

**The Potato Association of America 98th Annual Meeting Spokane, Washington,
USA July 27–July 31, 2014**

ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, July 31, 2014

President Nora Olsen called the 98th Annual Meeting of The Potato Association of America to order at 1:31 pm in Spokane, Washington, USA. A quorum of members was present.

President Olsen asked for a moment of silence as a tribute to PAA members and friends who passed away since the last business meeting: Paul Mosher, Doug Johansen, Edward Jones, Jim Zalewski, Henry (Eric) Davies, and Mary Ann Sieczka.

President Olsen asked for additions to the agenda. There was a request to include a discussion about scheduling dates for the annual meeting. This was added to the agenda.

MOTION moved, seconded and passed to approve the Annual Business Meeting agenda as amended.

MOTION moved, seconded and passed to approve the minutes of the 97th Annual Business Meeting as printed in the AJPR 91(1):6–29.

President Report

Executive Committee: In addition to the initial meeting in Quebec City on August 1, 2013, the EC held eight conference calls: October 8, 2013, November 12, 2013, December 3, 2013, February 11, 2014, March 11, 2014, April 8, 2014, May 13, 2014, and June 11, 2014.

Identified and welcomed Carrie Wohleb as the association's Secretary in October 2014

Foster international connections:

- The PAA donated a set of journals, American Journal of Potato Research and American Potato Journal, for the years 1953 through 2008 to the All-Russian Research Institute for Plant Protection. This effort was initiated by Shelley Jansky with the intent to supply a resource for research and student education in Russia and initiate a contact between the
- Worked with the International Relations Committee and the CO LAC in identifying specific means to invite and fund an international guest, Anton Haverkort, to present and be part of the 2014 annual meeting in Spokane. This was the initial action of the committee to actively engage and pay for international speakers.
- Participated and also represented the PAA at the European Association of Potato Research conference in Belgium. This facilitated connections with CIP and other global colleagues and organizations.

Value and visibility of The PAA.

- Coordinated an additional 7 articles for Spudman magazine (2014). Established with editor Bill Schaefer a "PAA" column dedicated to publishing research and extension materials from PAA members. These articles also prominently display the PAA mission statement and PAA logo. The column will continue in 2015.
- Participated in the PAA booth at the 2014 National Potato Council Potato Expo in San Antonio, Texas.

Graduate student participation.

- Corresponded with the CO LAC on ways to utilize designated funds from the LAC towards graduate student opportunities or activities. Coordination will continue.

Website revitalization.

- Participated on the Outreach (website) committee. Tremendous appreciation goes to Leigh Morrow, Kelly Wildman, Lori Wing and other committee members for their efforts on the website. The new design and member's only sections are accommodating to members and potential members.

Section participation.

- Communicated requests to section chairs on function and logistics of the section to the membership.

AJPR Publication Fees:

- The collection of unpaid publication fees (due PAA) was pursued with letters to some delinquent authors. Additional effort should be made. The EC finalized the delinquent author payment procedures.

Respectfully submitted,
Nora Olsen, President

President-Elect Report

President elect of PAA has few official duties, the primary one being serving as advisor to the Local Arrangements Committee. This was an easy job in 2014 due to the excellent organization of the Washington LAC under the leadership of Mark Pavcek and Raina Spence. The meeting in Spokane has come together without involvement of the executive committee other than the excellent work of PAA Secretary Carrie Wohleb.

Apart from this, the year has been spent learning about the details of PAA's activities and finances, and developing thoughts on how it should best move forward into 2014-15 and beyond.

Respectfully submitted,
Andy Jensen, President-Elect

Vice President Report

The Vice President chairs the Membership Committee and oversees the Constitution and Bylaws Committee. The Membership Committee developed a PAA recruitment brochure that highlights the benefits of membership. The two-sided color brochure is posted on the PAA website as a printable pdf file, and members can print off any number to take with them to meetings. Copies of the brochure were distributed at the PAA booth at the Potato Expo in San Antonio, Texas January, 2014.

The Constitution was amended to reflect changes in how the Treasurer's report is published. The bylaws were amended to include that Honorary Life Members may receive printed copies of the PAA *Insider* and that duties of the Past President were updated to accommodate electronic voting.

Delinquent author payment procedures were drafted, as was the website posting policy.

Respectfully submitted,
Loretta Mikitzel, Vice President

Past President Report

The immediate past president chairs the Honorary Life Membership and Nominating Committees. Past President Leigh Morrow noted that four HLM's will be awarded at tonight's banquet. There were two nominees for Vice President and four nominees for two vacant Director positions.

Secretary Report

The Secretary records all association business during the annual meeting and throughout the year and works with the program committee of the Local Arrangements Committee to organize the program for the annual meeting. Abstracts for the 2013 annual meeting and a record of all association business conducted at the 97th annual meeting were submitted by Past-Secretary Loretta Mikitzel for publishing in the AJPR volume 91:1-74. I was appointed by the Executive Committee (EC) to serve as PAA Secretary on October 1, 2013. The minutes of eight EC teleconferences were recorded since the last annual meeting and are posted in the PAA Members section of the PAA website. The 2014 annual meeting program was prepared from 115 submitted abstracts for 10 symposium presentations, 71 oral presentations, and 34 posters. There were 16 Frank L Haynes Graduate Student Research Competition papers. The symposium was held Monday morning. Two concurrent sessions were arranged for Monday afternoon and Tuesday. One session was held on Thursday morning. Posters were presented on Monday evening.

Respectfully submitted,
Carrie H. Wohleb, Secretary

AJPR Editor-in-Chief Report

July 14, 2014

Editors: S. Essah began as Section Editor for Production and Management in 2014. G. Greenway was added as Section Editor for Economics. The full Editorial Board can be found on the PAA website.

Springer provides PAA with an annual detailed status report which is posted on the PAA website.

Some highlighted statistics on Editorial Board performance (2011, 2012, 2013): Submitted (87, 106, 113), Accepted (47, 66, 64), Days to first response to author (78, 75, 62), Days to final accept decision (158, 162, 131). Over 35 papers are currently in OnLine First print queue. The selected Outstanding Paper for 2013 was by corresponding author R. Knowles: Manipulating stem number, tubers set and size distribution in specialty potato cultivars (p. 470). The Denver Symposium on PVY was published (p. 1). Two Invited Reviews were published, one on drought and salinity tolerance (p. 186), and one on acrylamide in processed potato products (p. 403).

