



# PAA INSIDER

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE POTATO  
ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA

"MAKING THE WORLD A BETTER PLACE ONE TUBER AT A TIME."

## LETTER FROM PAA PRESIDENT

Greetings!

The start of the 2014 potato growing season is upon us. Now is a great time to reflect upon research and extension recommendations and variety releases you may utilize that were put forth by PAA members. You may have gleaned the information at an Annual Meeting, read about in *American Journal of Potato Research*, *American Potato Journal*, or *Potato Research*, and/or spoke one-on-one with a fellow PAA member. When you stop and realize how you utilize that information, you appreciate PAA members continuously striving and reaching the objectives of The Association...

"to collect and disseminate scientific information relating to all phases of the potato industry, including, but not limited to, teaching, research, outreach, breeding, certification, production, pests, transportation, processing, marketing and utilization."

Here are just a few reminders and updates:

- ◆ If you have not already, please register for The PAA's 98<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting in Spokane, WA. The well-organized program and agenda will prove to be another great venue and opportunity to fulfill the PAA mission.

- ◆ If you are a section officer, please take the time to look over

the section by-laws and action items discussed at last year's meeting, and new business for the July meeting. Don't forget to send out an agenda for your section meeting prior to the Annual Meeting.

- ◆ Check out the PAA column in each issue of *Spudman* magazine with articles written by PAA members highlighting their valuable research.

- ◆ The Website Committee, chaired by Leigh Morrow, is busy working on the new PAA website. Look for the unveiling in the next few months.

- ◆ Please continue to stress the value of The PAA and encourage greater membership.

The Executive Committee holds monthly conference calls to respond to the business needs of The Association. If you have any topics you would like The PAA to address, please forward those along. We value any suggestions on means to successfully meet the mission of The PAA.

Nora Olsen  
President 2013-14

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### MEETINGS & EVENTS

#### MAY 2014

**18-19:** 2014 NC POTATO ASSN ANNUAL MEETING  
Elizabeth City, NC  
Info:  
<http://www.uspotatoes.com/Potato-Board-Near-You.php>

#### JUNE 2014

**25-27:** NPC SUMMER MEETING  
Sun Valley, Idaho  
Info:  
<http://nationalpotatocouncil.org/events-and-programs/summer-meeting/>

#### JULY 2014

**6-11:** EAPR TRI-CONF  
Brussels, Belgium,  
Info:  
<http://www.eapr2014.be/>

**13-14:** 2014 PMANA SUMMER MEETING  
Charlottetown, PEI CAN  
Info:  
<http://www.peipotato.org/PMANA2014/>

**29-31:** US POTATO BD SUMMER MTG.  
Jackson Hole, Wyoming  
Info:  
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## Proposed Constitution and Bylaws changes for 2014

**(bolded words are to be removed)** / (underlined words to be inserted)

### CONSTITUTION

#### Article X. Funds

**Section 1.** Control of the funds of The Association, received from any source, shall be vested in the Executive Committee to be administered through the Treasurer. An audit of the receipts and disbursements shall be made at the end of every other fiscal year by a certified public accountant. The reports of the Treasurer, or other fiscal officers, shall be **published** posted annually **in the PAA Insider** on the official website of The Association within the password protected section.

### BYLAWS

#### I. Membership and Dues

##### 5. Honorary Life Membership

Honorary Life Membership may be granted at the discretion of the Executive Committee to individuals who have made outstanding contributions to the interests of The Association or the potato industry. Not more than four new Honorary Life Members shall be elected at any Annual Meeting. Honorary Life Members are entitled to all membership rights and privileges, are not obligated to pay dues, shall receive for a period of one year the printed *AMERICAN JOURNAL OF POTATO RESEARCH* at no cost, and shall have lifetime electronic access to the *AMERICAN JOURNAL OF POTATO RESEARCH*, the *AMERICAN POTATO JOURNAL*, the PAA Insider, and other publications authorized by the Executive Committee. In the second and subsequent years the printed *AMERICAN JOURNAL OF POTATO RESEARCH* will be available at cost recovery. Honorary Life Members without means of electronic access shall receive the printed PAA Insider. Biographies of newly elected Honorary Life Members shall appear in the official publications of The Association following their election at the Annual Meeting.

#### III. Duties of Executive Committee

##### 6. Past President

The immediate Past President shall chair the Honorary Life Membership and Nominating Committees, shall solicit nominations, and shall oversee the electronic voting for new officers prior to **at** the Annual Business Meeting. The Past President shall announce the election results and new slate of officers at the Annual Business Meeting. The Past President acts in an advisory role to the President.

