

Member Business Meeting



Wednesday, July 29, 2026



WELCOME

Benita Garay Litt

President

2025-2026



In Memory

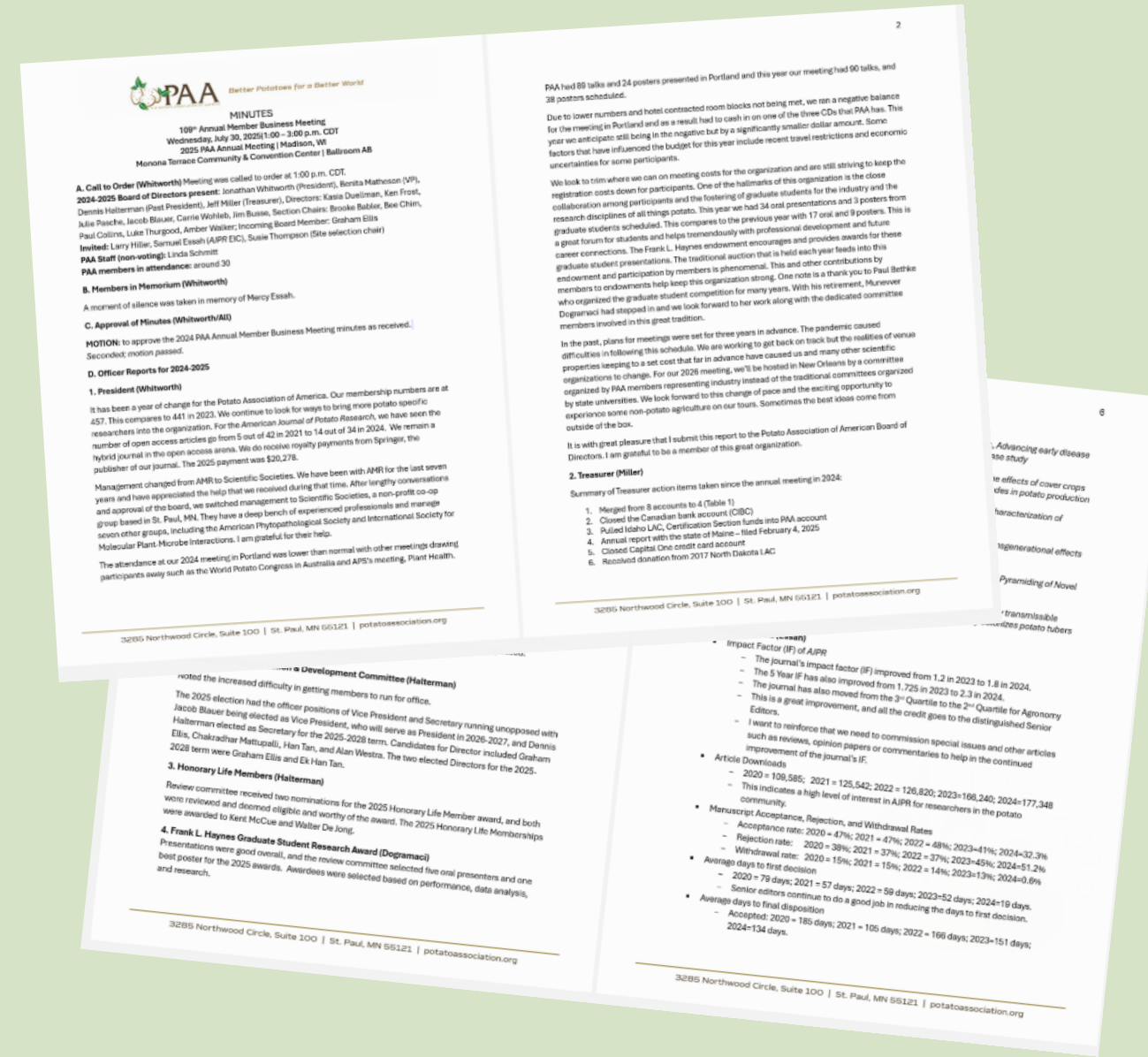
Honoring members we've recently lost

Dennis L. Corsini
George Tai



2025 Member Business Meeting Minutes

- Members ratify meeting minutes



2025-2026 Officer Reports

- President (Benita Garay Litt)
- Vice President (Jacob Blauer)
- Immediate Past President (Jonathan Whitworth)
- Secretary (Dennis Halterman)
- Treasurer (Jeff Miller)
 - Annual Meeting Committee Chair

2026 PAA Annual Report will be published in
December *PAA Connect* and PAA website



President and Vice President Report

Benita Garay Litt, President

Jacob Blauer, Vice President

- Updated Strategic Plan
- Added new activities for students
- Adjusting to the current state of affairs
- Adopting opportunities to partner with outside organizations (EAPR)
- Enhancing greater membership value



Immediate Past President's Report

Jonathan Whitworth

2026 Leadership Development and Awards

- **Board Election:** PAA had great depth in leadership with Vice President and Director candidates, representing both industry and academia.
- **Honorary Life Members:** Honorees have contributed decades of service and coverage from potato regions of Colorado, Washington, North Dakota, and Idaho.



Secretary's Report

Dennis Halterman

- Established the PAA Promotions and Communications Committee
 - Dennis Halterman, PAA Secretary
 - Rabecka Hendricks, University of Idaho
 - Usman Aslam, Colorado State
 - Michelle Odoi, Oregon State
 - Emma Nygren, PAA staff
- Re-launched quarterly newsletter as *PAA Connect*
 - First issue published December 2025
 - **Next issue:** September 2026
- Engaged with EAPR
 - Discussed opportunities for future joint conferences and webinars
- Enhanced Board Documentation and Record Management
 - Worked with PAA Staff to improve recordkeeping and maintain Board activity records

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Treasurer's Report

Jeff Miller

Year-to-Date Income = \$84,141

- Individual Memberships: \$36,420
- Sustaining Memberships: \$9,500
- Webinar income: \$196
- Bank interest: \$2,029
- Springer Royalty: \$35,996

Year-to-Date Expenses = \$72,928

- Personnel expense: \$55,457
- Member services: \$796
- Publication expense: \$1,274
- Administrative expenses: \$4,351
- Other expenses: \$11,050

Operating Profit Year-to-Date: \$11,213

The annual meeting will operate at a loss in 2026

A financial summary of the meeting will be shared once available.





Future PAA Meetings Q&A



Thank You Board of Directors 2025–2026



Benita Garay Litt
President



Jacob Blauer
Vice President



Jonathan Whitworth
Immediate Past President



Jeff Miller
Treasurer



Dennis Halterman
Secretary



Jim Busse
Director



Kasia Duellman
Director



Graham Ellis
Director



Ken Frost
Director



E. Han Tan
Director



Carrie Wohleb
Director

THANK YOU

Outgoing Board Members



Jonathan Whitworth

Immediate Past President 2025-2026
President 2024-2025



Carrie Wohleb

Director
2023-2026

Passing of Presidential Gavel



Benita Garay Litt

2025-2026 President



Jacob Blauer

2026-2027 President



Jake Blauer

President 2026-2027





Welcome Board of Directors 2026-2027



Jacob Blauer
President



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Vice President



Benita Garay Litt
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Director



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Director



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Director

PAA 2027 Annual Meeting

July 25-28, 2027
Minneapolis, Minnesota



Meeting Adjourns

Up Next:

12:30 pm Award Ceremony & Luncheon

Salon D-E