For Journal success metrics in 2013: Full text downloads = 70,700. Five year impact factor = 1.228. Institutions with AJPR access = 9,375. The EB gets prompt and efficient service from Springer personnel.

Respectfully submitted,
John Bamberg, EiC

Treasurer Report

The Treasurer Report can be found posted on the "PAA Members Only" section of The Potato Association of America website at <http://potatoassociation.org/>.

Finance Committee Report

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Administrator Membership Secretary Report

Membership: I was asked last year to give a breakdown of how the membership totals look for those who have paid in advance. The first column shows all of the different membership categories with the year listed for number of members paid ahead under them. The second column shows how many members have paid for 2014. The third column shows how many memberships are paid for from 2015 until 2017 (only Individuals and Students are included in this). I did not break down the Emeritus 10-year for each of the 10 years they will be active. I just show the dates they are paid through. The fourth column shows how many memberships are receiving a copy of the AJPR. I have joined the Individual and Honorary Life Member counts together as they are when sent to Springer Journals.

MEMBERSHIP TYPE	01/01/2014-	01/01/2015-	Paid to Receive
	12/31/2014	12/31/2017	AJPR 2014
Individual (exp. 2014)	393		393+HLM
Individual (exp. 2015)		122	
Individual (exp. 2016)		21	
Individual (exp. 2017)		17	
Student (exp. 2014)	35		1
Student (exp. 2015)		2	
Student (exp. 2016)		4	
Student (exp. 2017)		1	
Sustaining (exp. 2014)	25		24
Emeritus (yearly)(exp. 2014)	3		
Emeritus (yearly)(exp. 2015)		1	
Emeritus (yearly)(exp. 2016)		2	
Emeritus (10-year)(2011-2021)	4		
Emeritus (10-year)(2013-2023)	2		
Emeritus (10-year)(2014-2024)	1		
Honorary	56		14+ID
TOTAL 2014	463		431

Website: The new website is up and running. I have been going through and making sure all information was transferred correctly after finding several pages that had not. Updating of pages will continue like they were on the old site.

PotatoExpo 2014: Thanks to Mother Nature, I was not able to attend this year's Expo. Past President Leigh Morrow also had to change his plans but was still going down the next morning. He stopped by The PAA office to pick up the display and other things I was going to take with me. The letter opener/magnifier/ruler trinket went over well. The PAA buttons I made up were also well received.

PotatoExpo 2015: The National Potato Council included us in the early registration opportunity right after the 2014 event. This year the Expo will be in Orlando. I have my hotel and flight registrations made and I am ready to go. Decisions have to be made on whether to change the display and which trinkets to use next year.

2015 Membership Renewals: Just a reminder that the first renewal notice for 2015 will go out in October as usual. The second and last will go out the end of November. All memberships expire on 12/31/2014 no matter what. When you receive your first invoice, please pay your dues. The PayPal option on the new website is also available and seems to be much easier to pay online than the old system. You will be able to pay multiple years again and you will also be able to do this on PayPal, which you could not with the old system. If you have to submit it to your accounting office, let me know that as well so I can mark your record as 'in process.' Please remind your accounting office that I need them to return a copy of the invoice with the payment so I will know who to give credit to. All checks must

be in US funds written on US banks. If they are written on a bank other than US, please make sure the funds are in US Dollars to avoid exchange rates being charged on this end.

AJPR Printed Copies: Because The PAA has to pay Springer Journals for each copy of the AJPR that is sent out, let me know if you no longer want a printed copy. You will always have electronic access to the AJPR and the American Potato Journal (APJ) as long as your membership is active.

Profile Updates: With the new website, the same as with the old one, if you go in and make any updates to your profile, you need to let me know you have done this so I can update the rest of my records. I do not receive any notification that anything has been changed and it has resulted in bad e-mail addresses and mailing addresses for sending the Journal out.

Respectfully submitted,
Lori Wing, PAA Administrator/Membership Secretary

Archivist Report

Commercial Potato Production in North America: I still have several boxes of the old Commercial Potato Production in North America available for sale. A box of 25 goes for \$18.00 for shipping and handling. If you know of an Extension Office that would be interested, let them know about their availability. If you are going to a potato day this summer, it is a nice informational handbook to hand out.

Inventory of American Potato Journals and AJPR : I plan on bringing a number of sets of the APJ and AJPR to the meeting in Maine next year and will offer them at a special price to move some out of the building. Our international members are still telling me how much their people would love to be able to get some of these copies, but they are expensive to send.

North American Potato Variety Handbook : I found several boxes (100 s) of #4 North American Potato Variety Handbook. I will be bringing them to the Maine meeting for distribution and if anybody else wants a packet in the meantime, let me know. Included in the set is: CalWhite, Century Russet, Chipeta, Goldrush, Itasca, Kanona, Nooksack, Nordonna, Pike, Red Ruby, and Russet Nugget. The price will be for postage, which is \$2.50 per packet. If you want more than one set, we will work something out.

Respectfully submitted,
Lori Wing, PAA Archivist

Frank L. Haynes Graduate Student Research Competition Award Committee Report

Sixteen students were entered into the Frank L. Haynes Graduate Student Competition this year. These young scientists, both Masters and Ph.D. students, hailed from 11 universities including Oregon State University, North Dakota State University, Michigan State University,

the University of Idaho, the University of Florida, the University of Maine, Colorado State University, Washington State University, North Carolina State University and Penn State. Students gave presentations in the Plant Protection (6), Breeding and Genetics (2), Production and Management (5) and Marketing and Utilization (3) sections. The wide geographic distribution of our contestants and breadth of subject matter reflect the importance of the potato industry throughout North America and the diversity of the membership of the Potato Association of America. All seven members of the Frank L. Haynes Graduate Student Competition Committee attended 14 of the student presentations, and at least five members attended the remaining two presentations. The chair of the committee is highly appreciative of the commitment shown to the evaluation process by members of the committee. Students were evaluated on their abstract and on the following five aspects of their presentation: organization, effective use of time, effective use of visuals, presentation style and impact of the research. The score sheet used by judges was redesigned by the committee during the past year and distributed to students entered in the competition in advance of the annual meeting. The committee met on Monday, July 28 and Tuesday, July 29 to compile a set of notes that describes positive aspects of each presentation and suggestions for improvement. The chair will use these notes as the basis for summary evaluation letters that will be sent to each student. Although there were many good presentations, it was the unanimous opinion of the committee that the abstracts and presentations of three students were of sufficient quality to deserve an award. Those students were Laura Markham, first place, for the presentation "Potatoes Can't Take the Heat: Effects of Cultivar and Processing on Global Metabolite/Nutritional Profiles", Christian T. Christensen, second place, for the presentation "Breaking Physiological Dormancy in Tubers of *Solanum chacoense*" and Abigail Sido, third place, for the presentation "Purple and White Potatoes, even after Processing, Suppress Colonic Interleukin-6 Expression, a Pro-inflammatory Cytokine, in a High-fat Consuming Pig Model".

