

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
43rd Annual Meeting, Historic Menger Hotel,
San Antonio, Texas
July 13, 2011

President Maria Gallo called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM and welcomed everyone. Present were T. Baughman, C. Butts, J. Chapin, R. Sutter, H. Valentine, J. Woodward, R. White, C. Holbrook, P. Donahue, D. Rowland, B. Shew, E. Cantonwine, S. Tubbs, T. Isleib, J. Davis, and J. Marshall.

Pres. Gallo called on J. Starr, Executive Officer, to present the minutes of the last Board of Directors meeting, conducted at the 2010 Annual Meeting held in Clearwater Beach, FL. The minutes as reported in the 2010 Proceedings, vol. 42, were approved.

The following reports were presented to and approved by the Board.

Executive Officer Report –

Starr reported that the Society remains in good financial condition and added additional funds to its reserve during the past year. However, low interest rates on certificates of deposits have resulted in a reduced rate of growth of these funds. Further, he reminded the Board that the Administrative Assistant Irene Nickels will be retiring at the end of 2011. Starr recommended that to reduce operating costs of the Society that this position not be refilled and that all financial aspects currently handled by the Administrative Assistant be assigned to a commercial book keeping service at an estimated cost of approximately \$600/mo, plus some start up costs. The clerical duties would be assumed by the Executive Officer. Because of the extra duties under this proposed system Starr requested an increase of his stipend of \$400/mo. It is estimated that this proposed system will reduce operating costs by \$10,000/year. Starr further recommended that the Board approve the expenditure of funds to honor Irene Nickels for her dedicated service to the Society. The Board approved the expenditure funds for Irene Nickels, including paid expenses for herself and a companion to travel to the meetings in Raleigh in 2012. However, the Board tabled action on recommended changes in the operations of the society until they have time to review the current and proposed duties of the Executive Officer and will convene a conference call later in the year to act on the proposal.

In another matter, Starr reviewed the proposed revisions to the Societies By-Laws that will be presented to the membership at the Business Meeting with a recommendation for approval.

Program Committee - There were 103 scheduled presentations for the 43rd annual meeting held in San Antonio, TX. Of these there were 30 poster presentations. There was also a special session on the utilization of wild species germplasm for improvement of cultivated peanut. There were 166 persons registered for the annual meeting plus an additional 87 spouses and children registered for a total of 253 attendees. In addition to the traditional Ice Cream Social on Tuesday evening, there was a dinner co-sponsored by Bayer Crop Science and BASF on Wednesday evening and an awards reception sponsored by Dow AgroSciences on Thursday evening. The spouses program included a

luncheon and riverboat tour of the San Antonio Riverwalk.

Finance Committee – The Society ended the year with total assets of \$222,171 (rounded to the nearest dollar) and no liabilities, this represents a net increase of \$1,031. Our total receipts for the year were \$116,519 against expenditures of \$115,488. Our estimated expenditures for 2012 are \$111, 250. The committee recommended that we drop our CAST membership and that the registration fee for our annual meeting not be increased at this time. Additional budget details are listed in the committee report. The report was approved by the Board but approval of the budget was tabled pending further discussions.

Site Selection Committee – Our 2012 meeting will be in Raleigh, NC at the Sheraton Hotel. The committee evaluated several options for 2013 and selected two finalists. The Hyatt in Savannah with a standard room price of \$139/night and the BrassTown Valley Resort in the mountains northeast of Atlanta, also at \$139/night. The committee recommends the BrassTown Valley resort. The Board approved the committee's report and will vote on the location at a later date.

The Site Selection Committee also considered guidelines for future site selection based on a regional model. Based on three regions (SE, SW, & VC) this could include returning to a single hotel/site in each region to simplify local arrangements and securing hotel contracts. The site selection committee will consider this idea in future meetings, but noted that a single hotel/site would mean a return every three years. The recommendation is that a minimum of two sites be chosen per region so that we would return to the same hotel/site once every six years. Further, we recommend that the Site Selection Committee be composed of 9 individuals, 3 from each region, with the regional sub-committee of 3 persons charged with selecting the site for their region every three years. (These recommended changes will require amending the current ByLaws and will be presented to the membership in 2012).

The committee also discussed the possibility of surveying the membership and their families after each meeting to help understand the pros and cons of each site and hotel.

