 2013. On the web site you will find the standard, a list of diseases with pictures and papers on a certification approach to certain potato diseases and defects: http://www.unece.org/trade/agr/standard/pot_e.html

11. Other topics:

Colorado now has a virus test requirement for PVYN for re-certification

Adjournment at 2.40PM

Submitted: Willem Schrage, NDSSD

**Certification Section
PAA Business Meeting**
December 5, 2012 - Memphis, Tennessee

Opening by Chair, Dr. Amy Charkowski (WI)

Treasurers report by Willem Schrage was duly moved and seconded. A new account has been set up in Colorado and the funds will all be transferred to CO.

1. Acreage Report

Dr. Rob Davidson (CO) announced that the US acreage report has been distributed. The Canadian acreage report will be distributed in a few days. He emphasized that variety descriptions are important for certification. Recognized and described selections of a variety are legally a variety. There should be some consistency on the recognition of named varieties, some states recognize selections (clones) others do not. Utah submitted seed acreage. Nevada also has seed potatoes winter tested.

2. **Agency reports:**

- a. **Alaska** had rain and early frost.
 - b. **Oregon** found that the cost of freight is so high that growers talk about starting early generation again. September was warm. There was one case where negative ELISA tested plants proved to be positive for PVYN:O.
 - c. **Colorado** now has a new seed act. They have 1500 acres rejected of the 3000 acres Russet Norkotah in the summer. Isolated growers do better. Innovator seems to be a potential PVY symptomless carrier.
 - d. **Minnesota** had a drought, but the crop was better than expected. Acres are down. Four farms stopped seed production. Winter test is 8 acres in HI.
 - e. **Michigan's** seed crop acres are up. The winter test was high last year. Good growing season, high yields, surprise after hot and dry season.
 - f. **Washington** had a wet start and then from July till October they had one day of rain. There had been very little late blight only in one lot. Aphid population was down. There was mosaic in very few lots. They have 117 different varieties. They have a new greenhouse for post harvest test.
 - g. **North Dakota** had a dry and warm summer and September. Some growers of fresh potatoes waited for rain that did not stop, when it came. Acreage is about the same.
 - h. **Wisconsin** acres are up. Moisture was good, irrigation kept up. They had early planting, and vine killing in August. Quality is really good. Virus pressure was low. The harvest was very quick. They had a perfect growing season. There had been more leafhoppers and phytoplasm. Aphid trapping has been done and a grant will be submitted to continue the efforts.
 - i. **Idaho** had a turnover in personnel: Doug Boze went to Meridian. Idaho acres were up and they had a hot dry smoky summer. Their main varieties were Russet Burbank, Ranger Russet, Russet Norkotah. Virus counts were up. Over the last years they have seen a downward trend in virus. BRR was a problem. Most of the BRR detections are in commercial production.
 - j. **Montana's** acreage was the second highest acreage in program history. The change is that there is now 30% up in generation 1 and 2. Most potato crops were hot and dry. There had been wild fires. There was a late set, yields were down. Crop was good but light. No late blight in the state. Harvest went quite well. Very little frost damage. Increase in mini-tuber production. MT's lab produces only in vitro.
 - k. **California** has one more seed potato grower, now 5.
 - l. **Maine** is up in acres. No blight issues. Maine will have "field year" designations.
 - m. Winter test conducted in **Florida** on 30 acres. Good yield good quality.
 - n. **Canada** was generally a dry and good year. Seed potato acres were up. Not a bumper crop Serious discussions on the provincially implemented post harvest tests New Brunswick's provincial government is looking into discontinuing the production of seed potatoes at their seed farm and tissue culture centre. The Plant Propagation Centre is also a major potato variety repository. The Seed potato inspector's course was not expected this year. As per other areas, the top varieties certified as seed is changing. Discussions are on-going to improve potato variety protection under plant breeder's rights.
 - o. Had early rains and much hail. Crops came back, good crops went into storage No late blight. Winter test already planted in **Hawaii**. There is also a variety repository in **Alberta**.
 - p. **Maine** suggested that New Brunswick should accept reciprocity as far as the winter test is concerned.
3. General Agency survey was said be sent out. The group was asked to add BRR information. Jeff McMorran (OR)will email the list.
4. Latent variety list was sent out and posted on the web.
5. Health Certificate will be taken care of by Alex Crockford (WI)and needs no changes.
6. Regulation survey, please send changes to Susie Siemsen (MT)
7. Post Harvest paper, please send changes to Steve Marquardt (NE)

