

**MINUTES OF THE 2001 COTTON DISEASE  
COUNCIL BUSINESS MEETING,  
JANUARY 11, 2002  
ATLANTA, GA  
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The 62<sup>ND</sup> Meeting of the Cotton Disease Council was called to order by chairperson John D. Mueller at 4:15 p.m. Forty-two members were in attendance.

A motion was made, seconded and passed to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the 2000 business meeting.

**Old Business**

Terry Kirkpatrick thanked the sponsors and authors of the Cotton Compendium recently published by The American Phytopathological Society. Copies of the Cotton Compendium will be provided to contributors and sponsors free of charge.

John Mueller thanked the panelists in the Cotton Nematode Management portion of the Beltwide Cotton Production Conference on Thursday morning. The session was an opportunity to educate a broad cross-section of the industry on nematode management. The session was well attended. In addition, John thanked Kathy McLean and Richard Davis for coordinating the Nematode Management Workshop and participants in the workshop on Thursday afternoon.

John Mueller was recognized for his efforts as Chairman in insuring a spot in the Beltwide Cotton Production Conference for the Cotton Nematode Management session.

Bob Stipanovic was recognized for his efforts in organizing the special symposium, "Diseases and Nematodes: Their Role in Cotton Yield Stagnation," for the Cotton Disease Council.

John Mueller brought up the problem with hotel reservations for the meeting. Approximately ½ of the members present had encountered difficulties in making reservations for the 2002 meeting.

**Committee Reports**

Copies of the Cotton Disease Loss Estimate Committee Report compiled by Don Blasingame and Mukund Patel were provided and summarized and Melvin Newman.

A committee report was provided for the Vascular Wilt Committee. Peggy Thaxton asked to be removed as the chairman of this committee, as a result of other obligations, and this request was accepted. Terry Wheeler will become the new chair of the Vascular Wilt Committee.

Bill Batson provided a report for the Regional Disease Problems Committee. Bill recommended that this committee be dissolved as a result of lack of contributions. Contributions could be covered in other committee reports. Bill's recommendation was accepted.

Copies of the Report for the Cottonseed Treatment Committee for 2001 compiled by Craig Rothrock were available. The selection of cultivars for the 2002 growing season was discussed and a preliminary list of the 2002 National Cottonseed Treatment Nominations was provided. In was also suggested that a greater effort be made to determine pathogen populations for all sites, especially *Rhizoctonia solani*

Gabe Sciumbato will be preparing a Soilborne Pathogen Committee Report.

John Mueller suggested establishing an ad hoc Precision Agriculture Committee.

John Mueller stressed the need to increase the profile of the Cotton Disease Council and pathology research by being more available to the press at the conferences. In addition, he suggested establishing an award to be given by the Cotton Disease

Council. A committee was established to examine whether awards should be given and the type of awards. The ad hoc awards committee consists of Pat Collier, Chip Graham, Bob?, and John Mueller

Retirements this year include Kamal El-Zik and Al Chambers. Kamal El-Zik's and Al Chambers' contributions will be recognized by Al Bell and Peggy Thaxton and Melvin Newman., respectively.

### **New Business**

John Mueller informed members he will be using e-mail increasingly to keep members up-to-date on Cotton Disease Council activities.

A seedling disease workshop will be held at the 2003 Beltwide Cotton Conferences. Melvin Newman will be in charge of the workshop. Chip Graham volunteered to assist Melvin in organizing the workshop.

Bob Nichols recommended sponsoring a symposium on cropping systems for 2003 in cooperation with the Soil Management and Plant Nutrition and Cotton Economics and Marketing Conferences.

Bob Stipanovic also suggested that the Fusarium wilt problem in Australia be developed as a colloquium for 2003. This colloquium will be organized by Steven Allen and Pat Colyer.

Craig Rothrock volunteered to provide a computer projection system for the 2003 meeting. A protocol will be provided to presenters prior to the meeting to enable a smooth transition between speakers.

Vince Morton presented information on a new electronic journal, Plant Health Progress, being published by The American Phytopathological Society.

Disease council members were reminded that the Journal of Cotton Science is another publication outlet for research.

A new handbook, Cotton Root Disorders, has been published by Cotton Incorporated.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00.

Respectfully submitted,

Craig Rothrock  
Secretary, Cotton Disease Council