The committee would like to recognize Dr. Hector Lozoya-Saldaña for 12 years of service on the Frank L. Haynes Graduate Student Competition Committee. Dr. Lozoya-Saldaña requested that this be his last year of service. Members of the committee will miss his thoughtful comments and infectious good nature.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis Halterman, Shelley Jansky, Hector Lozoya-Saldaña, Andy Robinson, Leslie Wanner, Jonathan Whitworth, Paul Bethke, Chair

Endowment Committee Report

The Endowment Committee Report can be found posted on the "PAA Members Only" section of The Potato Association of America website at <http://potatoassociation.org/>.

Site Selection Committee Report

The Site Selection Committee met at noon on Monday, July 28, 2014. Committee members attending included Mike Thornton (Chair), Greg Porter (Maine LAC), Rob Davidson (Colorado LAC), Phil Hamm (Oregon LAC), Mark Pavsek (Washington LAC) and Michael Wenkel (Michigan LAC). Other attendees included Andy Jensen, Rich Novy, Gary Secor and Andy Robinson.

The meeting was opened with introductions and an overview of the duties of the committee. The first order of business was to review the bid from North Dakota to host the 2017 meeting. Andy Robinson and Gary Secor provided an overview of the host city (Fargo), venue (Radisson hotel in the downtown area), and possible tours. They already have a good team identified to act as the local arrangements committee. There was some discussion of the meeting format, noting that both Maine and Michigan plan to have the tours on Thursday. The format for the meeting in Fargo has not yet been decided. After this discussion, it was agreed by consensus that the Site Selection Committee would recommend to the EC that ND host the 2017 meeting.

The chair gave an update on possible sites for the 2018 and 2019 meetings. He has been in discussions with groups in ID and TX that are interested in hosting the meeting, but no formal offers have been received. Additional sites that have been suggested include Alberta or Manitoba in Canada, and FL. A suggestion was also made to consider meeting in conjunction with the ALAP in South America at some point. Dr. Secor will contact that group to see where they are scheduled to meet during the next 4 years.

At the request of the EC, the past and future LAC representatives were polled as their experience with using conference services to facilitate planning of the annual meeting. Oregon and Colorado had very positive experiences with their respective university-based conference planning services, and would recommend them as potential entities to work with PAA on a long term basis. Washington has had a less favorable experience with the WSU conference services group. Maine is still too early in the process to tell how their university conference services group will perform. Michigan is using the potato commission staff, as well as a software program call Cvent (<http://www.cvent.com/>) to facilitate website development and track registrations. They have a 4-year license, and would consider working with PAA to utilize this system for future meetings. It was recommended that Michael Wenkel attend the EC meeting on Tuesday to discuss this program. The meeting adjourned at 1:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Mike Thornton, Chair of the Site Selection Committee

Québec LAC 2013

The 97th Annual Meeting of the Potato Association of America was held in Québec City, Québec, Canada at the Hotel Chateau Laurier. Registration: 240 participants (including 20 guests), 176 attended the BBQ, 118 attended the tour, 160 registered for the reception, 141 attended the banquet.

The full report of the Québec LAC 2013 can be found posted on the "PAA Members Only" section of The Potato Association of America website at <http://potatoassociation.org/>."

Respectfully submitted,
André Gagnon, LAC 2013 Co-Chair

Washington LAC 2014

Washington LAC Co-Chair, Mark Pavek, reported that the 98th Annual Meeting of the Potato Association of America had 284 delegates and 19 accompanying persons from 22 states, 7 provinces, and 10 countries. There were 31 sponsors.

Section Meetings

➤ **Breeding and Genetics**

In attendance: Helen Tai, John Bamberg, Leslie Wanner, Sagar Sathuvalli, Dave Douches, Dennis Halterman, Umesh Rosyara, Rich Novy, Maher Alsahlany, Shafiqul Islam, Andy Jensen, Maxime Bastien, Joe Kuhl, Susie Thompson, Dave Ellis, Bader Alsubaie, Mitchell Schumann, Joe Coombs, Max Martin, Jeff Stark, Christian Christensen, Joshua Parsons, Jeroen Bakker, Mark Clough, Jeff Endelman, Greg Porter

P. Bethke gave update about SCRI Acrylamide project

D. Douches: Update about development of 12 K chip. Expected to be ready by end of September through Neogen Company. Increasing genome-wide coverage, increasing SNPs in R gene hot spots, plus eliminate SNPs that didn't work from 8303 array. Chip cost is \$45, plus \$5 for SNP genotyping. Reported on discussion at EAPR about marker platform. Sees a need for low, medium, and high density arrays.

Helen Tai: Will circulate email about ideas for invited review articles for AJPR and send to Shelley Jansky.

Helen Tai: Our section is responsible for PAA Symposium in 2016. Douches volunteers to be liaison to Symposium committee. Possible ideas: cisgenesis, genomic selection. Andy Jensen suggests that we present list of topics this year. Douches argues for broader scope: changing technologies in breeding. Halterman: "Transformative Technologies in Potato Breeding." Andy Jensen reports that we will get small budget from Executive Committee.

Tai nominates Joe Kuhl as secretary for 2014–2015. Second by Creighton Miller. Confirmed by voice vote.

Adjourned.

Submitted by Jeffrey Endelman

➤ **Certification**

Potato Association of America, Certification Section Meeting
Memphis, TN, December 4, 2013

Vice-Chair Kent Sather opened the meeting after introductions at 8:15 AM.

The agenda was approved. Introduction of guest: Dr. Gerry Saddler, Science and Advice for Scottish Agriculture (SASA), Edinburgh, Scotland, UK <http://www.sasa.gov.uk/content/dr-gerry-saddler>, who spoke about the control of blackleg in Scotland: *Pectobacterium atrosepticum* and *Dickeya solani*.

