



ACSPSNA Newsletter



The Association of Chinese Soil & Plant Scientists in North America (ACSPSNA)

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1. 2014 Annual Meeting Minutes

The ACSPSNA 2014 annual meeting was successfully held on Monday, November 3, 2014 in the Convention Center, Long Beach, CA. Dr. Guanglong Gary Feng presided the meeting. The meeting minutes are as follows:

1. Welcomed all our members to attend the annual meeting, and briefly introduced the ACSPSNA.
2. Present the ACSPSNA awards for Distinguished Career Award and the Excellent Graduate Student Award:
 - a. ACSPSNA Distinguished Career Award to Dr. Yuncong Li
 - b. The Excellent Graduate Student Award to Yao Zhang
3. Congratulated our association members who have received awards from tri-societies this year
 - a. The 4th recipient of Kingenta Ag. Sci. Award (KASA): Dr. Hailin Zhang
 - b. Marion L. & Chrystie M. Jackson Soil Science Award: Dr. Baoshan Xing
4. Introduced and congratulated tri-society fellows this year:
 - a. ASA fellows: Dr. Baoguo Li; Dr. Hangsheng (Henry) Lin
 - b. CSSA fellows: Dr. Pengyin Chen
 - c. SSSA fellow: Dr. Chienlu Ping

5. Invited each of award receipts and elected fellows for making a 3-5 minutes speech to share their success stories and marvelous experience as well as to provide our members with some perspectives and advices.
6. Dr. Qingwu Xue introduced the selection process and criteria of Kingenta and Tengtou awards, and updated Sino_US Ag Forum Community program.
7. Confirmed and discussed about ACSPSNA award committee organizations.
 - a. The ACSPSNA board appoints chairs for the three award committees. The Committee Chair organizes his/her Committee members.
 - b. It was approved in the previous annual meeting that the past president takes responsibility to lead the Extinguished Career Award Committee.
 - c. Confirmed it is necessary to keep the Young Scientist Award criteria (within 6 to 7 years after PhD graduation).
 - d. The ACSPSNA board is responsible for sending reminder to all members to encourage nomination of candidates for each award every year.
8. Discussed about how to better serve our scientists in China & promote collaboration.
 - a. Scientists from China strongly suggested that members should briefly write down their research area and interests as they register. Such information would be very helpful for students and scientists in China who are looking for a place and scientist to study and visit.
 - b. It was also urged to post such member information on both ACSPSNA website and a booklet which should be sent to members as well as given the printed booklet to members during annual meeting.
9. The ACSPSNA board proposed to establish a fundraising committee for increasing ACSPSNA funds, took motion and failed to pass during the meeting.
10. The ACSPSNA board proposed to design a logo of ACSPSNA, took motion and passed. Such activity will be taken to make the logo designed.
11. Dr. Qingwu Xue presented a financial report. The balance of ACSPSNA account as of November 14, 2014 was 3230.79.
12. It was decided a decade ago that the membership due is \$10 for students and visiting scientists in China, \$20 for postdoc and scientists working in the North America, \$200 for life members. The fee collected from members at registration can no longer cover the expense of dinner that is served after the ACSPSNA annual meeting due to increase in price of dinner and inflation. It was suggested by both visiting scientists and members that the membership fee should be increased accordingly. The new membership fee will be surveyed and voted.

13. Mr. Yao Zhang, a Ph. D. candidate at Colorado State University was nominated and elected as a graduate student representative for the Association.
 14. Dr. Scott Chang, a Professor at University of Alberta was nominated and elected unanimously as the Secretary/President-elect for ACSPSNA to serve the Association for the next 3 years.
 15. Dr. Guanglong Gary Feng handed over the ACSPSNA gavel to the next president, Dr. Guihua Bai.
 16. Dr. Guihua Bai announced that the ACSPSNA will serve dinner for members at the nearby restaurant (Famous Dave's, 300 S. Pine Ave, Long Beach, CA. 562-436-9260). 69 members attended the annual meeting; 84 people (members and families, and friends) enjoyed the wonderful dinner.
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2. ACSPSNA 2015 Annual Meeting at Minneapolis, MN:

Please join us for another exciting event!

When: Monday, November 16, 2015, 6:00-7:30 PM
Where: Minneapolis Convention Center, Room 102E

The following topics will be covered:

- 1) Congratulate to our members or Chinese scientists who received awards from tri-societies and ACSPSNA this year and each awardee will be invited to give 3-5 min oral presentation to share their successful experience :
 - The recipient of ACSPSNA Distinguished Career Award, Dr. Zhenli He
 - The recipient of ACSPSNA Young Scientist Award, Dr. Zhiming Qi
 - The Excellent Graduate Student Award: Ms. Meng Lin
 - The recipient of Kingenta Ag Sci Award (KASA) to Dr. Peter J. Stoffella
 - The recipient of Tengtou Ag Sci Award (TASA) to Dr. Bingru Huang
 - Don & Betty Kirkham Soil Physics Award to Dr. Yan Jin

- International Soil Science Award to Dr. Yan Jin
- 2015 ASA fellow: Dr. Dar-Yuan Lee
- 2015 SSSA fellow: Drs. Zhenli He and Deli Chen

2) Confirm and discuss about ACSPSNA award committee organizations and other issues:

a. The award Committee chairs will be the selected ACSPSNA officers. Chair of a specific committee collects applications/nominations for the award and then send to other selected officers for vote. For the Extinguished Career Award Committee, the previous president is the chair for the award committee and assigns other 5 previous presidents as committee members for awardee selection. Current-President is the chair for Young Scientist Award committee with President-elected and past-president as members, and President-elected serves the chair of the student award committee and current-president and past-president as members.

b. For the Extinguished Career Award Committee, Dr. Chang raised a question on if we need to reserve this award to these members who are not Trisociety Fellow and help their nomination for a fellow to increase the number of fellows from our society. Please think about it and present your suggestions and comments in the meeting discussion.

c. Open discussion for other issues or concerns.

- It is very difficult to find a dinner place after ACSPSNA annual meeting. We need to discuss and vote if we need to continue the tradition of dinner together or make the meeting as meeting only. If continuing the tradition, what is the ideal membership fee we should collect?
- ACSPSNA website: we need find volunteer to help with setting up new website for ACSPSNA. We really appreciate Dr. Li helped with this for several years.

4) A comprehensive financial report will be presented by Dr. Scott Chang.

5) Our ACSPSNA currently has had 9 lifetime members. If you would like to become a life time member, please contact Dr. Chang at scott.chang@ales.ualberta.ca to arrange for payment. You can pay cash or check at the registration desk as well.

6) ACSPSNA business meeting: Approval of 2014 meeting minutes, thanks to previous president, honor the current president, new secretary /officer election, and others.

7) Dinner in a local restaurant (**to be determined**), which will be paid by ACSPSNA (The name and location will be announced at the meeting).

Should you have any concerns or questions, please contact the current ACSPSNA board members:

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