

**CALIFORNIA CROP IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

Prato Room, Parsons Seed Certification Center
UC Davis campus
9:00 a.m. May 28, 2009

1. Call to order – Vice-President Tom Hearne

2. Roll call – Executive Director Larry Teuber

Directors present:	Michael Parrella	CCIA:	Guests:
Kent Bradford	Glenn Powell	Larry Teuber	Shannon Mueller
Bob Baglietto	Ron Rubin	Bob Simas	Mike Colvin – CDFCA
Frank Carl	Frank Saviez	Bob Stewart	
Mick Canevari	Chuck Schonauer	Mary Voorhees	Members:
Jack De Wit	Chris van Kessel	Pablo Guzman	Hector Sanchez, Seeds West
Andrea Fox	Mary Wadsworth	Timothy Blank	Tom Bodderij, Seeds West
Glenn Hawes		Alex Mkandawire	Jose Arias, Forage Genetics
Tom Hearne		Kitty Schlosser	Ed Eggers – Sunfield Seeds
John Heaton	Directors absent:		
John Palmer	Ray Johnson		

3. Minutes of previous meeting

It was ***moved, seconded, and passed*** to accept the minutes as received in the packet.

4. Additions to agenda – Tom Hearne

None

5. Seating of newly elected directors – Tom Hearne

Incumbent directors from districts II, IV, VI and VIII were all re-elected:

Glenn Powell, Tom Hearne, Jack De Wit, Glenn Hawes, respectively

6. Agency Directors

Mick Canevari is retiring as a Farm Advisor and leaving the board; Shannon Mueller, Farm Advisor in Fresno County has been appointed as the ANR representative – her research areas include agronomy, alfalfa seed, hay production, seed certification, forage crops, pollination and honeybee management, oil seed crop production, and dry beans.

All the other current directors have been reappointed:

Agricultural Commissioners Association – Frank Carl

California Farm Bureau Federation – Andrea Fox

California Dept of Food & Ag – John Heaton

UCD, College of Ag & Environmental Sciences – Michael Parrella

UCD, Dept of Plant Sciences – Chris van Kessel

Seed Biotechnology Center (*ex officio*) – Kent Bradford

It was ***moved, seconded and passed*** to accept the agency directors as noted.

7. Nomination and appoint director-at-large position – Jack De Wit, Frank Carl, & Chuck Schonauer

De Wit noted that Ron Rubin's 1st term in the director-at-large position expires at this meeting. He is eligible to serve one more term, however, the sunflower industry has requested representation on the board. Therefore, the committee recommends Edward H. Eggers, from Sunfield Seeds, to fill the director-at-large position. Mr. Eggers has worked for Monsanto for 20 years in hybrid sunflowers and is currently president and CEO of Sunfield Seeds. It was ***moved, seconded and passed*** to appoint Mr. Eggers to the board. Ron Rubin was thanked for his years of service to CCIA.

8. Nomination and election of board officers – Jack De Wit, Frank Carl, & Chuck Schonauer

De Wit reported that the nomination committee met by conference call and nominate the following directors as officers for 2009-10:

President – Ray Johnson

Vice-President – Tom Hearne

Treasurer – Glenn Hawes

All directors accepted the nominations. It was *moved, seconded and passed* to seat the officers as noted.

9. Research reports on research funded in 2008-09. Each of the following researchers presented an overview of their research programs that have been funded by CCIA research funds.

Jorge Dubcovsky reported on a very successful wheat genetics and improvement program that is complemented by an extension outreach program. Over the past several years the basic science program has been funded by over \$17 million dollars in competitive funds. Funds from CCIA are very critical in translating the achievements of basic science into new cultivars and testing to new cultivars and advanced lines throughout the state of California.

Dan Putnam reported the alfalfa germplasm and variety evaluation program evaluates public and proprietary cultivars throughout the state of California. This program is very important to the growers in California as it provides a clearing house for yield trial data that can be used to assist growers in making informed decisions when choosing which cultivar to plant.

Lynn Gallagher reported it has been many years since new crosses have been made for the purpose of improving oat cultivars in California. The current effort is to make new crosses to change height and stem quality in cultivars adapted to California production conditions.

Mike Davis reported on diagnostic procedures have been developed to facilitate the early detection of *Fusarium oxysporum* f.sp. *vasinfectum* (FOV) race 4. The test procedure is being used by CCIA field inspectors to provide positive identification of the disease in seed fields. This is very important as a means of controlling the movement of the casual organism into production areas where it is not currently known.

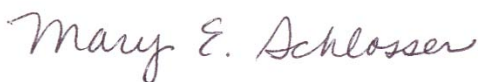
Allen Van Deynze provided results from a study looking at gene flow in pima cotton. Gene flow in pima types is lower than in acala types. In pima, gene flow is extremely low beyond 30 feet from a source; in acala, gene flow is very low beyond 100 ft. There is a recommendation that the isolations standards for cotton be reviewed.

10. Executive Director Report – Larry Teuber

Teuber provided a 5 year overview of the number of applications and acres for the major crops. With the exception of cotton acres and number of applications are within long term averages. Cotton is down from the historical average, but has increased from last year. Bob Simas spoke about current applications for 2009 and the status of the organic certification program in CCIA – we no longer provide organic certification. Bob Stewart presented information on several new crop standards – Teff, Berseem clover, and Turfgrass. Pablo Guzman gave a brief update of the potato and disease inspected programs. Alex Mkandawire gave a summary of the OECD program; Stewart reported information about OECD audit/compliance issues and changes that are in progress to address those compliance issues. Mary Voorhees presented the fundamentals of the new Seed Lab Recognition and Assessment Program. Timothy Blank described the variety approval process.

11. Meeting was adjourned at 11:25 am.

Respectfully submitted,



Mary E. Schlosser