Potato Pathogen Topics:

Virus Management Plan: Alain Boucher CFIA, Rick Zink APHIS. Alain would like to see Canada involved in amending the plan and asked to establish the objectives before amending. Some of the concerns are that if we develop guidelines we should move together to make rule changes if needed. Canada would like to cooperate and move together when changes are implemented, preferably in both countries. Rick and Alain are expected to continue discussions. A working group has been established as mentioned in the last minutes. Quote from last minutes: "*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).*" There had been agreement amongst the agencies to go back to the states. When PMTV was found it was included in the plan to help alleviate concerns about the then recent finds. A concern was expressed about the general 2 % tolerance for tuber necrosis. It seems that the present focus of proposed changes emphasizes PVY. We have to look at other viruses. Questions were raised about controlling PVY by tuber inspection, when most varieties are symptomless. It may be helpful to look at inspection results and testing results. PMTV is sporadically distributed in the tuber which makes testing less reliable. It will be valuable to determine the incidence tuber necrosis at tuber inspection. Alain Boucher suggested that a collective management plan could give leverage in negotiating with Mexico.

The question to be asked to the states is whether to keep PMTV and TRV in the plan and whether amendments to the plan should only concentrate on PVY. Idaho was said to want to maintain the tuber necrotic aspect. Alain Boucher said that Canada has gone to a total tolerance of 2 % for internal defects.

Action item is for the state agencies to get back to Rick Zink, who will be in contact with Alain Boucher.

Potato Wart: containment and continuing surveillance, Canada. Trevor Ye reported that the current management plan existed since March 9, 2009. In the last years there was a post harvest field inspection which consisted of walking fields, and examining tubers. Surveyed were about 99 % of the fields at a minimum of 3,000 tubers per field at harvest. It included inspections of culls. Most of reports about the presence of potato wart came from the industry. Two recent finds in September 2012, were quarantined. In August 2013 there were discoveries of potato wart at primary contact fields through bio-assay in green house in Charlottetown. There was no potato crop in those fields. The 2012 fields became index fields and created new restrictions. There has not been a positive find in an adjacent field that was not connected in another way. In 2013 finds were connected to the St Eleanor find in 2012. Lynn Evans Goldner of APHIS has visited P.E.I. There is a total of 13 Index

fields, 22 adjacent, 70 primary, 554 other contact fields. Other trading partners have accepted seed from P.E.I. based on the program. Every field that has been surveyed and found free from and not related in any other way to potato wart is considered free from.

Deregulation of Soybean Cyst Nematode (SCN) in Canada and adjustments to potato import requirements. Alain Boucher, CFIA said that since November 25, 2013, SCN is not regulated in Canada anymore. What used to be considered infected areas are of no concern anymore to CFIA. The directives are updated D96-05 and D98-01. They are on the web.

PCN Updates, future Canada, US. Jonathan Jones, APHIS reported that New York Golden Nematode (GN) Program is an active plan since the 40's. 1.3 m acres regulated. Regulated areas are reduced to concentrate on fields and associated fields. Number of potato fields that were historically infested, but have been without potatoes and have now been tested and with a negative results are eligible for reduction of restrictions until potatoes have been grown 4 more times and are still negative. Other formerly infected fields are out of potatoes and they are trying to reduce the restrictions. The regulated area has been reduced by 347,609 acres since 2010. Two pending changes for 2014 could total an additional reduction of 600,000 more acres. Infestation remains limited to 5,985 acres in parts of eight counties of New York State. 6,672 soil samples were collected from 2,595 acres in 19 New York counties. Challenges are in the funding. Still 6,000 acres under restrictions and several tens of thousand acres associated.

Nine fields are entered into the in-field bioassay deregulation system, 7 upstate, 2 on Long Island. Seven fields have had three successive crops of GN susceptible potatoes with a negative survey after each crop. These fields are eligible for release from quarantine restriction. To date no viable nematode cysts have been detected in any fields undergoing the in-field bioassay process.

Cornell University has released potato varieties resistant to golden nematode.

In Idaho the pale cyst has been detected in 21 fields, all located within a 5-mile radius spanning parts of southern Bonneville County and northern Bingham County, Idaho. Since program inception, approximately 50,400 acres have been regulated due to their infestation or association with an infested field. Non-infested, associated fields have been eligible for federal deregulation following a sequence of soil surveys with no detections. To date, 37,680 acres have been released from federal regulation. The current pale cyst nematode regulated area is 13,053, of which, 2,300 acres are infested fields.

The pale cyst nematode laboratory in Idaho Falls has screened nearly >480,000 soil samples collected from 21 Idaho counties and approximately 48,478 samples from other potato-producing states. There have been no pale cyst detections in the U.S. outside of Idaho.

Eradication Efforts: All 9 fields detected in 2007–2008 are at 0 % viability using a stain. One field has completed 3 rounds of greenhouse bioassay at University of Idaho. This field will remain regulated until the next 4 surveys post host crop

Research Efforts at the University of Idaho and ARS in Washington, New York, Idaho and Oregon; Oregon State University:

Trap Crops: *Solanum sisymbriifolium* (Litchi tomato). Hatching Factor: Chemical compounds produced by host plants stimulating cyst hatch. Biocontrol/Biofumigant: Fungi and Rapeseed meal. Developing pale cyst nematode resistant varieties of russet potatoes. There was a science meeting in March 2013.

Canada is still following the guidelines as far as export to the US is concerned. It is time to revisit Saanich area in BC. They are in the 4th year of a 5 year plan. Many samples are negative. IN Alberta one field is de-regulated, one field in AB waits for potato crop to be deregulated. Working group discussing possible changes to the guidelines.

Early detection of bacterial ring rot (BRR) and regulatory actions: Alain Boucher, CFIA gave an overview of what Canada is doing concerning BRR control. (His presentation is attached) In 1970 Canada started its Elite Seed Potato Program. Legislative authority in Seeds Act and Seeds Regulations. Field to be free for 2 years after BRR occurrence, including volunteers. The whole farm is decertified and clean-up is verified. The directive, D-97-12 is for domestic programs and D-95-18 is for investigation. D-97-08 covers nuclear production.

“Detection” means testing at least 2 seed lots per farm unit and all E2, E3, E4 and Foundation seed lots shipped are to be tested. There is an increase in CFIA presence and sample size when BRR is recently detected. Export, domestic inspections. Import interceptions.

