



## 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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#### 1. ACSPSNA 2012 Annual Meeting Minutes

The ACSPSNA 2012 Annual Meeting was held on Monday, October 22, 2012 in the Duke Energy Convention Center, Cincinnati, Ohio. Dr. Yuncong Li presided the meeting. Totally there were 43 members paid their dues. Below is the minute from the meeting:

1). Welcomed members and congratulated our members who received awards from trisocieties this year

a. 2012 fellows: Baoshan Xing: ASA, SSSA; Dong Wang: SSSA; Minghua Zhang:

SSSA; Bao-Luo Ma: CSSA

b. 2012 Environmental Quality Research Award: Liwang Ma

2). Briefly explained ASA Kingenta Ag Sci Award and introduced 2012 recipient: Dr. Robert Horton, Distinguished Professor of Soil Science from Agronomy Department, Iowa State University. Dr. Horton gave a brief speech about his collaborative activities in China.

3). Dr. Wengui Yan briefly explained the establishment of ASA Tengtou Ag Sci Award and introduced 2012 recipient: Dr. Guihua Bai, Research Molecular Geneticist in USDA and Professor in the Agronomy Department at Kansas State University. Dr. Bai gave a brief speech about his collaborative activities in China.

4). Introduced first recipient of ACSPSNA Distinguished Career Award: Dr. Baoshan Xing, Professor and Environmental and Soil Chemist in the Stockbridge School of Agriculture, College of Natural Sciences at the University of Massachusetts.

- 5). Dr. Yuncong Li presented annual report of activities:
  - a. Established ASA Tengtou Ag Sci Award (\$26k)
  - b. Established 3 ACSPSNA awards (\$2k)
  - c. Developed the selection criteria and procedure for the Distinguished Career Award by the committee chaired by Dr. Wengui Yan
  - d. Developed the selection criteria and procedure for the Young Scientist Award by the committee chaired by Dr. Baoshan Xing
  - e. Developed the selection criteria and procedure for the Excellent Graduate Student by the committee chaired by Dr. Bingru Huang
  - f. Established US-Sino Agricultural Research Community (\$2k) led by Dr. Zhenli He
  - g. Recruited three life time membership
  - h. Updated ACSPSNA website
  - i. Recruited a sponsor for the dinner
- 6). Dr. Guanglong (Gary) Feng presented the financial report. The balance of ACSPSNA account by Oct 6, 2012 was \$3277.50.
- 7). The president gavel was not passed to new president, Dr. Qingren Wang because he could not attend this meeting
- 8). New business
  - a. Dr. Qingwu Xue, Chair of ASA Tengtou Agri. Sci. Award committee encourages more nominations for both Tengtou and Kingenta awards
  - b. The motion to keep ACSPSNA Young Scientist Award and Excellent Graduate Student Award was passed. Members suggested the association should distributed the award information earlier and many different way, such as posting on ACS newsletter and send emails to graduate coordinators in departments
  - c. The motion for asking members to design a logo for our association was not passed.
  - d. The motion was passed for developing detail description of a fundraising committee. The establishing the committee should be voted in next meeting
- 9). Dr. Guihua Bai was nominated and elected unanimously as the Secretary/president elect for ACSPSNA. Dr. Yuncong Li was appointed as a treasurer.

10). Dinner at Washington Platform Saloon & Restaurant was sponsored by Shandong Agricultural University Fertilizer Science Technology Co., Ltd (we have not received the fund from the company yet) (43 members attended the dinner)

11). Other notes which were not discussed at the meeting:

a. Ms. Ailan Zeng (azeng@uark.edu), PhD student at the university of Arkansas voluntarily to offer help for setting up Facebook and QQ group for the association

b. Suggesting to add a second VP as a graduate student

c. Drs. H. H. Cheng and Baoshan Xing have become life time members

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## 2. ACSPSNA 2013 Annual Meeting at Tampa, Florida:

**Please join us for another exciting event!**

**When:** Monday, November 4, 2013, 6:00-7:30 PM

**Where:** Tampa Convention Center, Room 10

The following topics will be covered:

1) Congratulate to our members or Chinese scientists who received awards from tri-societies and ACSPSNA this year:

- The 3rd recipient of Kingenta Ag Sci Award (KASA): Dr. Baoshan Xing
- The 2nd recipient of Tengtou Ag Sci Award (TASA): Dr. Chunjiang Zhao
- The 2nd recipient of ACSPSNA Distinguished Career Award, Dr. Hailin Zhang
- The 1st recipient of ACSPSNA Young Scientist Award, Dr. Quanzhao Fang
- The Excellent Graduate Student Award is missing again this year
- 2013 ASA fellows: Dr. Pengyin Chen, Dr. Zhenli He and Dr. Zhonghu He
- 2013 CSSA fellows: Dr. Guihua Bai
- 2013 SSSA fellows: Dr. Huangsheng (Henry) Lin

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

A. Confirm

a. The Committee Chair needs to continue his/her duty if there is no any award candidate selected from his/her committee in the previous year. Otherwise, he/she needs to nominate the next Committee Chair. The Committee Chair can organize his/her Committee members. This is exceptional for the Extinguished Career Award Committee, which has been approved that the previous president takes responsibility from the previous annual meeting.

b. Update the information about the criteria for the Young Scientist Award from within 6 to 7 years, which was voted through web survey – Survey Monkey in September, 2013.

B. Discuss and vote:

a. For any committee, the committee members can be nominated but if anyone of the committee members is nominated for the award, the nominee cannot participate in any committee activity in the corresponding year.

b. Graduate student representative selected joins the Association (ACSPSNA) Board for decision making.

c. Open discussion for any issues or concerns if there are any.

4) A comprehensive financial report will be presented by Dr. Guihua Bai.

5) Our ACSPSNA currently has had 5 life time members. If you would like to become a life time member, please send a check of \$200 payable to ‘The Association of Chinese Soil and Plant Scientists in North America’ or ACSPSNA at the address: 18905 SW 280 ST, Homestead, FL33031. You can pay cash or check at the registration desk as well.

6) ACSPSNA business meeting: Approval of 20121 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).

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