



ACSPSNA Newsletter



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1. ACSPSNA 2011 Annual Meeting Minutes

The ACSPSNA 2011 Annual Meeting was held on Monday, October 17, 2011 in the Convention Center, San Antonio, TX. Total 75 members (paid dues) participated and Drs. Wengui Yan and Yuncong Li presided the meeting. The following are minutes from the meeting.

- 1) Introduced special guests: Ms. Hong Zhai (Chinese Foreign Expert Bureau); Dr. Min Zhang – our first award recipient; Ms. Gloria Wang (GH Research Center, LLC); and Mr. Zhanshan Dong.
- 2) Presented annual activity and financial reports.
- 3) Presented plaques to the past president, Dr. He; current president Dr. Wengui Yan, and president gavel to the new president, Dr. Li.
- 4) Discussed ASA Agricultural Awards criteria.
- 5) The following motions were passed at the meeting:
 - a) Procedural motion (presentation, motion, second, discussion, objection/vote, limited to 5 min per motion)
 - b) Set up honorable membership for those who generously give donation and sponsor the association with three levels: gold, silver, and bronze.
 - c) Set up new awards: 1 Excellent young scientist award (>5yr and postdoc, \$100), and 2 excellent graduate student awards (each \$150), with total budget of \$500/year and \$2500/5years.
 - d) Separate secretary/treasurer position in a president election and a treasurer (permanent in Florida, because the non-benefit corporation is registered in Florida).
 - e) Nomination and vote for the new officer – president-elect.
- 6) Election for new officer: Dr. Guanglong Feng was nominated and elected unanimously as the Secretary for ACSPSNA.
- 7) Dinner at China King Buffet was sponsored by the GH Research Center, LLC.

2. ACSPSNA 2011 Annual Meeting at Cincinnati, Ohio:

Please join us for another exciting event!

When: Monday, October 22, 2012, 6:00-7:30 PM

Where: Duke Energy Convention Center, Room 263

The following topics will be covered:

- 1) Congratulate our members who received awards from tri-societies this year
- 2) Meet 2nd recipient of Kingenta Ag Sci Award (KASA), Dr. Robert Horton
Meet 1st recipient of Tengtou Ag Sci Award (TASA), Dr. Guihua Bai
Meet 1st recipient of ACSPSNA Distinguished Career Award, Dr. Baoshan Xing
- 3) Discuss other ACSPSNA awards
- 4) A comprehensive financial report will be presented.
- 5) Our ACSPSNA currently has 3 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, FL 33031. You can pay cash or check at the registration desk as well.
- 6) ACSPSNA business meeting: Approval of 2011 meeting minutes, award to previous president, honor to current president, new officer election, and others.
- 7) Dinner in a local restaurant, which will be paid by ACSPSNA and sponsored by Shandong Agricultural University Fertilizer Science Technology Co., Ltd (The location will be announced at the meeting).

3. US-Sino Agricultural Research Forum Community

The "U.S-Sino Agricultural Research Forum Community" has been officially established under in the Global Agronomy Section of ASA. Thank Drs. Zhenli He, Don Sparks, and Yuncong Li for their leadership and 34 members for their endorsement. You can read more information about the community at <https://www.agronomy.org/membership/communities/us-sino-agricultural-research-forum>. Please contact Dr. Zhenli He (zhe@ufl.edu) if you want to join the community.

The community will hold its first Symposium of "Enhancing U.S.-Sino Research Collaborations to Address Environmental Challenges" on Monday 1:20-5:15pm, October 22, 2012, Duke Energy Convention Center, Room 262 during the ASA-CSSA-SSSA annual meetings this year in Cincinnati, OH. If you need detail information about the symposium, please email Dr. Zhenli He (zhe@ufl.edu) or visit <http://scisoc.confex.com/scisoc/2012am/webprogram/Session9580.html>.

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