The goal of an “investigation” is to determine origin of infection and prevent further spread. Sample sizes prescribed are depending on the size of the field. More intensive sampling is also prescribed, when BRR has occurred. Samples are collected by the grower. If BRR is found CFIA supervision lasts for 6 years. On a seed lot BRR testing is done first, then virus testing. Stems or tubers are selected at random. Samples are kept separate.

“Laboratory testing” means early detection before symptoms are expressed. BRR symptoms are confirmed. Test methods are monoclonal ELISA for 1H3 screening and IMF with monoclonal 9A1&PCR to confirm. CFIA has approved laboratories. A BRR positive is sent to Charlottetown for confirmation.

Investigations mean: Notifying the grower, decertification of whole farm, notifying past customers, notifying provincial and growers association and disposal, cleaning and detection. If some of the seed lot already has exported to another country, that country will be notified.

If a sample is found positive, all lots on farm are tested. Sister lots are also tested. If test results are negative they stop testing, but if one tests positive this becomes a new index lot. "Success" depended on early detection, elimination of infected and associated lots, cleaning and disinfection, preventing new introductions and mandatory planting of certified seed. The program also existed of registration of seed farms, planting of Foundation or better seed adhering to developed testing protocols, regulations on pathogen free material, eliminating the pathogen when found and cleaning and disinfection,

Local authorities initiated eradication they implemented provincial acts and regulations, prescribing that growers plant certified seed potatoes, apply farm hygiene, maintain a copy of all BRR lab. tests and inform their inspector.

Official status of BRR in Canada is a "regulated non quarantine pest". That means it is under official control. Gery Saddles said that in Europe the sample size 200 tubers per 25 t with more tubers from high risk lots.

Canadian Seed Potato Quality Management Program (SPQMP) update: Alain Boucher reported that the program is a government initiative. We are looking at the comments and have contact with APHIS.

The Standards do not change. CFIA remains responsible for phyto-sanitary certification. Quarantine pests need to be reported as well as regulated non quarantine pests. CFIA audits and supervises on farm inspections. Under the Canadian Seed Act and regulations seed certification means that when a grower receives a growing crop certificate there is seed on the farm,

Phyto aspects are addressed under the Plant Protection Act and Regulations. They look at import requirements, BRR test, PCN results, PW surveys before they issue a phyto.

Under the SPQMP a farm unit is registered with CFIA. That means the crops are inspected and then a grower applies for SPTQMP. When approved for SPTQMP the grower is licensed. The grower/representative monitors tuber grade quality and completes CFIA documents for movement. CFIA audits one per 4 weeks of shipping and one at end of shipping. The probation period is at a minimum 1 per 2 weeks shipping and 1 at end of shipping.

The grower has to address any non-compliance. Grower is maintained in the program unless he fails an audit and does not address non-compliance issues.

The necessity of the program is that much seed moves in a very short time in bulk and staffing is difficult.

Alain Boucher said that CFIA hears the US concerns and tries to address those concerns.

A concern expressed by Tom Wessel, Dave Lavway was that somebody with a financial interest may sign a phyto. Alain Boucher indicated that they have not seen complaints from customers. CFIA looks at ways to keep the inspection credible. We depend on high quality seed. This has been in place for a number of years. The program suffered from growth in the industry. Additional resources were not available. This has been our solution to keep a credible program. We look at critical control points. There is no change in documents. Record of bulk movement is written by the grower. For re-certification the lots are inspected. Question from Canada whether we can maintain the status quo. For recertification the record of bulk movement and the phyto and the NA plant health certificate can be provided. For re-certification the lot is still shipping point inspected. Seed lots have been looked at by CFIA. Oregon needs a statement that CFIA looked at the lot. Wisconsin needs equivalency to state requirements of certification i.e. shipping point inspection. Colorado and Nebraska need shipping point inspection. Under the PVY Management Plan a third party needs to cut seed for necrosis. Washington, Idaho and North Dakota expect to need shipping point inspection. If a US inspector sees problems at destination CFIA expects to receive a phone call. If CFIA knows that a lot goes for re-certification CFIA inspects the lot. Idaho and all other states need documentation at application time indicating that the lot was inspected. Alain Boucher indicated that the in the total amount of seed exported to the US the portion of seed for re-certification is small enough to be taken care of by inspectors; a third part service providers may be a solution?

NAPPO Potato Panel Activities: Richard Zink reported that most panels have been decommissioned and projects are scrutinized. NAPPO seems to get away from panels towards projects. The NAPPO website has and papers on sprout inhibitors, i.e. their value to prevent planting and papers on PVY and recombinant strains. The NAPPO working group has to look at repercussions of PVY paper. Pest lists needs to be kept up-to-date.

ISPM 33 is for the movement of mini tubers. Europe is pushing to export mini-tubers to North America. Equivalency with NAPPO region standard is looked at. Alain Boucher is chair of potato panel. There is an obligation to align to the IPPC standard, ISPM 3.

Garden Seed Sales – Certified or not? Nina Zidack asked how garden seed transported across state lines is regulated. Montana regulates seed potatoes coming in but wants to know how other states regulate garden seed that comes in. Montana tested garden seed for virus and found 36 % of lots with PVY at an average of the positive lots being 40 % PVY. There seems to be no regulation. It is a problem. Efforts have been made to close down web sites or stop sale of potatoes that are not certified but still sold as seed.

UNECE report: Willem Schrage asks for interest for the UNECE potato inspection guide.

PAA Business Meeting – Certification Section

The Chair, Tom Wessels opened the meeting. The 2012 min (Memphis) were duly moved and seconded and accepted as distributed. The Treasurers Report of Kent Sather was accepted after being duly moved and seconded. The General Agency Survey as managed by Jeff McMorran was said to be on the PAA website and the Oregon State website. Bill Campbell suggested filling out the BRR portion. The acreage report had been collected by Robert Davidson and was now managed by Kent Sather, who suggested developing a website where each agency could fill out their data. Alan Westra volunteered to contact AOSCA, where acres and varieties of other crops are on their website.

Other updates

a) The PVY working group had been established last year. Dr. Zink and Alain Boucher are Co-chairs. Several other members as well. The issues had been discussed in earlier meetings.

b) On the Regulations Overview Summary - Susie has three changes and will submit them to Lori.

c) North American Certified Seed Potato Health Certificate is good in Excel format. Some agencies use it as a template. Alain Boucher suggested writing all testing done during the production of mini tubers as required in the Canadian regulations on the health certificate. When one needs a health certificate from Canada the most expedient way may well be asking the grower directly, because the information on the certificate is the grower's.

d) Post Harvest survey. Steve Marquardt has one more change and will submit it.

e) PAA certification section Web page. No new information.

f) Latent virus list. Jeff McMorran made the list available to the people at the meeting.

g) Agency contact list. Jeff McMorran uses the list for the Certification mailing list.

