

**MINUTES OF THE 1997 COTTON DISEASE
COUNCIL BUSINESS MEETING, JANUARY 9,
1997 - NEW ORLEANS, LA
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The 57th meeting of the Cotton Disease Council (CDC) was called to order by chairman, William Gazaway at 4:15 PM. January 9, 1997.

A motion was made and passed to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the 1996 business meeting. Chairman Gazaway reviewed for those present the history of the CDC. The Council first met in Jackson, MS in 1935 and with the exception of a few years during WW II, had met annually. The CDC was the base from which the Beltwide Conferences were built and is the only Conference that has retained the name "Council".

The chairman reported that the Steering Committee had met and recommended the following new officers for 1997:

Chairman - Donald J. Blasingame

Secretary - Patrick Colyer

Steering Committee - Al Chambers who served on this committee as

University representative is retiring and Richard Baird is nominated to replace him.

With no nominations from the floor, the motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS: Terry Kirkpatrick mentioned that the revision of the Cotton Compendium was moving forward and that 80 % of the first draft was complete. He requested that if council members would like to submit slides to support this work, please do so.

NEW BUSINESS: The chairman thanked all those who had been a part of the Poster Session and that it was well attended. Also that the Seedling Disease Workshop led by Patrick Colyer and Craig Rothrock was a great success. Over a thousand attended the session on Wednesday afternoon. The chairman mentioned that this type of format of "hands-on" had been well received by the conference leadership. The chairman then lead a discussion on future CDC workshops and symposiums. It was agreed that the workshops were important, but to keep quality and interest up, they need not be held each year. After further discussion the following schedule was approved:

1998 - San Diego: Workshop = none, Symposium = Vascular Wilts (Al Bell, Leader)

1999 - Orlando: Workshop = Nematodes & Disease Interaction, Symposium = The Reniform Nematode

Dave Ranney asked about changes in the Disease Loss Estimate Committee report. Don Blasingame (committee chairman) reported that the committee is in the process of making changes by combining certain minor diseases into one heading and that the states of Virginia and Florida will be added to the report in 1997.

Craig Rothrock handed out a list of the seed treatment nominations for 1997. This included 13 nominations from 3 companies. There were no nominations from the floor.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Donald J. Blasingame
Secretary, Cotton Disease Council