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Letter From the President

PAA Dates

The Annual Meeting of the PAA is coming up in August 9-14. To all of those who have already registered, I extend my gratitude. I hope I can convince people who are undecided to consider this once-in-a-lifetime experience in one of the unique corners of Canada. New Brunswick offers a relaxing natural beauty of forest, shore, and agriculture. New Brunswick is the only officially bilingual Province, meaning that English and French are spoken as a first language by the Anglo- and Francophone portions of the population. There are entire villages that have all the traditions of a centuries-old French cultural tradition.

The Conference itself is offering something different this year. The SolCAP Potato grantees (Dave Douches, Walter De Jong and Robin Buell, among others) will be presenting a workshop on some of the new DNA technologies coming on line, on Sunday afternoon.

In addition to the Symposium on Monday (on alternatives methods of controlling pests and diseases), which is packed with information to address sustainability issues, there will be an additional symposium on Potato Virus Y, with international speakers, on Tuesday.

There are 92 oral presentations and 29 posters. The scientific content will be well worth it for those whose primary interests are industry, extension, or research.

Golf will be held on Sunday, and the week will include opportunities to explore the cultural richness of Fredericton, river kayaking, whale watching, an agricultural tour and a research tour at the nearby Fredericton Potato Research Program, renowned the world over for its development of new varieties and seminal research on potato topics.

The barbecue on Wednesday will offer a rare treat obtainable only in certain parts of the world, a steak and lobster dinner.

On Thursday, the banquet offers the precious experience of honoring our friends and colleagues with Honorary Life Memberships, the Outstanding Paper Award, Graduate Student Competition Awards, and the new Extension Award, to be given out for the first time.

The Potato Association of America Annual Meeting is always an amazing experience. It is not too large that it is overwhelming and frantic. It is just right and the best way to keep up on new information, enjoy oneself, and see an exotic and stunningly beautiful part of the world.

I look forward to seeing old friends and meeting new ones as I welcome everyone to the meeting at the President's Reception Sunday evening.

Chuck Brown
2008-2009 PAA President

JULY 2009
11-19: Maine Potato Blossom Festival.
Fort Fairfield, ME. Info: <http://potatoblossom.org/>

AUGUST 2009
01-05: APS Annual Meeting.
Portland, OR. Info: <http://meeting.apsnet.org/default.cfm>

03-05: 3rd Natl Plant Breeding WS.
Madison, WI. Info: <http://cuke.hort.ncsu.edu/gpb/meetings/pbccmeeting2009.html>

03-07: US Potato Board Summer Meeting.
Bangor, ME. Info: <http://www.uspotatoes.com/downloads/Summer-Meeting-Schedule09.pdf>

11-13: Empire Days.
Seneca, NY. Info: 1-877-697-7837.

29: 2009 Potato Days Festival.
Barnesville, MN. Info: Theresa Olson, 1-800-525-4901 or spudlady@potatodays.com - <http://www.potatodays.com>

SEPTEMBER
8-10: PotatoEurope/Cong/Exhibit/Fd Demos.
Emmeloord, Netherlands.
Info: <http://www.potato2009.com/>

PAA 2009
93rd Annual Meeting of The Potato Association of America
Welcome to Fredericton, New Brunswick Canada
August 9-13, 2009

With just over a month to go, the time to register for the PAA 2009 is NOW! The early registration deadline has passed, but it is not too late to register to attend. Visit the conference website, www.paa2009.org for quick and easy registration, and full meeting details.

Make your hotel reservations at the conference headquarters, the Delta Fredericton Hotel by JULY 8, 2009 to be guaranteed a room at the conference rate. The hotel is located on the picturesque St. John River – book your ‘room with a view’.

At www.paa2009.org you will find the complete delegate program and abstracts for all 121 presentations. Program highlights include the Sunday afternoon Breeding and Genetics Workshop “Application of Genomic Resources to Potato Breeding”, the Monday morning Plant Protection Symposium “Alternative Methods of Pest and Disease Control” and the Tuesday afternoon “International PVY Symposium”.

Two tours are featured on Wednesday. The agricultural tour will visit a 10+ acre horticultural operation, a potato museum, potato research trials, and a brand new kettle chip facility. The

Fredericton-based research tour (maximum 30 spots) includes visits to the Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada Potato Research Centre, New Brunswick Plant Propagation Centre and grower-operated Agricultural Certification Services.

A Maritime Kitchen Party steak and lobster BBQ is the event to be on Wednesday evening. Come witness the “Presidential Paddle”, our PAA Endowment Fundraiser and enjoy live entertainment.

For those interested in whale watching, Kings Landing (a historical settlement with costumed residents), kayaking, biking, Fredericton culture crawl or the world’s highest tides, please register by JULY 6, 2009. If not enough people sign up, these activities may be canceled.