8. Limited Generation table, please send changes to Doug Boze. (ID)
9. Jeff McMorran (OR) suggested re-visiting the generation names. Should FY be decoupled from class.
10. Jeff McMorran (OR) was elected as second year director
First Year Director, Dave Lavway (ME)
Vice-chair: Kent Sather (CO)
Chair: Tom Wessels (WA)

Preference for next meeting is the same week in December in Memphis, TN

Adjournment at 4.30PM

Submitted: Willem Schrage (NDSSD)

Extension, Production and Management

Tuesday, July 30, 2013

Brian Charlton, Chair

1. Meeting called to order
2. Approval of agenda (motion carried)
3. Approval of 2012 minutes (motion carried)
4. Area reports
 - a. **Idaho:** Season started out cold. Then it got hot and stayed hot. Night time temperatures did go down. The quality will be the questions. Early blight is starting to show. Everyone geared up for Zebra Chip with spray programs. The percent of psyllids carrying the bacterium *Candidatus Liberibacter solanacearum* are low, about 5% compared to 30% last year. Acreage down approximately 5%. A lot of new varieties going in. Growers in good mood because prices are up for storage.
 - b. **New Brunswick:** The season started well, then wet and cool with lots of seed cut and sitting until planting. Planting until June 17. Some areas got 4 inches of rain in a day. Some early blight. Late blight values are up.
 - c. **Maine:** Season has been wet, with 4 inches of rain in half an hour, even up to 5.5 inches in 30 minutes. Late blight has appeared and will likely appear more frequently.
 - d. **New Jersey:** Started with a late planting season, about one month later than last year. June and July had a month of rainfall each week, then heat followed by thunderstorms followed by two to four inches of rain. Loss of 10% due to disking up potatoes in wet areas. Currently digging potatoes.
 - e. **California:** The weather has had extreme heat and precipitation. Spring crop survived the heat well.
 - f. **New York:** Planting started on time for the first couple of weeks and then it got wet. This caused a two week delay for planting to resume. After planting came the extreme temperatures and rain with up to 5 inches of rain on Monday and Friday then 2 weeks with no rain and lots of heat. There has been flooding in areas that have not flooded before. Late blight is showing up a little bit in southwest NY next to Pennsylvania. Rows closed, crop looking good. Later planted potatoes may not close rows.
 - g. **Manitoba:** Vikram - Planting delayed by two to three weeks, started mid-May and went into the first week of June. Plants are six inches to row closed. Some drowned out spots. Heat stress in some areas, especially when the rows were not closed. Rains the last few weeks have been high. No late blight, traces of early blight.

- h. **ND:** Planting was delayed from 10 to 30 days. There was approximately a 5% reduction in acres planted and a 5% reduction of acres planted because of the accumulation of water. Some areas received seven inches of rain in one day.
- i. **MN:** The central MN irrigated sandy soils were two to three weeks late in planting. Fresh market potatoes are being killed. Size might not be as desirable, but price is good. Russet crop is looking good, but not bulking fast. Overall the crop looks good. No late blight yet. Aphids are increasing.
- j. **Colorado:** Potatoes planted mid-April, which was the earliest ever. Early warm and dry conditions caused this to happen. The potato crop looks good. There are low numbers of aphids. Below 50,000 acres for the first time in 20 years. Water is a big challenge.
- k. **Washington:** Columbia Basin OR/WA had 1.5 inches of rain in mid-June when rows closed. No late blight in the Columbia Basin. Beginning to harvest the early crop. Sampling network shows a buggy year. Beet leaf hopper numbers are up, more than normal. Zebra chip has been reported in the southern basin of WA. More psyllids collected this year than last, probably because of greater effort to collect. Psyllids have been present since May. Overwintering of psyllids is occurring in bittersweet nightshade all over the basin. Diseases have been quiet, except the phytoplasmas. Crop is looking good overall. Quality of early potatoes is good.
- l. **Wisconsin:** Snow until April 28th. Potatoes were planted with snow on edges of fields and shelter belt. Almost all emerged in two to three weeks with tubers setting by June 5th. Started vine killing reds July 5th. Started killing Russets a week ago, worth \$25/cwt. No contract for russets in Midwest. Three sites have late blight. The strain is likely US-23. Late blight likely came in from tomato plants from Florida. This requires action.
- m. **Southern OR and Northern CA:** Planted was normal. Organic acreage is 20% of total acreage. Free of pests, no Colorado Potato Beetles or late blight. This is a water shortage year. Water is the single biggest issue from year to year. Acreage is stable. Forty-percent of the crop is chipping. Export market of raw potatoes to Asia where they make potatoes.
- n. **PEI:** Similar conditions to Maine and NB. There were 89,000 acres planted, down about 500 acres. Seed treatment issues with some of the new seed treatments. World Potato Congress is end of July in China in 2015. Rick Peters is promoting the late-blight resistant tomato varieties in his area to help prevent spread of late blight.
- o. **Europe:** The rain in Spain fell everywhere. Crop is late due to rain and temperature. Price in Turkey is five times what it was last year. Potatoes will be a variable crop.