Elections: Second Year Director, Trevor Yu (Canada), First Year Director, Ellis Additon (Maine), Vice-chair, Jeff McMorran (Oregon), Chair and Treasurer, Kent Sather (Colorado), Secretary, Willem Schrage (North Dakota).

The PAA Summer meeting is in Spokane. Date and time next year winter meeting depends on Pablo Guzman as chair of the NPC seed certification subcommittee.

Other business. Jeff Axford thanked Bill Campbell because of his pending retirement for his many years of service.

Adjourned at 5.42 PM. Submitted by Willem Schrage

➤ ***Extension, Production and Management***

Start of Meeting: 6:45 am on Tuesday, July 29, 2014

Area Reports:

New Brunswick: Long cold and wet spring. Planting was mostly mid-May to 17 June. July 4th hurricane brought 6" rains, but the dry ground soaked it all up and there was hardly any run off. Presently the crop is looking good. No late blight in the fields. Late blight infected tomato seedlings were reported from retail box-stores. European corn borer also reported in some fields.

PEI: As in NB, late blight was reported from tomato seedlings in box chain stores. Crop went in late and is catching up. Doing well, as in NB.

Alberta: Later than normal for planting. Acres are holding on as compared to 2013. Education campaign for late blight management for Alberta.

Quebec: Delayed planting. Trying to get water in fields. First inspection has gone well.

Manitoba: Most of the planting delayed to mid-May and mid-June. There was some replanting in some fields. No late blight reported for 2014; early blight is low. Acres reduced by over 6000 acres compared to 2013. Intermittent rains, mostly good moisture, but some supplementary irrigation is needed.

Maine: Planting was delayed by 1 week. Late blight was reported on potato in Mars Hill, ME area, in low lying spots. Moisture is okay.

New York: Significant acreage reduced from 1914 to 2014. Acres reduced to now 15,000; has been around this for a few years. Good rains, but no excess. Chipping 50 %, table 45 % and seed 5 % of total potatoes.

Wisconsin: Cold start for the season. About a week delay in planting. In June received ½ of the normal annual rainfall (15–20"). Need warmer weather to finish the crop. Late blight (US #8) identified and reported this season.

Minnesota: Cold spring delayed start by about 1 week. There was 15" of rain in May and June. Early N leached. The crop is looking good now. Temperatures have been cooler on average this year. There have been some soft rot and related issues in field.

North Dakota: Long cold spring; delayed planting by 1–2 weeks. Intermittent rains. Crop ranges from flooded out fields to good fields. Good bulking weather this summer. No late blight reported.

Colorado: Start of planting by 8th of April. Hail showers on 3000 acres. Planted acres up to 55,000 acres. Top-killing in some seed fields next week (1st week in August).

Idaho: Nice spring. Crop is looking nice. Potato psyllids have started showing up. There are concerns about potential price due to old crop still in storage. Acres are up by 6 K-7000. Production area elevation ranges from 2000 to 6000 ft. East side ID – Rhizoctonia and seed decay seen. Not much rain. Green manure issue/impact on emergence reported.

Oregon: Severe winter with no precipitation in Nov, Dec and Jan. There was damage to canola and winter wheat. Spring has been dry. Planted acres increased by 4000 acres. Crops are generally 2 weeks ahead. It has been a hot summer (106°F) and the crops are looking rough. In southern Columbia Basin two potato psyllids were found positive for bacterial infection. No zebra chip seen yet.

Washington: Early planting. Cool and nice spring. The early processing and fresh pack crop looks good and is about a week early. The rest of the crop is still looking good; but it has been hot and the crop will probably be set back. Purple top has been observed in many fields. Potato psyllid numbers have been fewer compared to same time last year. Rumors of late blight but not confirmed, yet.

NPC Poster Session (Leigh Morrow): There were 16 posters and 14 authors. Many authors could not attend due to weather issues. Location of posters was good, and had a lot of traffic. Promotional materials were picked up more from the poster area, as compared to the PAA booth. Posters have been posted on NPC website. Rob Davidson (CO) – PAA should consider this event as a “teachable moment” and select topics for poster for future meetings. Phil Nolte (ID) – since the meeting is in January, there is enough time to set posters and topics. Next PotatoExpo will be in Orlando, FL on January 7–9, 2015. Notice for posters should be sent out in Oct.

Future EP&M symposium: 2010 was the last EP&M symposium. Rob Davidson (CO) – we should pair up with other section(s) for topics of importance e.g. Food safety, sanitation, education of consumers. Now there are only 6 sections in PAA. 2016 Symposium to be organized by Breeding and Genetics. EP&M could consider 2018, emphasizing “Remote Sensing for Plant Protection” Carl Rosen / Don Horneck selected to chair this future symposium. Talk length for symposium – consider changing from 15 to 30 min. Not much discussion.

Nomination for EP&M section for 2015: Secretary: Raina Spence (WA State Potato Commission); Chair: Andy Robinson; Vice Chair: Vikram Bisht

Clarification of EP&M Officer Responsibilities: Past Chair – sends out nomination requests for Outstanding Extension Award. Carrie Wohleb, as the Past Chair of EP&M will create a written clarification of the procedures.

Motion to adjourn: 7:40 am

Submitted by Vikram Bisht

➤ **Physiology**

The Physiology Section met in the Porter room of the Davenport hotel at 4:30 pm. Thirteen members were in attendance: Rick Knowles, Rhett Spear, Jeff Suttle, Ed Lulai, Andy Robinson, Kent McCue, Daniel Zommick, Luke Thurgood, Jake Blauer, Michele Konschuh, John Walsh, Sherilyn Peck, and Mike Lewis.

The meeting was called to order by Kent McCue and Jeff Suttle (for Sanjay Gupta, Chair) and introductions were done.

The 2013 section meeting minutes were reviewed by the attendees. There were no objections and the published minutes were accepted without change.

Old business:

How to get more people to the section meeting. A proposal was made and accepted 1 year ago to schedule a breakfast section meeting. The proposal was forgotten until just prior to the 2014 meeting and therefore was not scheduled during breakfast. The proposal to have a breakfast meeting was made and accepted for the 2015 meeting.