As has become the tradition, please bring an item or cash for the Silent Auction, with all proceeds going to the Endowment Fund.

I look forward to hosting each and every one of you in Fredericton, New Brunswick, Canada.

Loretta Mikitzel
Chair, LAC 2009

Proposed 2009 Changes to Constitution & ByLaws

As required by our Constitution & Bylaws (C&BL), Article XI. Ratification & Amendments, Section 2. "This Constitution may be amended at any Annual Business Meeting of The Association. Proposed amendments shall be considered by the Executive Committee and then distributed to members in the PAA Insider or via e-mail not less than four weeks prior to the first Executive Committee meeting of the next Annual Meeting.

The changes to the C&BL being recommended at the 93rd Annual Business Meeting in Fredericton are listed in this Newsletter. You may view and compare the current version at: <http://potatoassociation.org/About%20the%20PAA/constitution.html>

Note: text deletions in brackets (text), additions in BOLD AND ALL CAPS

Constitution & Bylaws of The Potato Association of America
"CONSTITUTION"

[chg 1] Incorporated: January 14, 1975, in the State of Maine as a NONPROFIT (non-profit) organization.

[chg 2] Amended: Aug 1999, July 2000, Aug 2003, Aug 2004, July 2006, AUGUST (July) 2007, Aug 2008

Article III. Membership

[chg 3] Sec 1. The Association consists of individual members, (group members,) student members,....

Article V. Executive Committee

[chg 4] Sec 1. The governing body of The Association shall be an Executive Committee,...the Immediate Past President, the Editor-in-Chief, CHAIR OF FINANCE COMMITTEE and the five Directors. Chairs of the Sections and the ADMINISTRATOR (Administrative Assistant) shall be ex-officio, non-voting members.

[chg 5] Article VI. Election AND TERMS of Officers and Directors

[chg 6] Sec 1. The President, Nominees FROM THE FLOOR must be present...

[chg 7] Sec 2. The Secretary and the Treasurer shall be appointed by the Executive Committee for terms of two years which shall not expire concurrently. THE SECRETARY AND THE TREASURER WILL COMMENCE THEIR TERM AT THE BEGINNING OF THE NEXT FISCAL YEAR (CALENDAR YEAR) AFTER THEIR APPOINTMENT EXCEPT IN THE CASE OF AN UNEXPECTED EMERGENCY.

Article IX. Publications

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Changes to Constitution, Art. IX. Publications
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[chg 8] Sec 3. The Executive Committee shall appoint the E-inC, the EB of the AJPR, and the Editor of the PAA Insider newsletter, ALL OF WHOM SERVE AT THE DISCRETION OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

[chg 9] Sec 4. The Executive Committee may authorize the ADMINISTRATOR, E-in-C and other (officers) MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE to employ....

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The Potato Association of America - "BYLAWS"

I. Membership and Dues

2. Individual Membership

[chg 10] Any person who pays annual dues may become an individual member...the AJPR with electronic access to it, THE AMERICAN POTATO JOURNAL, and other publications...

3. Student Membership

[chg 11] Student members shall receive...electronic access to the AJPR, THE AMERICAN POTATO JOURNAL, and other publications.....

4. Sustaining Membership

[chg 12] Sustaining membership may be granted to any person, firm, association...the AJPR, with electronic access to it, THE AMERICAN POTATO JOURNAL,

5. Honorary Life Membership

[chg 13] Honorary Life Members are entitled to all membership rights and ...the AJPR, (followed by permanent) INCLUDING LIFETIME electronic access to the AJPR and AMERICAN POTATO JOURNAL; ....

6. Emeritus Membership

[chg 14] Emeritus members are entitled to all membership rights and privileges...electronic access TO (of) the AJPR, THE AMERICAN POTATO JOURNAL...

II. American Journal of Potato Research [AJPR] and Other Publications

[chg 15] 3. Mailing Charges and Back Numbers

(Extra postage for foreign accounts will be set by the Treasurer, Finance Committee, and Administrative Assistant with the approval of the Executive Committee. Arrangements for replacing, pricing, and sale of back numbers and/or volumes of any Association publications shall be determined by the Treasurer, Finance Committee, and Administrative Assistant with the approval of the Executive Committee.) ARRANGEMENTS FOR PRICING FOR SALE OF BACK VOLUMES AND ISSUES OF THE AMERICAN POTATO JOURNAL AND THE AMERICAN JOURNAL OF POTATO RESEARCH THROUGH VOLUME 84 (2007) SHALL BE DETERMINED BY THE TREASURER, FINANCE COMMITTEE, AND

ADMINISTRATOR WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE. PRICING FOR OTHER PUBLICATIONS ARE UNDER NO RESTRICTIONS AND WILL BE DETERMINED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

[chg 16] III. Duties OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (Officers)  
[chg 17] (NEW CATEGORY)

8. CHAIR OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

THE CHAIR OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE IS THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER (CFO) OF THE PAA. THE CFO ADVISES THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ON ALL OF THE ASSOCIATION'S FINANCIAL MATTERS. WORKING WITH THE FINANCE COMMITTEE THE CFO MAKES RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, ASSISTS THE TREASURER WITH PROPOSED BUDGETS, AND REVIEWS AUDITS AND FUNDS.

