



ACSPSNA Newsletter



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

北美华人土壤及植物学者协会

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ACSPSNA 2016 Annual Meeting at Phoenix, AZ:

When: Monday, November 7, 2016, 6:30-7:30 PM

Where: Phoenix Convention Center, **Room, 221C**

The ACSPSNA 2016 annual meeting was successfully held on Monday, November 7, 2016 in Phoenix Convention Center, **Room 221C**, Phoenix, AZ. Dr. Qingwu Xue, presided the meeting. Drs. Scott Chang and Shuyu Liu also led some discussions during the meeting. The meeting started at about 6:30 pm. The meeting minutes are as follows:

- 1) Dr. Qingwu Xue welcomed all of our members to the annual meeting, and briefly introduced ACSPSNA.
- 2) Approval of 2015 Annual Meeting Minutes
- 3) Presentation of 2016 ACSPSNA awards (Drs. Xue and Chang):
 - The recipient of the ACSPSNA Distinguished Career Award, Dr. Tiquan Zhang
 - The recipient of the ACSPSNA Excellent Young Scientist Award, Dr. Xia Zhu Barker
 - The recipient of the ACSPSNA Excellent Graduate Student Award, Ms. Xiangkun Gu

Drs. Zhang and Barker shared their career experiences after receiving the awards.

Congratulate to our members or Chinese scientists who received awards from tri-societies and ACSPSNA this year and each awardee was invited to give a 3-5 min presentation to share their success experience (Dr. Liwang Ma could not attend the meeting):

- ASA Environmental Quality Research Award: Dr. Baoshan Xing
- ASA Kingenta Ag Sci Award (KASA): Dr. Yuncong Li
- SSSA L. R. Ahuja Ag System Modeling Award: Dr. Liwang Ma
- 2016 ASA fellows: Dr. Scott Chang, Dr. Zhongqi He, and Dr. Jim J. Wang
- 2016 SSSA fellow: Dr. Scott Chang

5) Welcome invited speakers and three annual meeting attendants from China to speak for 3-5 minutes each:

- Mr. Jidong Zhai, Executive Vice President, Kingenta Company
- Dr. Liping Feng, Department of Agricultural Meteorology, China Agricultural University
- Dr. Luke Sing, Kingenta International R&D Center

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

a. For the Distinguished Career Award Committee, Dr. Chang raised a question on if we need to reserve this award to these members who are not Tri-society major award winners and help their nomination for a Tri-society major award to increase the number of major award winners from our society. **As a result of discussion, members agreed that the executive board will make decision.**

b. Rewrite or revise the history of ACSPSNA. The last one was written in 1985, which is over 30 years. What about “Constitution”? **This will be a task for new board (Dr. Chang).**

c. Open discussion for other issues or concerns.

➤ ACSPSNA website: we need to find volunteers to help with setting up a new website for ACSPSNA. We really appreciate Dr. Li for helping with this for several years. We need to keep updating the website. Do we need a new website? **Dr. Shuyu Liu is currently working on new website.**

➤ Meng Lin suggested that we organize some webinars in our association. We can invite professors, postdocs or students as speakers so that people can know each other better and have more communication.

d. Kingenta Company is willing to make more contributions to Agricultural Awards. Per discussion with Dr. Yuncong Li, Dr. Chang suggested (Drs. Xue and Liu agreed) that the best use of any extra funds would be to (1) set up an invited visiting speaker award for someone from China to attend the Tri-society meeting; (2) create a Kingenta- ACSPSNA Distinguished Career Award, Kingenta- ACSPSNA Excellent Young Scientist Award, and Kingenta- ACSPSNA Excellent Graduate Student Award.

Drs. Qingwu Xue, Yuncong Li, and Shuyu Liu met with the president and vice president of Kingenta on November 8, 2016. The president indicated the willingness but there were no further actions. Dr. Xue and current leaders (Drs. Chang, Liu and Chen) are working on the introductions of our association. The further discussions will be going after the company received our introduction materials.

7) A financial report was presented by Dr. Shuyu Liu. **The balance was \$3069.25 by November 7, 2016.**

8) Our ACSPSNA currently has 9 lifetime members. If you would like to become a life time member, please contact Dr. Shuyu Liu at sliu@ag.tamu.edu to arrange for payment. You can pay cash or check at the registration desk during the meeting as well.

9) Thank you to the retiring president, honor the current president, election of a new secretary /officer. **Dr. Charles Yiwu Chen from Auburn University was nominated and elected (by acclamation) as the Secretary/President-elect/President for ACSPSNA to serve the Association for the next 3 years.**

10) Ms. Xiangkun Gu, a Ph. D. student at Texas A&M University was nominated and elected (by acclamation) as the graduate student representative for the Association.

11) Dr. Shuyu Liu announced that the ACSPSNA will serve dinner for members at a nearby restaurant (New Garden Restaurant, 823 South Central Ave, Phoenix, AZ 85004). The dinner was sponsored by Kingenta Company.

The annual meeting was adjourned at about 7:45 pm.

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

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