

**MINUTES OF THE 1997 COTTON DISEASE  
COUNCIL  
BUSINESS MEETING, JANUARY 8, 1998  
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The 58<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Cotton Disease Council was called to order by chairperson Donald J. Blasingame at 4:30 PM, January 8, 1998.

A motion was made and passed to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the 1997 business meeting.

**Old Business**

Terrence Kirkpatrick provided a report on the revision of the Cotton Compendium for the American Phytopathological Society (APS). The deadline for submission to APS is January 31. Edited chapters have been returned to the authors for review and corrections. Authors of the revised chapters and the authors of outstanding chapters were encouraged to submit their chapters soon to meet the deadline. Color plates for the compendium were on display at the meeting and members were asked to submit any superior slides.

The Council heard a report from Patrick Colyer on the status of the new Journal of Cotton Science to be electronically published on a quarterly basis. The Journal will be peer reviewed and is envisioned to be a quality journal. Members of the Disease Council were encouraged to submit manuscripts. The first volume is available on the internet. One disease manuscript was published in the first volume and a second has been accepted for a future volume. Dr. Colyer thanked the reviewers for taking the time to review these manuscripts and discussed the need for future assistance in reviewing manuscripts in a timely fashion. Dr. Colyer was unanimously elected to continue as technical editor for the disease section.

**New Business**

Committee reports were solicited. Written reports from the Regional Disease, Soilborne Pathogen, Cottonseed Treatment, and Disease Loss Committees were available for members in attendance.

At the request of D. Ranney, the Disease Loss Committee considered several changes in the disease loss report. The states of Virginia and Florida coordinated by P. Phipps and

F. Shokes, respectively, will be added to the report. In addition, the nematodes will be divided into three groups; root-knot, reniform and others. Requests to consolidate some other categories were denied because of historical significance. Yield loss data has been accumulated in some form for 50 years.

Nominations for seed treatments were submitted and additional nominations solicited by Chairman Craig Rothrock. There will be 12 treatments plus the four standards in the 1998 test. Results for 1997 were briefly presented. A full report will be presented during the contributed paper session. Larry Butler of Wilbur-Ellis requested plots be a minimum of 25 feet with 4-5 seed per foot. Participants were encouraged to use these parameters, but they were not formally adopted. Most cooperators are already using these parameters. The Council thought it more important to maintain locations rather than mandate these parameters. Mr. Butler also requested some changes in statistical analysis. Chairman Rothrock will consider these changes. The state of California has dropped out of the test.

Alois Bell was recognized for his leadership in preparing the symposium on Vascular Wilt Diseases. Next years symposium will be on the reniform nematode chaired by Charles Overstreet. Terry Wheeler suggested a symposium on precision agriculture for future consideration.

Next year the Disease Council will present a Workshop on the Interaction of Nematodes with other pests. The workshop will be chaired by Richard Baird.

Terry Kirkpatrick reminded the group of the need to stay abreast of retirement resolutions. Chairman Blasingame will determine if any resolutions are needed.

There was considerable discussion on the absence of a pathology contribution to the general session. After last year, it was thought the Disease Council would be given the opportunity to annually present pathological information at the general session. Chairman Blasingame will discuss the situation with the individuals responsible for planning the general session in hopes of securing a spot for the Disease Council on the program.

The location of posters at the meeting was discussed. The council liked having the posters in the back of the meeting room and recommended that posters be located in the meeting room, space permitting, in the future.

At the close of business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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