5. Report on Poster Session at 2012 Potato Expo.

Mike Thornton reported. Posters set up next to Expo. A lot of traffic between the events. Should have been labeled as a PAA group program. APRE sponsored the session. Need to work more closely with NPC. Another round of posters will be called for.

- 6. Approval of Extension, Production and Management Section By-laws. (motion carried unanimously)
- 7. 2014 Symposium is sponsored by the Extension, Production and Management Section. Status of Publication of presentations and financials.

Leigh Morrow reported. The 2012 symposium had great talks. Reports are all submitted and reviewed within a year. No one submitted expenses.

8. 2014 Annual PAA meeting Spokane, Washington.

Discussion on moving this section meeting to another time. Leave it as it is or have two times for sections meetings. It was decided to leave the meeting at the same time. Meeting will be in Spokane, WA next year at hotel Davenport. July 27-31 2014. EAPR is the 6-11 of July in Brussels. PAA in 2015 is in Maine, Aug 15-20

9. Others items of business.

- a. A discussion on ideas for invited reviews of American Journal of Potato Research. Plant protection discussed mini reviews, which focuses on a tighter subject. These are beneficial to get people up to speed and talk about current issues. And they give a good view of what is going on. These types of articles are often cited. For example put together all the health benefits of potatoes in an article.
- b. Water use efficiency. An important area for the western states.
- c. Climate change. There is much work in Europe on climate change, from disease to physiology.
- d. Merging PAA with Potato Expo. Some industry members are for and against it. Concerns that we are losing our identity if we do it. Onion, carrot, pickle, cucumber, and sugar beets often join their meetings with the national meeting. A straw poll was proposed for the committee. In 2002 the PAA had a meeting with the Horticulture society and it was the lowest attendance for a PAA meeting. Could poll the growers in each state. Both meeting together will also encourage more people to pay registration for two meetings. Recommend to the Executive committee that we poll our stake holders to see if they would like us at the Potato Expo. This would help get the section involved more in the Potato Expo committees. Invite John Keeling to PAA next year to see how we work these things.
- e. A motion was made that the officers of the section should contact NPC to integrate this section to help and provide input into planning subcommittees for the Potato Expo. How can this committee help with planning of the NPC to bring technical assistance? (motion passed)
- f. Keep the Past President of the PAA informed of what is going on as a matter of courtesy.

10. Election of Officers

Vikram Bisht was nominated and then elected to be the Secretary. Andrew Robinson will become the Vice Chair, and Carrie Wohleb will be chair.

Andrew Robinson, Secretary

Physiology Monday July 29, 2013

The Physiology Section met dans la sale de Colline in Hotel Chateau Laurier at 5:00 PM. Fifteen members were in attendance: Sastry Jayanty, Mohan Kumar, Rick Knowles, Rhett Spear, Jeff Suttle, Ed Lulai, Steve Watts, Andy Robinson, Loretta Mikitzel, John Walsh, Larry Hiller, Sanjay Gupta, Dave England, & Kent McCue.

- 1. The meeting was called to order by Kent McCue (for Roy Navarre, Chair) and introductions were done.
- 2. The 2012 section meeting minutes were reviewed by the attendees. There were no objections and the published minutes were accepted without change.
- 3. Old business:
 - a. Review of section symposium ideas from 2012. Extensions and certification have not had a symposium in recent years. Discussed doing a multi-sectional symposium with acrylamide. Idea to have 1-2 people to help put symposium together. It was mentioned that Paul Bethke may already be leading organization of this symposium concept as of the 2012 meeting. It was suggested that Kent contact Paul to ensure that this moves forward. Rick Knowles proposed the physiological importance of processes around acrylamide. Jeff Suttle proposed Simplot present Innate Technology for invertase focusing on the science for sugar metabolism and amino acid metabolism. Consensus was to have talks focus on; (1.) The basic problems of acrylamide in the industry, (2.) Simplot – Innate technologies, (3.)

