

**Minutes of WFGA Business Meeting
held at Whistler, BC, July 29, 2003**

Meeting called to order at 4:33 by Glenn Howe (16 persons present)

Glenn thanked Sally Aitken and the organizing committee for the fine job they had done.

Motion to accept 2002 minutes:

Moved: Tom Adams; Seconded: Jean Brouard; Carried

Sally Aitken reported on the finances of the 2003 meeting. It looked like there may be Can\$2,000 surplus. Genome BC paid for all of Monday's expenses, except the field trip, which was paid for by the BC MOF. The organizing committee had planned for around 70 participants, but >90 were present.

Financial Report:

WFGA has three accounts: One is an account that can be used as a start up cash source for our meetings (Bank of America account, BOA). All surpluses from previous meetings are deposited in this account. The other two accounts are trust funds administered by the OSU Foundation. The purpose of these two accounts is to pay the Critchfield award for the best student presentation. One account is an Expendable Account and the other is an Endowment account. Monies in excess of the historical gift amount are placed in the expendable account and can be used to distribute money. Traditionally, the student awards are paid out of the Expendable account. However, due to continued economic downturn, the Expendable account still has a balance of US\$0.00, so we are still without funds for the Critchfield award from these accounts. Tom Adams pointed out that we can draw from the principal (historical gift amount) if we write a letter to the foundation.

Closing Balances as of May 31 for the OSU accounts and June 30, 2003 for the BOA account:

Bank of America Account: US\$3,601.72

OSU Expendable Account: US\$0.00

OSU Endowment Account: US\$15,460.82

Tom Adams explained that the Critchfield monies were moved to OSU in order to have a stable home, rather than trying to earn more interest. It was also pointed out that the BOA account should not exceed \$5,000 because we are a non-profit and do not want to draw attention to ourselves. However, there is a minimum target of at least \$3,000 to ensure that meeting start-up funds are always available.

Alvin Yanchuk moved that we raise the Critchfield award from \$500 to \$700 for the 2004 meeting. Seconded: Jean Brouard. It was noted that the Critchfield account could not sustain that amount, but sufficient surplus from previous meetings and this year's meeting would allow for the increase for next year. This increase was only for 2004 and each year we will decide an appropriate amount based on the total financial situation. Motion carried.

Sally Aitken motioned that any surplus from the 2003 meeting be deposited in the BOA account and that we pay this year's winner from the BOA account. All business would be carried out through the BOA account the following year. Seconded: Jack Woods; Carried.

Brad St.Clair described his role as WFGA historian. A box of historic documents had moved from president to president and he decided that it would be wise to have a home for our records. It's now all in a file cabinet in his office. The information includes minutes, financial reports, programs and abstracts from meetings dating back to 1955. He is missing the 2002 programs and abstracts from the 2 meeting sites. Sally John and Marilyn Cherry would help him get the Edmonton information.

Location of future meetings:

2004 Meeting: Randy Johnson proposed that we join the 29th CTIA meeting 26-29 July 2004, Grand Okanagan, Kelowna BC. Theme: Climate Change and Forest Genetics. The meeting will also have the Seed Orchard groups and possibly the North American Quantitative Forest Genetics Group. Sally Aitken passed out the meeting brochure.

Moved: Glenn Howe; Seconded: Jean Brouard; Carried:

Michael Stoehr will be the official WFGA representative on the organizing committee.

We discussed which students will be eligible for the Critchfield award. It was decided that any student would be eligible and that a single committee should decide both the CTIA and Critchfield award winners. It was suggested that students be scheduled such that a single committee could judge all eligible presentations and that the students be scheduled for early in the meeting. This way we could announce the winners at the banquet and the students would not have to worry all meeting long about giving their presentations.

2005 Meeting: Glenn Howe proposed we meet in Corvallis OR and it would be sponsored by OSU and the PNW, with the possible co-chairs being Randy Johnson and Steve Strauss.

Moved: Brad St.Clair; Seconded: Sally Aitken; Carried

Glenn Howe discussed ways to restructure the WFGA officers in order to have the treasurer always be a US participant. Michael Stoehr explained that Canadians have had difficulties dealing with the US bank. Three options were proposed:

- (1) No change
- (2) U.S. Treasurer (2-year term) with promotion to V.P. V.P. is Secretary
- (3) U.S. Treasurer (2-year term) without promotion to V.P. V.P. is Secretary

Brad St.Clair suggestion we may only need 2 officers. Discussion followed.

Tom Adams moved that we only consider 3 officer options, Seconded: Jean Brouard; Carried.

Laura DeWald moved by that we change to option 3, Seconded: Brad St.Clair; Carried.

Elections:

Laura DeWald and Richard Sniezko nominated for treasurer. Laura DeWald won the election and will be treasurer for the next 2 years. Michael Stoehr will be president in the upcoming year and Randy Johnson will be vice president/secretary.

Respectfully submitted by:

Randy Johnson

2002/03 WFGA Secretary/Treasurer