

**MINUTES OF THE 1998 COTTON DISEASE
COUNCIL BUSINESS MEETING,
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ORLANDO, FL
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The 59th meeting of the Cotton Disease Council was called to order by chairperson Donald J. Blasingame at 4:15 PM, January 6, 1999.

A motion was made and passed to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the 1998 business meeting.

Old Business

Richard Baird, coordinator, and other participants in the workshop, "Nematodes and Fungi: Interactions of a Dynamic Duo", were recognized for their hard work.

Charles Overstreet, organizer, and other participants in the symposium on "Reniform Nematodes" were recognized for their efforts.

Members presenting posters and individuals that assisted with the lights and projector during the sessions were recognized for their activities.

A report on the revision of the second edition of the Cotton Compendium for the American Phytopathological Society (APS) was provided by Terry Kirkpatrick. A copy has been sent to APS for their internal review. An unedited copy of compendium was available for viewing during the meeting. Letters will be sent to agribusinesses to solicit corporate sponsorships to address the need for additional sponsorships to support publication of the compendium.

Patrick Colyer have a status report on the Journal of Cotton Science. Five volumes of the Journal has been published electronically over the past year. Two manuscripts have been published in the Cotton Disease Section. Dr. Colyer thanked the authors for submitting manuscripts and reviewers for their efforts. Members were encouraged to submit manuscripts for publication in future volumes, and reminded that the Journal is peer reviewed and envisioned to be a quality journal similar to Crop Science.

There was some discussion on the absence of a pathology contribution to the general session again this year. The efforts of Chairman Blasingame and past-Chairman Gazaway to resolve this omission through letters and discussions with responsible individuals were presented. It

was suggested that in-coming Chairman Colyer continue to address this issue with individuals responsible for planning the general session.

New Business

Committee Reports were solicited. Written reports from the Cottonseed Treatment and Disease Loss Committees were available for participants at the meeting. Committee chairmen were reminded of the importance of committee reports and members were encouraged to submit information for inclusion in the reports.

Nominations for seed treatments were submitted and additional nominations solicited by Chairman Craig Rothrock. There will be fourteen treatments plus the four standards in the 1999 test. Apron will now be known as Allegiance. The selection of varieties to be used in the test was discussed, because current varieties will be dropped by the seed companies in the near future. It was concluded that the same varieties will be included until they are no longer available. Participants were informed that a soil probe to record soil temperatures in the test site will be sent with the seed. The probes should be buried when the seed is planted and returned after 30 days with the soil samples and seedlings. Results of the 1998 test were summarized.

Nominations were taken for the incoming Secretary. John Mueller was the lone nomination and was subsequently unanimously elected.

Four topics were nominated for next year's symposium. The four topics were "Precision Agriculture and Plant Pathology" by Terry Wheeler, "Nonchemical Disease Control" by William Gazaway, "Minor Diseases" by Gabe Scuiabato, and the "Impact of FQPA on Cotton Pesticides" by Jennifer Riggs. After a discussion of each proposal, the council approved the selection of the Impact of FQPA on Cotton Pesticides as the symposium topic. The symposium will be co-chaired by Jennifer Riggs and Karen Arthur. A workshop will not be given next year.

At the close of business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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