Breeding programs/strategies, (4.) Adjusting processing to mitigate acrylamide, (5.) Sugar metabolism talk in potato, (6.) Amino acid metabolism talk, (7.) Presentation of SCRI grant results of acrylamide project. It was hoped that this would give diversity to the symposium. Decided to target 2015 for this symposium. Suggested that AJ Bussan could help co-chair the event with Paul Bethke. Potential people that we would like to come and speak on these topics – AJ Bussan (WI), Paul Bethke (MI), Haven Baker (Simplot), Craig Richael (Simplot), Rich Novy (USDA-Idaho), Susie Thompson, Christian Thill, Joe Sowokinos, ??? Steup (Germany), Leigh Morrow (McCain's). Jeff Suttle offered to potentially help financially with rentals from USDA Meeting dollars. Sponsor development for the section symposium. Financial decisions were not made.

4. New Business:

- a. How to get more members to attend. Loretta proposed moving section meeting to Monday morning breakfast meeting time slot. Proposal was accepted by the group.
- b. Physiology key note speaker for the section meeting – Have a local speaker come and discuss current events in the area for physiology. This would hopefully give better direction to the meeting to plan future activities.

3. Nomination and confirmation of officers:

- Chair: Sanjay Gupta
- Vice-Chair: Jake Blauer
- Secretary: Rhett Spear (newly elected)
- 1-Year Director: Andy Robinson
- 2-Year Director: John Walsh (newly elected)

Adjourned

Attendees:

Sastry Jayanty, Mohan Kumar G.N., Rick Knowles, Ed Lulai, Jeff Suttle, Steve Watts, Andy Robinson, Loretta Mikitzel, John Walsh, Larry Hiller, Sanjay Gupta, Kent McCue, Rhett Spear, Dave England, Kent McCue.

Respectfully submitted,
Jake Blauer, Secretary

Plant Protection Section Meeting
July 29, 2013

The meeting was attended by 36 people.

1. Call to Order by Phillip Wharton
2. Approval of Agenda (See below items 3-6)
3. Area Reports
 - a. Pacific Northwest: higher incidence of Fusarium
 - 1) Early blight showed up earlier than normal
 - 2) Frost in early June causing seed decay, yet emergence was good due to warmer weather in May.
 - 3) No zebra chip in Idaho yet, however there have been reports of infected plants in the Columbia Basin.
 - 4) 3 psyllis positive for Lso bacterium in Idaho so far, a smaller amount than last year
 - 5) PVY may be of concern this year.
 - 6) Purple top symptoms in the Basin

- 7) Potato tuber worm more prevalent in the Columbia Basin this year.
 - 8) PVY in Colorado
- b. Midwest: light blight found in Michigan for the first time in 3 years: US 23
- 1) 3 finds of late blight in Wisconsin, also US23
 - 2) Kentucky found late blight on tomatoes
 - 3) White mold bad this year particularly in fields treated with chlorothalonil and manzate
 - 4) Botritis also prevalent
 - 5) Increased spraying for Colorado beetles in MI. Beetles particularly bad this year.
- 6) Fusarium incidence prevalent early on. Documented insensitivity to difenconazole and azoxystrobin.
- c. North East: late blight found along the east coast from Florida through New Jersey up to Maine.
- 1) Dry weather in Maine in June put a damper on late blight. Recent rains have seen a resurgence in outbreaks.
 - 2) No seed issues.
 - 3) Leaf hoppers in Maine, PVY lingering in the background.
- d. British Columbia: late blight hit hard in the spring but has died down as it heated up in the summer.
- e. Alaska: leaf roll
- 1) Wants disease pictures all in one place of actual symptoms in the field
4. Invited Review Ideas
- a. Pectobacterium in Scotland-Ivan K. Toth
 - b. Colorado Beetle
 - c. Presentation Reviews
 - d. Common Scab by Leslie A. Wanner
 - e. White Mold
 - f. Aphids and PVY
 - g. Importance of Beneficials in Potatoes- Bill Schnider
 - h. Mini Reviews-allows for more specific updates and information
 - i. Entomology vs. Plant Pathology
 - j. Resistance management from all disciplines on a single crop
5. Brief presentation from Aidee Orozco Global Director, Agronomy CSR, McCain Foods to seek collaborators for research on Agronomy, Corporate Social Responsibility Program.