New Business:

Proposals were made for symposium speakers for the 2015 PAA meeting.

Howard Davies (Biochemistry health effects)
Joe Sowokinos (Backup Biochemistry)
Paul Bethke (Wrap-up)
Carl Rosen (Agronomy, storage and processing)
Dan Ronis (Introduction and industry perspective)
Susie Thompson (Breeder)
Simplot (innate) (Craig Richael)

Assignments were made to contact proposed speakers with the request for their participation in the 2015 symposium.

Andy Robinson
Susie Thompson
Carl Rosen
Jeff Suttle
Dan Ronis
Paul Bethke
Jake Blauer
Craig Richael
Kent McCue
Howard Davies

Nomination and confirmation of officers: Chair: Jake Blauer, Vice-Chair: Rhett Spear, Secretary: Andy Robinson, 1-Year Director: John Walsh, 2-Year Director: Michele Konschuh, Symposium Director Kent McCue

Adjourned

Submitted by Rhett Spear

➤ ***Plant Protection***

8–10 people in attendance

Treasurer's report (Rob, CSU)

- \$1,622.47 currently in the account
- Average of about 5 cents interest
- We currently collect dues of \$2; we decided to suspend collection of dues since we have not using the money for anything lately; we will reconsider collecting dues in the future if we decide on a use for the funds

Site committee is looking for symposia from sections

- We considered the possibility of proposing a symposium for a future meeting. Ideas include the following:
 - interdisciplinary symposium (e.g., weeds and insects; insects and pathogens)
 - food safety, pesticides, labeling, sanitation (guest speaker who could help with methods to get the message out about high food safety related to potato)
- Action step (Wenninger): send email to section members about ideas regarding this

Endowment committee discussed having sections rotate the speaker choice for invited speaker

Discussion on potential for improving organization and relevance of sections within PAA

- e.g., big meeting every other year and section meeting every other year
- This idea was influenced by our section meeting coinciding with the guest speaker from the Netherlands, which almost certainly reduced the attendance at our meeting.
- We agreed that it would make sense to limit overlap between our section meeting and other activities

Discussion regarding having the ability on the PAA website that would allow potential AJPR manuscript reviewers to tick boxes for their area of expertise and

possibility availability times during the year, which would facilitate selection of reviewers for manuscripts submitted to the journal.

Election of officers

- We have recently been deviating from the bylaws regarding succession of officers, partly due to the low attendance at the section meeting
- Andrew Houser, CSU, was unanimously elected Chair of the Plant Protection section, and Erik Wenninger agreed to serve as Secretary
- Next year, we plan to elect a new chair and secretary. In future years we will elect a secretary each year who will then serve as chair the following year.
- Action step (Wenninger): send email to section members regarding this change to the bylaws.

Submitted by Erik Wenninger

➤ **Utilization and Marketing**

Section Mtg. Monday 4:30–5:30. To follow up on the Symposium we had our annual section meeting and the highest attendance we have had for many years. The attendees were: Sandy Bragg, Everything Potatoes, Inc., Haktae Lim, Kangwon National University, Korea Mel Martin, Martin Potato Consulting; Robert Gareau, Quebec Parmentier; Nathan Lunt, Simplot Plant Sciences; Gina Greenway, University of Idaho; Garima Tyagi, University of Idaho; Ben Harris, JR Simplot; Sachid Madir, Technico; Joe Guenther; Jeff Bragg, Meijer North America, Inc.

Symposium: It was a challenging format but the Symposium went well due to the good moderator and Chair of the symposium was exceptional, Dr. Joe Guenther. The talks were short but to the point and many people responded with positive comments on the material matter and the interest shows the wide breadth of PAA. The only expense at this time is \$2,000 invoice or payable to Dr. Haktae Lim of South Korea.

We talked about how to follow up with some momentum from this year's symposium for 2015 Portland Maine. We spoke about having somebody from McCain's speak in our time in Portland. We decided to go around the room and also get ideas from the group-both what they were currently working on and the future. We discussed having Lori Wing email the attendees of our section meeting to have follow up ideas. Another idea to follow up on was getting a speaker, with donations, to speak on nutrition labeling.

A motion was made by Jeff Bragg, seconded by Joe Guenther to invite Roy Navarre and Chuck Brown to give talks during our section time. This passed unanimously.

Another motion by Robert Gareau, seconded by Jeff Bragg was made to ask Timber River Farm to speak about their Eco Spuds. We will have to work close with Leigh Morrow and the LAC.

A motion was made to appoint the following to the Utilization and Marketing Committee: Brett Nedrow, Chair; Rebecca Jones, Vice-Chair; Ben Harris, Secretary; Jeff Bragg, Director. The motion was made by Joe Guenthner, seconded by Robert Gareau, and was passed unanimously.

Adjourn

Submitted by Jeff Bragg

Executive Committee Actions - Review and Ratification:

- (a) appointed Carrie Wohleb as PAA Secretary effective October 1, 2013.
- (b) approved continuation using Washington State University the host for the PAA Executive Committee listserv.
- (c) established paid services for a dedicated toll line for PAA EC Meetings and for other PAA committee meetings.
- (d) purchased letter openers as a give-away item at the PAA booth at Potato EXPO.
- (e) allocated up to an additional \$1,000 for temporary support to continue with the records transfer project and complete the activity for the new PAA office.
- (f) approved a \$3,000 start-up loan for Washington LAC 2014 and for Washington LAC to open an account at the Columbia Bank, Pullman, WA to accept donations for the 2014 PAA Annual Meeting.
- (g) approved the switch of our charge card provider service from PowerPay to PayPal.
- (h) approved a subscription to Wild Apricot membership software at a cost of \$50 or \$100/month (< or > 500 members).
- (i) established a PAA Website Posting Policy.
- (j) donated a set of journals (1953–2008) to the All-Russian Institute for Plant Protection.
- (k) approved that Dr. Anton Haverkort be invited to attend the PAA 2014, to make oral presentations and participate in the meetings up to and including the Banquet, with expenses paid, including travel, accommodations, meals, registration, barbeque, and banquet, under the auspices of the International Relations Committee, from funds of \$3,000 donated by the Colorado LAC.
- (l) approved that beginning in January 2015 printed versions of the membership directory will be mailed on request for a charge of \$10.00 each. Approved that beginning in January 2015 printed versions of the Insider will be mailed free to Honorary Life

Members that lack email and on request to other HLM's. All other members, except Emeritus Members and Sustaining Members, will be mailed the printed Insider on request for a charge of \$10.00 per year. Also approved changes to how and when the Past President announces election results. Accepted changes to the Bylaws I., I.5 and III. III.6. as shown below (insertions are underlined and deletions are indicated by a strike-through).