Nominating Committee – The Nominating Committee consisted of Corley Holbrook, Albert Culbreath, Howard Valentine and Barbara Shew, Chair. The committee corresponded by email to identify candidates for President-Elect and Board of Director positions to be filled at the close of the 2011 annual meeting. The committee quickly reached consensus on potential candidates. The candidates indicated a willingness to serve, were approved by the committee, and their names were forwarded to President Maria Gallo. The candidates are as follows:

President-Elect - Ames Herbert - Virginia Tech

Board of Directors:

State Employee Representative - Southwest - Chad Godsey

Manufactured Products - Pat Donahue - Kraft

American Peanut Council - Howard Valentine

National Peanut Board - Jeffrey Pope - Virginia

Public Relations Committee - The Public Relations Committee of the American Peanut Research and Education Society met via e-mail prior to the 2011 annual

meeting. Members of the Public Relations committee for 2011 are: John Erickson, Ryan Lepicier (Chair), Sandy Newell, Shelly Nutt, Betsy Owens, Richard Rudolph and Barry Tillman.

News releases were sent to several states from the Executive Officer of APRES to publicize this meeting. In addition to those releases, information was disseminated to research and extension offices and county agents.

The committee recommends that all members encourage scientists and county agents working in peanuts to join the society. Photographic records of recognized significant achievements of members are to be made at the meeting.

Another role of the committee is to recognize members or prominent individuals in the peanut industry who have deceased with resolutions that honor their contributions. There were several such individuals this year. Resolutions for Norman Davis, Don Smith, Jimmy Spain. The committee was also notified of the passing of Ruth Taber to be included at a later date.

Publications and Editorial Committee – The committee met on Tuesday, July 12 in San Antonio at the annual meeting. Dr. Chris Butts announced his desire to step down as editor of Peanut Science by July 2012. The committee and Board of Directors expressed the society's extreme thanks for Dr. Butts' service. The committee will send out an open call to the membership for nominations and will start developing a list of possible candidates. Dr. Butts will send Dr. Rowland a brief description of the Editor's responsibilities to be distributed to interested candidates. The committee decided to upload all prior APRES Proceedings on the APRES website with a link on the Peanut Science website. Dr. Jason Woodward offered the use of clerical staff to convert past proceedings to the pdf format and submit for uploading with the help of Milbra Schweikert at the National Peanut Research Lab.

Editor of Peanut Science – The publication of Peanut Science operated at a financially breakeven during FY11. Peanut Science income was from page charges (\$12,325) and royalties paid by Allen Press (\$53). Peanut Science expenses included charges by Allen Press for PeerTrack manuscript management, publishing Volumes 37(2) and 38(1), cross-referencing (\$11,929) and the Editor's travel expenses to the 2010 annual meeting (\$693). It was also reported that the legacy project was complete and had been completely funded by outside sources. Those organizations providing funding are listed on the Peanut Science website includes: the Florida Peanut Producers, Peanut Foundation, National Peanut Board, Georgia Peanut Commission, South Carolina Peanut Board, American Peanut Shellers Association, and the National Peanut Buying Points Association.

Since July 1, 2010, twenty-four manuscripts have been submitted for possible publication in Peanut Science. Performance statistics regarding the times for review and decisions are summarized in the table below. The PeerTrack website for submission and manuscript tracking has worked relatively well. The development of a template containing instructions to authors and a flowchart describing the flow of a manuscript from submission to publication is under development and will be accessible on the PeerTrack, the Peanut Science, and the APRES websites.

The associate editors completing a 3-year term expiring 2011 are Peter

Dotray, Paxton Payton, Chad Godsey, Jack Davis, and Graeme Wright. All are eligible and have agreed to serve a second 3-year term to expire 2014.

Peanut Quality –It was noted that there are several factors that determine the effectiveness of the competitive biocontrol, these included type of strain used number of years applied and method of application. Jim Elder asked for clarification on what constitutes an early maturing variety. A discussion ensued with clarification that early maturing varieties must mature 2-4 weeks earlier based on variety, and measured using the hull scrape method. Bill Branch raised concerns regarding the 55% oil content measure and how this can cause issues for food manufacturers. Victor Nwosu and Howard Valentine emphasized that this is a strategy for the international community and includes goals for the non edible market. For the U.S. edible crop, fat content would be maintained at 48-50%. Isleib mentioned that weed resistant peanut varieties are definitely doable. Nwosu saw the need to add a measure for water use efficiency but raised the question as to how this would best be measured. An action was given to Corley to reach out to Vincent to define an appropriate measure for water usage efficiency. Mark Kline was given the task to update the OGSM with feedback.