Topics to include:

- a. Green solutions, carbon footprint and water regulation
- b. Organic production: ideal
- c. More benign alternatives to chemicals; wants to reduce pesticide use
- d. Wants basic and applied research on the most important problems

6. Election of 2014 officers

Chair: Eric Wenninger
Secretary: Phill Wharton
Treasurer: Bob Davidson

7. Budget: \$1,621.81 interest accumulated: \$.05
Dues: \$2 a person
 8. Meeting adjourned.
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Utilization and Marketing
Monday, July 29, 2013

1. Jeff Bragg brought meeting to order.
2. Robert Gareau made motion to approve last year's minutes seconded by Bret Nedrow, vote unanimous.
3. New Business
 - a. Discussion about Utilization and Marketing Symposium in Spokane, Washington 2014. This meeting will be chaired by Dr. Joe Guenthner, University of Idaho. Joe will start the symposium with stating facts of declining consumption in developed countries, particularly North America.
 - b. Decided upon short 20-minute presentation on 8 topics.
 - c. Raise money for the symposium will be on be slate with the idea to bring new memberships to PAA. In addition thoughts are to present panel of symposium to attendees of NPC meeting in San Antonio, Texas January 2014.
 - d. Who do we bring in? As many PAA members as possible as expertise is within organization. Also should elevate the Utilization and marketing within the organization.
 - e. Symposium:
 - 1) "Title": "Product innovation to increase potato demand"
 - f. Where are we at?
 - g. Facts
 - h. Why?
 - i. The return to the true health food!
 - j. 8 speakers
 - k. General Topics
 - 1) Hak-Tae Lim-breeding for health
 - 2) Sustainability (Yves LeClerc or Leigh Morrow)
 - 3) Simplot Plant Sciences
 - 4) Little Potato Company or small potatoes

- 5) Boutique Potatoes Snacks-such as Tim's Cascade Chips or others
 - 6) Fresh Cut from Europe-will research to find individual and this is where travel money to be spent
 - 7) Five Guys-Jeff to speak with Rick Miles who procures the leading new fast food chain
 - 8) Development of Varieties (Robert and Jeff) both internationally and North American
- I. Panel Discussion of speakers at end: Chris Voigt may be asked to attend and speak as we are in Washington State. It will be necessary to coordinate the committee immediately so we can prepare this exciting symposium.
4. This was the largest turnout in this committee and included Nora Olsen as well as 11 others! It is encouraging to see this group gain momentum. It is important to all of PAA organization to have this group be more active and symposium to be a success in Spokane.
 5. Request in writing for the \$3,000 needed and given during Executive Committee meeting on Tuesday.
 6. A motion was placed to keep same board and add Rebecca Jones as Secretary. It was a unanimous vote.
 - Chairman-Jeff Bragg
 - Vice Chairman-Bret Nedrow
 - Secretary-Rebecca Jones

Bret Nedrow acted as secretary as Gina Greenway did not attend.

Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Bret Nedrow

S. Executive Committee Actions – Review and ratification

- (a) accepted the request from the Plant Protection Symposium Committee for up to \$3,000 to support the symposium in 2013.
- (b) accepted the new five year Springer contract effective January 13, 2013.
- (c) agreed to pay the \$1,150 color page charges for Joe Munyaneza's Invited Review.
- (d) installed Shelley Jansky as Invited Review Senior Editor, and reinstalled Michele Konschuh as Production and Management Senior Editor until September, 2013, at which time Jeff Stark will be installed as Production and Management Senior Editor.
- (e) accepted the proposal submitted by Kelly Wildman for the PAA website improvement/conversion with a total budget of \$4,000
- (f) provided the Quebec LAC with up to \$2,500 for the centennial/LAC gift of a coaster set
- (g) **Bylaws** (deletions are indicated by a strike-through and insertions are underlined)

I. Membership and Dues

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.

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, 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.

VII. Standing Committees

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.

- (h) agreed to receive the investment distribution of \$1,667.00 from the Frank L Haynes Graduate Student Research Award Endowment Fund for 2013 to be used for the 2013 graduate student awards and associated expenditures and any unused portion of that go to a separate savings account.
- (i) accepted Michigan as the host of the 2016 annual meeting.
- (j) accepted the Physiology Section symposium on acrylamide for 2015.