BYLAWS

I. Membership and Dues

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, shall receive for a period of 1 year the printed *AMERICAN JOURNAL OF POTATO RESEARCH* at no cost, and shall have lifetime electronic access the *AMERICAN JOURNAL OF POTATO RESEARCH* the *AMERICAN POTATO JOURNAL*, the *PAA Insider*, and other publication authorized by the Executive Committee. In the second and subsequent years the printed *AMERICAN JOURNAL OF POTATO RESEARCH* will be available at cost recovery. Honorary Life Members without means of electronic access shall receive the printed *PAA Insider* . Biographies of newly elected Honorary Life Members shall appear in the official publication of The Association following their election at the Annual Meeting.

III. Duties of Executive Committee

III. 6. Past President

The immediate Past President shall chair the Honorary Life Membership and Nominating Committees, shall solicit nominations, and shall oversee the electronic voting for new officers prior to at the Annual Business Meeting. The Past President shall announce the election results and new slate of officers at the Annual Business Meeting. The Past President acts in an advisory role to the President.

(m) accepted proposed changes to the Constitution regarding posting or publishing of financial reports (insertions are underlined and deletions are indicated by a strike-through).

CONSTITUTION

Article X. Funds

Section 1. Control of the funds of The Association, received from any source, shall be vested in the Executive Committee to be administered through the Treasurer. An

audit of the receipts and disbursements shall be made at the end of every other fiscal year by a certified public accountant. The reports of the Treasurer or other fiscal officers shall be published posted annually in the PAA Insider on the official website of The Association within the password protected section.

(n) appointed Bret Nedrow as Chair of the Finance Committee effective January 1, 2015.

(o) approved nominees of the Editorial Board.

(p) accepted written procedures that clarify delinquent author payment procedures.

(q) accepted North Dakota/Minnesota as host of the 2017 PAA Annual Meeting.

(r) accepted the Breeding and Genetic section symposium on "Transformative Technologies in Potato Breeding" for the 2016 annual meeting.

(s) amended the Symposium Guidelines to allow symposium organizers greater flexibility in paying expenses of invited speakers.

(t) proposed transfer of the UCU 6 month CD into the Endowment Fund upon maturity.

(u) approved a 3 % cost of living raise and a 2 % salary equity adjustment increase in Administrator's salary effective January 1, 2015.

(v) accepted the proposed 2015 budget.

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

MOTION moved, seconded and unanimously passed to accept items (b), (c), (d), and (e).

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

MOTION moved, seconded and unanimously passed to accept items (g) and (h).

MOTION moved, seconded and unanimously passed to accept item (i).

MOTION moved, seconded and unanimously passed to accept items (j) and (k).

MOTION moved, seconded and unanimously passed to accept item (l).

MOTION moved, seconded and unanimously passed to accept items (m) and (n).

MOTION moved, seconded and unanimously passed to accept item (o).

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

MOTION moved, seconded and unanimously passed to accept item (q).

MOTION moved, seconded and unanimously passed to accept items (r) and (s).

MOTION moved, seconded and unanimously passed to accept item (t).

MOTION moved, seconded and unanimously passed to accept item (u)

MOTION moved, seconded and unanimously passed to accept items (v) and (w).

New Business

After some discussion and a review of the PAA 2012 Survey on the Annual Meeting Format in which the membership indicated an overwhelming preference for holding the meeting in Jul-August, it was decided to continue scheduling the meeting in July or August.

Announcement of Officers

Past President Leigh Morrow announced the names of the newly-elected PAA officers: Andy Jensen was elected PAA President; Loretta Mikitzel was elected PAA President-Elect; Mike Thornton was elected PAA Vice President; and Amy Charkowski and Asunta "Susie" Thompson were elected for the two vacant Director positions.

Recognition of Washington Hosts

President Olsen called upon newly elected The Potato Association of America President Andy Jensen to provide recognition for the exceptional efforts of the Washington Local Arrangements Committee in hosting the 98th Annual Meeting of the Potato Association of America. Jensen offered the following "Resolution of Appreciation":

Whereas the 98th Annual Meeting of The Potato Association of America was held in Spokane, Washington from July 27 to July 31, 2014; and,

Whereas the meetings were hosted by an enthusiastic and well-organized Local Arrangements Committee under the able direction of Co-chairs Mark Pavek and Raina Spence who welcomed and graciously hosted 284 delegates and 19 accompanying persons from 22 states, 7 provinces, and 10 countries, with the support of 31 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 10 presentations, 71 oral presentations, and 34 posters; and,

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

Therefore, let it be resolved that on this 31st day of July we of The Potato Association of America extend our heartfelt and most sincere thanks to the Washington Local Arrangements Committee, their sponsors, and all who contributed to the success of the annual meeting. Please join me to acknowledge a job well done!

The membership acknowledged Co-chairs Mark Pavek and Raina Spence with a standing ovation and applause.

Passing of the Gavel

There being no further business, the 98th Annual Business Meeting of the Potato Association of America concluded with the traditional passing of the gavel from outgoing President Nora Olsen to incoming President Andy Jensen. The membership welcomed the new president with a round of applause, and then acknowledged the contributions of the outgoing president with another round of applause.

New Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Thursday, July 31, 2014

The first meeting of the new PAA Executive Committee (EC) was called to order at 4:19 pm by President Andy Jensen on Thursday, July 31, 2014 in Spokane, Washington, USA. A quorum of officers was present.

MOTION moved, seconded and unanimously passed to continue with Washington State University as the host for the PAA Executive Committee listserv.

President Jensen suggested the dates of October 14, 2014 (now changed to October 16) and November 18, 2014 for the next EC teleconference.

President Jensen said that his goal for the year is to clarify and formalize policies and procedures of the PAA that have been done on an ad hoc basis. This will include revision of the Bylaws. He also wishes to focus on continuing to drive up the quality of the AJPR and the Annual Meeting of The Potato Association of America, which should drive up membership in turn.

MOTION moved, seconded and passed to adjourn the meeting of the new PAA Executive Committee at 4:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Carrie H. Wohleb, PAA Secretary