

**MINUTES OF THE 1996 COTTON
DISEASE COUNCIL BUSINESS
MEETING, JANUARY 11, 1996 -
Nashville, TN**

The 56th business meeting of the Cotton Disease Council (CDC) was called to order by chairman, William Gazaway, at 4:15 p.m. January 11, 1996.

A motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes for the 1996 business meeting was made and passed. Chairman Gazaway mentioned several items covered at recent meetings with the Program Steering Committee. One of these was having more input into the General Sessions by members of the CDC. Efforts are being made to have an UPDATE by the CDC on an annual basis. The chairman also mentioned that the attendance (5400) was good at the Beltwide Meeting, despite the bad weather. Also attendance was excellent at the CDC sessions, with 275 at the opening SYMPOSIUM-"MAINTAINING SEEDLING HEALTH".

OLD BUSINESS - Dr. Terry Kirkpatrick, Ad Hoc Committee Chairman for the Reorganization of CDC committees, reported that the reorganization was complete with the combination of several committees into three new committees. The new committees were the SOILBORNE PATHOGEN COMMITTEE, REGIONAL DISEASE PROBLEMS COMMITTEE, and the VASCULAR WILTS COMMITTEE. Dr. G. L. Sciumbato, Dr. William Batson, and Dr. John Mueller were appointed as temporary chairmen by the incoming CDC chairman (Gazaway). After some discussion these individuals were reelected as chairman of their respective committees. There was some discussion regarding term limits for committee chairmen. No term limits were imposed. The chairman will be asked every two years if the/she wishes to continue serving. Nominations will be accepted from the floor.

Chairman Gazaway opened discussion regarding several publications the CDC has been considering for some time. After some discussion with the National Cotton Council (NCC) leadership, it was decided that the development of the COTTON DISEASE TEXTBOOK be delayed. The NCC considered the revision of the COTTON DISEASE COMPENDIUM to be a priority item. Dr. Terry Kirkpatrick and Dr. Craig Rothrock were proposed to APS as co-authors. Their appointment was approved and they are at the present time securing authors for the various sections. It was also mentioned that new color plates were needed for the proposed COTTON DISEASE COMPENDIUM.

NEW BUSINESS - A great deal of discussion centered around the Symposium for the 1997 meeting in New Orleans.

The two major topics mentioned were the Reniform nematode and Black root rot. The CDC voted in favor of Black Root Rot as the Symposium for 1997 with Dr. Karen Arthur serving as chairman.

A SEEDLING DISEASE WORKSHOP is scheduled for the 1997 meeting with Dr. Pat Coyler and Dr. Craig Rothrock serving as co-chairman.

Dr. Craig Rothrock, Chairman of the Seed Treatment Committee, reported that there would be a total of 14 entries for the 1996 Regional Cotton Seed Treatment Test.

There being no further business, the meeting was concluded at 5 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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