[chg 18] IV. ADMINISTRATOR (Administrative Assistant)

The ADMINISTRATOR (Administrative Assistant) is employed at The Association's expense and is under the supervision of the Executive Committee to facilitate the business of The Association. The ADMINISTRATOR (Administrative Assistant) shall... The ADMINISTRATOR (Administrative Assistant) shall be an ex-officio....

The Executive Committee shall appoint the ADMINISTRATOR. An annual evaluation of the ADMINISTRATOR (Administrative Assistant) will be conducted by a committee chaired by the PAA President... at each PAA Annual Meeting. The SECRETARY (President) will maintain a record of the evaluation and pass records along to the President-Elect.

VII. Standing Committees

[chg 19] 2. Nominating Committee

This committee, (appointed by the President,) shall consist of the five Past Presidents .....

4. Finance Committee

[chg 20] This committee, appointed by the President, shall work with the Treasurer on monetary matters, RECOMMEND FINANCIAL POLICY, and submit a report including a proposed budget at the Annual Business Meeting.

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If you have any comments, questions or additional information you would like presented at the meeting, please contact DON HALSETH <deh3@cornell.edu>, VICE PRESIDENT AND CHAIR OF THE C & BL COMMITTEE, with them.

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## PAA Background

### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

#### President

Chuck Brown  
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Vice President  
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Bret Nedrow  
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John Bamberg

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#### Extension & Teaching

Silvia Rondon

#### Physiology-Kent McCue

#### Plant Protection

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#### Production & Mgmt

Bryan Hopkins

#### Utilization & Mktg

Robert Gareau

### 93RD ANNUAL MEETING:

August 9-13, 2009

Fredericton, New

Brunswick, Canada

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## PAA 6th Annual Silent Auction To Benefit the PAA Endowment Fund Fredericton, New Brunswick Tuesday August 11, 2009

Have you been looking around your office or your home for a unique potato item, or any item of curiosity? Have you or your spouse been using your talents to create an item of interest for a truly exciting auction? Do you have a vacation home or condo to share for a week? Have you seen an item that could generate a lot of interest (and money) even though it is not truly "valuable"?

Any of these contributions would be greatly appreciated in support of the mission of PAA and its Endowment Fund! Don't forget, donations are "tax deductible (US)". Not going to the Annual Meeting this year? Though we will miss you, you will be in our thoughts!

You can bring the item(s) with you to Fredericton or forward them, in advance, no later than August 1, 2009 to:

Dilys and Mel Henninger

2 Amy Drive

East Windsor, NJ 08520

Phone: 609 443-4527 - E-mail: [dhenninger1@verizon.net](mailto:dhenninger1@verizon.net)

### NOTES from Immediate Past President

Nominations -- The Nominating Committee announces its choices for new officers for The PAA's Executive Committee:

For Vice President, the nominees are William Campbell of the Alaska Plant Materials Center in Palmer and Philip Hamm of Hermiston Agric REC in Oregon. Both have served admirably as Directors and have a long history of supporting The PAA.

There will be two Director positions opening at our 2009 meeting. Our nominees are: Alvin (AJ) Bussan, Univ. of Wisconsin at Madison, Samuel Essah, Colorado State Univ. at Center, Nora Olsen, Univ. of Idaho at Twin Falls, and Craig Yenchow of North Carolina State Univ. at Raleigh. A short biographical sketch will be available at the Business Meeting when it will be time to vote.

Honorary Life Members -- The HLM Committee has proudly chosen three outstanding potato people for this honor. Dennis Johnson is a Plant Pathologist at Washington State Univ., Pullman, who has studied potato diseases for over 30 years. Rudra Singh, originally from India, recently retired after 40 years as a Virologist at the Canada Dept. of Agriculture in Fredericton, NB. Richard Tarn, originally from the UK, retired last year after 40 years of service as a Potato Breeder with Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada in Fredericton, NB. Their bio-sketches will be published in the Banquet program and in the Amer. Jour. of Potato Research as well as on the new web-site. They will be presented their award at the Banquet when all will be present.

To congratulate all of these fine honorees in person when they receive their awards or are elected, YOU MUST be at The PAA's Annual Meeting in Fredericton. This will be a great meeting with the wonderful planning by the LAC headed by Drs. Loretta Mikitel, PAA Secretary, and Robert Gareau, PAA Director.

"BE THERE OR BE SQUARE."

Alexander (Sasha) Pavlista  
PAA President 2007-08