

**Western Forest Genetics Association
Biennial General Meeting
Troutdale, OR, July 28, 2011**

Minutes

Call to order by Andreas Hamann

(List of attendees not available)

The current President and Treasurer were not in attendance at the meeting, therefore there were no minutes from the 2009 meeting or a financial to review/accept.

Discussion began regarding the venue for the next meeting

1) 2013 Meeting

Prior to the meeting Sally Aitken had proposed co-hosting with Brian Barber CFGA/WFGA in British Columbia in 2013. Potential locations discussed were Whistler and Banff

Greg O'Neill (for Sally and Brian) offered for the BC Ministry of Forests and University of British Columbia to host CFGA/WFGA in 2013, with the location to be decided.

Four potential venues were proposed and voted on with the following results:

- Parksville on Vancouver Island 3 votes
- Harrison Hot Springs 0 votes
- Whistler **4 votes**
- Banff 3 votes

3 times were discussed and voted on with the following results:

- June 4 votes
- July **7 votes**
- August 0 votes

Jeff DeBell mentioned the potential conflict with the Northwest Seed Orchard Managers Association meeting. The possibility of combining the meeting with other groups was discussed.

A solicitation for volunteers to host the 2015 meeting was announced. Utah was suggested as a possibility.

2) New Vice President/Secretary

Andreas moved for Andy Bower to be nominated as the new Vice President/Secretary.

Jeff DeBell seconded the motion

A vote was held and passed by majority

Andy Bower was elected as the new Vice President/Secretary

3) WFGA Treasurer

A new treasurer needs to be nominated as the current treasurer has resigned due to a job change. [In the intervening time, Brad St. Clair has agreed to take on the Treasurer responsibility]

4) Travel support and awards

The surplus from the 2009 meeting in Asilomar was used to provide 4 subsidies for students to attend the 2011 meeting. The subsidies were \$400 and were awarded to:

- Ian McLachlin
- Laura Gray
- Marc Lesser
- Oguz Urhan

The Critchfield Memorial Scholarship award for 2011 was given to:

- Mark Lesser – University of Wyoming for his presentation "You aren't from around here, are you? Parentage and long-distance dispersal in long-term expansion of disjunct ponderosa pine populations".

No student posters were presented so the Critchfield poster award was not given.

5) Miscellaneous

- Bob Westfall inquired as to the health of the Critchfield Award fund. Unfortunately as there was no financial report, no information was available.
- The idea of an advertising effort to attract student attendance and participation was raised and discussed.
- Andy Bower informed the group that the current WFGA mailing list was entered on the Constant Contact website under the Western Forest Conservation Association for mass e-mailing and marketing in the future.

Meeting Adjourned.