Uniform Peanut Performance Test (UPPT) Discussion: Tom Isleib shared the UPPT data showing main quality attributes since 2001. Howard Valentine noted that the Florunner has declined in roast peanut attributes along with other varieties. Isleib mentioned that he did not see any correlation with chemical treatments but this may be attributed to the SE planting later and overall peanut maturity. Tim Sanders mentioned that due to the environmental differences, we need to encourage farmers to harvest at maturity and emphasize appropriate post harvest practices.

Bailey Award Committee – The committee's business related to the 2011 Bailey Award winner was conducted by email, prior to the annual meeting. Nominations were received from all fifteen eligible sessions of the 2010 annual meeting, and nominees were notified shortly after the meeting. Eight manuscripts were received and accepted for final evaluation by the committee. The winning paper is from a presentation by T. G. Isleib titled "Identification of QTL Associated with Reduced Post-Harvest Aflatoxin Accumulation in Peanut (*Arachis hypogaea* L.)" and co-authored by C. E. Rowe, V. J. Vontimitta, and S. R. Milla-Lewis. The committee reviewed a proposed standardized form for use to evaluate presentations within each session, and discussed potential new members to the committee.

Coyt T. Wilson Distinguished Services Award Committee – The Coyt T. Wilson Distinguished Service Award Committee met at 2:30 PM July 12, 2011 in San Antonio. Committee members for 2011 were Ames Herbert, Jack Davis, Kim Moore, Naveen Puppala, Mark Black, and Elizabeth Grabau, Chair.

The Coyt T. Wilson award is awarded annually to a person who has contributed two or more years of distinguished service to the American Peanut Research and Education Society. The award was established in honor of Coyt T. Wilson who provided leadership in the formative years of the Society. His contributions helped make possible the early and current success of the Society.

The award committee reviewed the qualifications of one nominee for the 2011 award. The nominee has provided outstanding service to the American Peanut Research and Education Society and the peanut industry. The committee recommended that the 2011 Coyt T. Wilson Distinguished Service Award be presented to Mr. James Grichar, Texas A&M University System. Mr. Grichar has 37 years of dedicated service to the peanut industry focused on weed management, and over 32 years of contributions to APRES. Within the Society, Mr. Grichar has been a leader in service to the journal Peanut Science, numerous committees, annual meeting activities, and the presidential succession.

Dow AgroSciences Awards Committee – The Dow AgroSciences Award Committee did not meet at the APRES meetings in 2011 because committee business was taken care of prior to the APRES annual meeting. In 2011 the committee received nominations for the Dow AgroSciences Award for Excellence in Research and the Award for Excellence in Education. Nomination packets were distributed to committee members electronically, and the vote on the nominations was conducted electronically. Dr. Austin K. Hagan is this year's recipient of the Dow AgroSciences Award for Excellence in Education, and Dr. Timothy L. Grey is this year's recipient of the Dow AgroSciences Award for Excellence in Research.

Fellows Award Committee – The committee reviewed a small number of nominations and recommended to the Board of Directors that the following persons be named Fellows of the Society: Dr. Mark Black, Texas AgriLife Extension, Dr. John Damicone, Oklahoma State University, and Dr. David Jordan, North Carolina State University. The Board approved each of these persons for the Fellow award.

Joe Sugg Graduate Student Award Committee – Seven students participated in the graduate student competition. First place in the Joe Sugg Student Award went to Steven Thornton of the University of Florida for the paper entitled "Determining the relationship between field emergence and late leaf spot resistance in peanut," co-authored by M. Gallo and B. Tillman. Second place went to Justin Moss, University of Georgia for the paper entitled "Agronomic and economic evaluation of double-crop and relay-intercropping systems of peanut with wheat," coauthored by R. S. Tubbs, T. L. Grey, N. B. Smith and J. W. Johnson.

Ad Hoc Committee on Revision of the Bylaws - The committee members were J. Starr, B. Shew, M. Gallo, and T. Baughman. They reviewed the existing ByLaws and recommended changes in wording relating to classes of membership, definition of a quorum for an official meeting, and the structure of several committees with the intent on ensuring that our actions were in compliance with the ByLaws and streamlining our committee structure. The proposed revisions to the ByLaws were approved by the Board of Directions by email vote in May 2011 and then sent to the membership by email as required. The membership will be asked to approve these revisions to the ByLaws at the regular business meeting of the Society.