## UPCOMING POTATO MEETINGS OF INTEREST TO PAA MEMBERS

**First announcement of the****2ND INTERNATIONAL POWDERY SCAB  
WORKSHOP****29 July – 1 August 2014  
South Africa (Venue TBC)**

Dear Colleagues

It gives me great pleasure to extend an invitation to you to the 2nd International Powdery Scab Workshop, to be hosted in South Africa in July 2014. The aim of the workshop is to bring together researchers on powdery scab of potatoes, in order to share recent research results, determine research needs and discuss potential collaborative projects.

The venue for this workshop has not yet been confirmed, and thus neither have costs or transport arrangements. This information will be circulated in the second announcement.

I look forward to hosting you in South Africa in July 2014!

Regards,

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[The 1st International workshop was 10 years ago at The PAA meeting at Scottsbluff, NE 2004, organized by Barbara Christ (and Ueli Merz, as the EU partner). \*\*Information provided by PAA Member, Catherine Chatot-Balandras\*\*]

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**North Central Divisional American  
Phytopathological Society Meeting  
June 11-13, 2014  
Madison, Wisconsin**

The UW-Plant Pathology Department invites you to attend the North Central Divisional American Phytopathological Society Meeting in

Madison, Wisconsin on **June 11-13, 2014** at the Pyle Center. For full details regarding meeting registration, lodging, abstract submission (deadline May 9), and awards, please visit our website by clicking on the link [b e i o w .  
\(https://www.apsnet.org/members/divisions/nc/meetings/Pages/2014APSNorthCentralDivisionMeeting.aspx\)](https://www.apsnet.org/members/divisions/nc/meetings/Pages/2014APSNorthCentralDivisionMeeting.aspx)"

Highlights of our program include three special symposia: 1) Impact of genomic research and advancements on production agriculture: is science translating to the field, 2) From host recognition to transmission: advances in mechanisms of infection, and 3) Celebrating 100 years of extension with round table discussions on professional development and creative/effective programming in times of limited budget. We are offering two field trips: 1) Grapes & Grass - featuring the wine grape and turf grass industries and research of WI, and 2) The Most of Madison - featuring a graduate student led tour of Madison through food, culture, and science.

We also welcome the NCERA 184 Wheat Working Group and the APS Divisional Forum which will be convening in Madison during our meeting as well.

If you have any questions, please contact me. Hope to see you there!

Best regards,

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## PAA Information

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**98TH ANNUAL MEETING**  
**July 27-July 31, 2014**  
**Spokane, Washington USA**  
[www.cm.wsu.edu/ehome/paa2014](http://www.cm.wsu.edu/ehome/paa2014)

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## 2014 PAA Meeting Update – 98<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting The Potato Association of America July 27 –31, 2014 Spokane, Washington, USA

The Washington State Local Arrangements Committee is looking forward to seeing you on July 27<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup>, 2014 at the historic Davenport hotel in Spokane, WA. Registration is open and can be accessed at: <http://cm.wsu.edu/ehome/paa2014/133932/?&>

For more details, please visit the website [<http://www.cm.wsu.edu/ehome/paa2014>] and refer to the January 2014 edition of the PAA insider. [<http://www.potatoassociation.org/About%20the%20PAA/index.html>]

Please register before May 2<sup>nd</sup> to avoid paying higher registration fees and to permit us to have an accurate participant count. We have a fun and engaging program established, and trust that you will enjoy your week in sunny eastern Washington. If you have questions, please contact us.

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2014 Co-LAC Chairs

## PAA Silent/Live Auction

100% of the proceeds will benefit the PAA Endowment Fund

Have you started gathering auction items for the July 2014 PAA Annual Meeting?

Use your imagination and bring, or send, it for our biggest fund-raiser of the year. From quilts, books, prints, potato-related items, humorous pieces, donate your camp for a weekend, and anything cool! It does not have to be 'potato' related!!

- ◆ Location: Spokane, Washington, PAA Conference
- ◆ Bidding Starts: Sunday, July 27th at Noon
- ◆ Bidding Ends: Tuesday, July 29th, 5:00P

Donated items will be accepted at the Registration Table Sunday (July 27th) and continue through 3:00 PM on Tuesday (July 29th).

(Silent Auction material will be displayed all day Monday for your bidding pleasure)! Don't forget....all donations are tax deductible!

The auction will wrap up at the BBQ, Tuesday, July 29th and you must be present to win.

Please share this information with family, friends, and sponsors who would like to support the Auction and the Endowment Fund.

Can't make it to the meeting or don't want to bring it on the plane, send to Larry Hiller, 740 SE Derby St, Pullman, WA 99163. Or e-mail:

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 for further information