- (k) accepted a procedure for crosschecking corresponding authors of submitted AJPR manuscripts against a publication fees delinquency list to prevent publication of further manuscripts by that corresponding author until fees due have been paid.
- (l) appointed John Bamberg as Editor-in-Chief for another 2 year term.
- (m) approved up to \$3,000 for the Utilization and Marketing 2014 symposium.
- (n) approved the University Credit Union passbook savings account and three CD accounts to be converted into five 1- to 5-year sequentially expiring CD accounts, eventually all becoming 5-year term CDs.
- (o) opposed removing the General Endowment Fund distribution of \$6,095.00 and establish a separate savings account.
- (p) approved a 3% raise in Administrator's salary effective January 1, 2014.
- (q) approved the increase in Treasurer and Secretary stipends from \$1,000 per year to \$2,000 per year each, effective January 1, 2014.
- (r) accepted the 2014 budget – details to be presented by the Chair of the Finance Committee.

MOTION moved, seconded and passed to accept item (a) as presented.

MOTION moved, seconded and passed to accept item (b) as presented.

MOTION moved, seconded and passed to accept item (c) as presented.

MOTION moved, seconded and passed to accept item (d) as written.

MOTION moved, seconded and passed to accept item (e) as written.

MOTION moved, seconded and passed to accept item (f) as written.

MOTION moved, seconded and unanimously passed to accept item (g) as written.

MOTION moved, seconded and passed to accept item (h) as presented.

MOTION moved, seconded and passed to accept items (i) and (j) as presented.

After discussion, it was agreed that only corresponding authors be held responsible for delinquent publication fees and secondary authors should not be blacklisted for something that they have no control over or that is not their responsibility.

MOTION moved, seconded and passed (2 abstentions) to accept item (k).

MOTION moved, seconded and passed (1 abstention) to accept items (l) and (m) as written.

MOTION moved, seconded and passed (1 abstention) to accept item (n) as presented.

MOTION moved, seconded and passed (1 abstention, one nay) to accept (o) as written.

MOTION moved, seconded and passed to accept item (p) as written.

MOTION moved, seconded and passed (1 abstention) to accept item (q) as presented.

Discussion about the proposed 2014 budget centered on the costs associated with the graduate student research competition awards and the endowment pay-outs.

MOTION moved, seconded and passed to cease discussion about the proposed 2014 budget.

MOTION moved seconded and passed to accept item (r) as presented.

New Business

Mike Thornton suggested that the Finance Committee consider how the multiple year membership payment will affect the PAAs ability to raise or change annual membership dues.

T. Recognition of Québec Hosts

President Morrow called upon newly installed The Potato Association of America President Nora Olsen to provide recognition for the exceptional efforts of the Québec Local Arrangements Committee in

hosting the 97th Annual Meeting of The Potato Association of America. Olsen offered the following "Resolution of Appreciation":

Whereas the 97th Annual Meeting of The Potato Association of America was held in Québec City, Québec, Canada from July 28 to August 1, 2013; and,

Whereas the meetings were hosted by an enthusiastic and well-organized Local Arrangements Committee under the able direction of Co-chairs André Gagnon and Réal Brière who welcomed and graciously hosted more than 230 delegates and 20 accompanying persons from 19 states, 8 provinces, and 9 countries, with the support of 21 sponsors; and,

Whereas the Conference Coordinator and the meeting site, with their excellent facilities and assistance, provided an outstanding venue and opportunity to renew friendships, make new acquaintances, and interact with professional colleagues from North and South America and around the globe; and,

Whereas the meeting program provided an excellent forum for sharing scientific information from outstanding presentations through its symposium with 5 presentations, 97 oral presentations, and 34 posters; and,

Whereas participants were provided with opportunities for many varied activities, foods, drink and music, and experiences in a beautiful city and province;

Therefore, let it be resolved that on this 1st day of August we of The Potato Association of America extend our heartfelt and most sincere thanks to the Québec Local Arrangements Committee, their sponsors, and all who contributed to the success of the annual meeting. Please join me to acknowledge a job very well done!

The membership acknowledged Co-chairs André Gagnon and Réal Brière with a standing ovation and applause.

U. Passing of the Gavel

There being no further business, the 97th Annual Business Meeting of the Potato Association of America concluded with the traditional passing of the gavel from outgoing President Leigh Morrow to incoming President Nora Olsen. The membership welcomed the new President with a round of applause.

MOTION moved, seconded and passed to adjourn the 97th Annual Business Meeting at 4:14 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Loretta Mikitzel, PAA Secretary