

**Western Forest Genetics Association  
Biennial General Meeting  
Asilomar, CA, August 12, 2009**

**Minutes**

Call to order at 13:00

In Attendance:

Sally Aitken	Sierra Curtis-McLane	Bill Libby	Tongli Wang
Andy Bower	Lauren Fins	Nina Lobos	Bob Westfall
Charlie Cartwright	Andreas Hamann	John Major	Nicholas Wheeler
John Church	Jason Holliday	Greg O'Neill	Jack Woods
Denise Cooper	Kathie Jermstad	Brad St. Clair	

**1.** Tongli thanked Bob for organizing this years meeting and announced that there were 6 items to be covered in the Business Meeting

- 1) Introduction – which would be skipped in the interest of time
- 2) Minutes
- 3) Financial report
- 4) Officer elections
- 5) Future meetings
- 6) Other business

**2. Minutes**

- Tongli announced an update to #2 (financial report) on the minutes from 2007 – that the \$8000 was not transferred to a CD.
- Critchfield award – it was brought up that there are no established criteria for the poster presentation award. There was a committee that was supposed to meet about this, but they appear to not have convened.
  - Fins suggested that it be checked with the committee to see if anything was ever done

**Motion:** to accept 2007 minutes (O'Neill/Woods carried)

**3. Financial Report**

- Wang presented financial report prepared by Keith Jayawickrama
- Westfall pointed out that the deposit for the 2009 meeting is to be repaid to WFGA
- Fins pointed out that her contribution for the Critchfield Award is for the endowment and not the scholarship fund
- O'Neill asked what the \$17,000 “historic gift” amount was, St. Clair explained that it is probably the original amount in the endowment fund.

- **Motion:** reinvest all of the earning on the Scholarship Fund except for \$800 to cover the current years awards back into the endowment.
  - After discussion the motion was revised to transfer all but \$1600 back to the endowment, which would cover two meetings worth of awards. (Fins/Westfall 2nd carried)
- Woods opened a discussion to look at less risky investment of endowment fund
- **Motion:** approach OSU to see if there is a less risky fund available (Woods).
  - Aitken said that there are probably no options available from the OSU Foundation.
  - Woods withdrew motion
- Westfall opened a discussion about options for what to do with the surplus from the 2009 Asilomar meeting – likely to be about \$2000.
  - 1) refund a per person amount to registrants
  - 2) donate the surplus to the Critchfield Endowment
  - 3) Curtis-McLane proposed a subsidy for the next meeting
  - 4) Wheeler proposed partial support for students for next meeting
  - Aitken suggested the organizing committee solicit nominations for student support like the CTIA does
- **Motion:**
  - 1) a refund of per/person surplus amount can be requested for those who paid for registration out of pocket
  - 2) remaining surplus be made available to next meeting organizers to subsidize student attendance in a manner seen fit (Aitken/Fins 2<sup>nd</sup> carried)

### 3) Election of new officers

- Marilyn Cherry to become new WFGA president
- **Motion:** Andreas Hamann nominated for V.P. (Wang/Fins carried)
- Announcement of Keith Jayawickrama resigning as treasurer
  - **Motion:** Denise Cooper nominated (St. Clair/Fins carried)

### 4) Location/Timing of next meeting

- Cartwright suggested combining with CTIA which will be held in 2010 in B.C.
- Informal discussion on maintaining biennial timing
- Bower proposed Portland in 2011
- Fins agreed to check with Mahalovich/Rust about Idaho in 2011
- Executive committee will follow up with Bower/Fins and decide before December
- Aitken proposed B.C. in 2013

Meeting adjourned at 14:00

Later in the meeting the following announcements were made:

Bower agreed to lead the organizing committee for 2011 WFGA meeting in Portland, OR area.

## **Critchfield Award**

Due to the low number of student presentations (2) and excellent quality of these presentations, the award for 2009 was split between:

Sierra Curtis-McLane for her presentation “Can whitebark pine grow north of its current species range under climate change?”

And

David Roberts for his presentation “Do climate match and no-analogue climates represent a barrier to bioclimate envelope modeling of future ecosystem projections?”

The recipients will split the \$600 award evenly.

## **Poster Award**

Hongfang Wang was selected to receive the Poster Award for her poster “Ecological and genetic consequences of Fragmentation in an urban population of Chinese Pine (*Pinus tabulaeformis* Carr.)”