

MINUTES FROM 2010 NATIONAL COTTON COUNCIL 70TH ANNUAL COTTON DISEASE COUNCIL

Presiding: Dr. Terry Wheeler

Recorder: Robert Kemerait

1. The business meeting was called to order by Dr. Terry Wheeler at 6:05 PM, Wednesday, 6 January in Galerie 1, the New Orleans Marriott.
2. Dr. Wheeler noted that in the interest of time, minutes from the 2009 Beltwide Meeting would be shared among the group via e-mail.
3. Dr. Don Blasingame was called upon to give a report on the Beltwide Disease Loss Estimates from 2009. Dr. Blasingame spoke briefly about the report and shared copies with all in attendance.
4. Dr. Craig Rothrock was called upon to discuss the results from the 2009 Beltwide Seedling Disease trial. Dr. Rothrock delivered the report and shared copies with all in attendance.
5. Discussion was held regarding a symposium topic for the 2011 National Cotton Council Beltwide Conference to be held in Atlanta, GA. It was suggested that the symposium focus on crop rotation as applicable to management of diseases and plant parasitic nematodes in cotton. Dr. Gabe Sciubato had suggested such a symposium for the 2010 conference; however had withdrawn the idea as other suggestions were also made. It was decided that Dr. Bob Kemerait would take the lead on putting this symposium together for the 2011 meeting.
6. Dr. Bob Kemerait offered thanks and praise for the symposia presented during the conference. These included "Fusarium wilt of cotton: challenges posed by the emerging isolates threatening cotton production worldwide," "Site specific management of nematodes: a multi-state evaluation of fumigation and selected nematicides," and "Cotton boll damaging organisms."
7. The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 PM.
8. On Thursday, 7 January, 1st place in the graduate student paper competition was awarded to Dustin M. Herring for his paper "Reniform control linked to variable rate herbicides used to prevent post harvest cotton regrowth and eliminate winter weeds." Second place was presented to Jianbing Ma for his presentation "Changes in cotton root architecture caused by *Meloidogyne incognita* and *Thielaviopsis basicola* and their interaction." Third place was awarded to Kurt C Showmaker for his paper "A species-specific, PCR assay for the detection of *Rotylenchulus reniformis*."