

**CALIFORNIA CROP IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL MEMBERS MEETING**

Prato Room, Parsons Seed Certification Center
UC Davis campus
9:00 a.m. February 27, 2014

1) Call to order – President Tom Hearne

2) Roll call – Larry Teuber

Directors present:

Jack De Wit
Ed Eggers
Glenn Hawes
Tom Hearne
Scott Hudson
Shannon Mueller
Frank Saviez
Chuck Schonauer
Bob Stewart
Chris van Kessel
Mary Wadsworth Kent
Bradford
Bob Baglietto
John Heaton (9:50 am)
Andrea Fox
Ray Johnson

Directors absent:

Ken Scarlett
Jim Hill
John Palmer

CCIA:

Timothy Blank
Pablo Guzman
Nicole Hostert
Alex Mkandawire
Mary Voorhees
Ashley Koala
Kitty Schlosser
Katy Soden

Guests:

Mark Quisenberry
Ken Kirsten
Ron Oneto

3) Minutes of previous meeting

It was ***moved, seconded, and passed*** to accept the minutes from the May 2013 Members Meeting as distributed.

4) Additions to agenda – Tom Hearne

None

5) Isolation standards of baby lima beans (UC Haskell & UC Beija Flor)

Ken Kirsten explained the reason for this discussion. Current isolation requirement for these varieties is 1 mile for foundation seed and .5 mile for registered and certified. The growers were never aware of the .5 mile isolation requirement for UC Haskell and this has become a hardship. He requests that this requirement be changed.

Timothy Blank provided some background information. Current Lima isolation standard is 30 feet. Dr. Steve Temple, bean breeder, recommended the distance be increased for UC Haskell and UC Beija Flor as variety-specific certification requirements because of cross contamination with large limas. This was approved by the CTC Committee however this information may not have been distributed to the bean industry as needed.

Kirsten said this variety may not be grown if the distance is not increased. Chris Van Kessel noted that Dr. Paul Gepts is the person who can make the recommended change since Dr. Temple has retired. Chuck Schonauer noted that the bean industry paid seed assessments to develop these varieties and now are unable to plant them. All this seed is sold locally, none is sold overseas. The seed is never planted more than 2 generations so contamination does not seem to be a potential problem. The 3rd generation is planted for consumption.

Kirsten will ask Dr. Gepts for an amendment at the next bean meeting and Van Kessel will encourage Dr. Gepts to support this recommendation.

6) Agency Directors

Ray Johnson reported that all current agency directors are being reappointed with the exception of Agriculture Commissioner Scott Hudson who is retiring. Hudson was thanked for his years of service. Mark Quisenberry is being appointed as the Agricultural Commissioner representative to the CCIA Board of Directors.

Agricultural Commissioners – Mark Quisenberry

California Farm Bureau Federation – Andrea Fox

California Dept of Food & Ag – John Heaton

California Seed Association – Ken Scarlett

UC Cooperative Extension – Shannon Mueller

UCD, College of Agriculture & Environmental Sciences – Jim Hill

Continuing Ex-officio representatives:

UCD, Department of Plant Sciences – Chris van Kessel

Seed Biotechnology Center – Kent Bradford

Foundation Seed Program – Robert Stewart

The board will vote on the Appointed Agency Director appointment during the board of directors meeting immediately following the annual members meeting.

7) At-Large Director appointment

The Executive Committee is recommending Dennis Smidt, from Pioneer Hi-bred, be appointed to serve as At-Large Director. Smidt would serve a four year term as At-Large Director. The board will vote on the At-Large Director appointment during the board of directors meeting immediately following the annual members meeting.

8) Nomination of board officers – Ray Johnson

Johnson reported that the nomination committee (Johnson, Mueller and Baglietto) recommends the following slate of officers for 2014-15:

- President – Mary Wadsworth
- Vice-President – Bob Baglietto
- Treasurer – Ed Eggers
- Past President – Tom Hearne

The board will accept additional nominations and vote on the board officers during the board of directors meeting immediately following the annual members meeting.

9) Executive Director Report – CCIA staff

a. Overview of crop production

Larry Teuber reported the change in applications and acreage for the major crops (alfalfa, small grains, sunflowers, cotton and rice) during the past year. Currently we have received 95% applications as compared to last year. In 2013 acreage increased to almost 180,000 acres and pounds certified seed increased to 241,276,571.

b. Auxiliary Programs – Robert Stewart

Stewart reported on the various auxiliary programs California Crop Improvement participates in to help promote the production, distribution and use of superior quality seed.

c. Field Services – Alex Mkandawire

Mkandawire discussed the Field Service Program and gave an overview of the sunflower and alfalfa seed acres. Sunflower acres have increase dramatically since 2010 with new acres being planted in the Sacramento Valley region. Alfalfa seed acres have fluctuated of the last 6 years. 66% of the alfalfa acres were in the Imperial Valley during the 2013 crop year.

d. Seed Certification – Nicole Hostert

Hostert reported that FOV 4 continues to be a problem in cotton seed production. Disease incidents continue to be between 10-13% of applications. Aerial inspections are no longer done. The CCIA has also been asked by the cotton growers to provide GPS coordinates when identifying the area of the field which is showing virus symptoms. The cotton industry is still concerned and meets several times per year to keep informed. In addition, there is a new FOV 4 strip test which would allow field samples to be tested in the office in 30 minutes. Mike Davis has approved the strips so we will try them out this year with back up testing by Mike Davis' lab.

e. Small Grain Outlook – Timothy Blank.

Blank reported on the issues facing the small grain growers this year due to the lack of water. There is great uncertainty amongst the growers. Acreage is projected to drop 30% from last year.

f. Potato and Other Crops Certification – Pablo Guzman

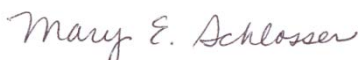
Guzman provided the board with an overview of potato certification. He reported on the location and number of applications and acres of the last three years of potato and other crop certification. Potatoes are grown in 4 different counties.

g. Introduction – Ashley Koala

Koala introduced herself to the board and gave a brief report on her background and experience with CCIA in the last few years as a seasonal inspector.

10) Meeting was adjourned at 10:35 am.

Respectfully submitted,



Mary E. (Kitty) Schlosser