



## ACSPSNA Newsletter



The Association of Chinese Soil & Plant Scientists in North America (ACSPSNA)  
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### **1. ACSPSNA 2010 Annual Meeting Minutes**

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The ACSPSNA 2010 Annual Meeting was held on Monday, November 1, 2010 in the Convention Center, Long Beach, CA. Totally 58 members participated and Drs. Zhenli He and Wengui Yan presided the meeting. The following are minutes from the meeting.

- 1) Amendments were passed:**
  - a. Membership fee is \$10 for student or visiting scholar, and \$20 for faculty or scientist.
  - b. Life time membership fee is \$200.
  - c. The invited speaker, outstanding contributors to the ACSPSNA and past president of the ACSPSNA are acknowledged.
  - d. 'Kingenta Agricultural Science Award' has been established with a major contribution from Kingenta Fertilizer Company: <http://www.kingenta.com/en/jj.asp> .
- 2) Speeches:**
  - a. 'Inventing controlled-released fertilizers – my experience in China' given by Min Zhang, Professor in Shandong Agricultural University.
  - b. '1000 Talented Professor Plan' given by Dr. Laosheng Wu.
- 3) Election for new officer:**

Dr. Qingren Wang at the University of Florida was nominated and elected unanimously as the Secretary/Treasurer for ACSPSNA.
- 4) Dinner:** Home Town Buffet was sponsored by Kingenta Fertilizer Company.

## 2. ACSPSNA 2011 Annual Meeting in San Antonio, TX

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### Please mark your calendar!

**When:** Monday, October 17, 2011, 6:00-7:30 PM

**Where:** Convention Center, Concourse Level, Room 206A, San Antonio, TX

The following topics will be covered:

- A. The 1<sup>st</sup> receipt of Kingenta Ag Sci Award (KASA), Dr. Ming Zhang and Representative of Kingenta Company will meet us.
- B. Chief Representative of China Foreign Expert Bureau, Ms. Hong Zhai, will meet us.
- C. Tengtou Ag Sci Award (TASA) is under processing. A proposal to set the KASA for soil and TASA for plant will be discussed.
- D. Our ACSPSA account has a current balance of \$2,294.00. A comprehensive financial report will be made. A proposal to use the fund for award program will be discussed.
- E. Our ACSPSA currently has 3 life time members: Wengui Yan, Yuncong Li and Qingren Wang (If you would like to become a life time member, please send a check in \$200 entitled '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).
- F. ACSPSNA business meeting: Approval of 2011 meeting minutes, award to previous president, honor to current president, new officer election, logo design and others.
- G. Dinner in a local restaurant, which will be paid by ACSPSNA and sponsored by Gloria Wang (the location will be announced at the meeting). Thank you - Gloria!

## 3. ACSPSNA Activities in 2011

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- Set up 'Kingenta Agricultural Science Award' (KASA) <https://www.agronomy.org/awards/award/detail/?a=61>, organized the A445 committee for the Award in the ASA and selected a winner for the Award.
- Transferred \$5,656.27 from Agronomic Science Foundation to KASA account, which was donated by 25 ACSPSNA members since 2004 for a purpose to set up China Agricultural Award. A list of honorable donators will be update on the website. Thank you all for your contribution!

- Worked with Tengtou Landscape Company <http://www.ttyuanlin.com/> to set up ‘Tengtou Agricultural Science Award’- another award in the Tri-Societies.
- Worked on setting up awards to encourage the participation of Chinese students, visiting scientists, post-doctors and faculty/scientists to the Tri-Society Conference.

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**We look forward to seeing you in San Antonio!**

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