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Letter From the President

It is hard to believe, that in just one more month we will have our PAA pow-wow in Buffalo NY. At last report, Don Halseth told us registration is moving along. Early registration ends July 15, 2008 so get your registration in and reserve your room now. I also understand that Larry Hiller is going broke from matching all those contributions to Henry De Jong's bike ride: keep those pledges coming! Don't forget to check the PAA08 website (<http://www.hort.cornell.edu/paa2008/index.htm>) for the complete program and other information about the meeting.

Since the last PAA *Insider*, the Executive Committee (EC) has met twice via teleconference. The last meeting was in June. These teleconferences should help the EC meetings run more effectively and efficiently at the PAA meeting.

Updates:

1. Loretta Mikitzel reported that the PAA08 received 103 abstracts for our meeting; these include 16 poster and 87 oral presentations. The program includes an Industry Session (Applied Production and Management Session) and a Genomics Session. There are 9 submissions for the Graduate Student Competition.

2. Al Bushway reported that our financial matters with the IRS have all been taken care of and all penalties have been waived.

3. Changes to our Constitution and Bylaws are being voted on by the EC and will be presented at the Business meeting. The changes deal mostly with Springer and concern the group membership category, electronic *AJPR* copies and Technical Editor position. Other changes involve delineating duties of EC officers such as Past President

and Directors, and clarifying the evaluation process of the Administrative Assistant. Lastly, a key change is to alter our budget from a fiscal year to a calendar year.

4. With a generous donation from LAC07, the Speakers Fund is solvent and can help cover Symposium expenses for 2008.

5. The transition of *AJPR* to Springer is now complete and the issue publication schedule should be back on track soon.

6. The website is ready for testing and should be functioning by the end of this summer. PAA Sections need to have their material ready for posting at that time.

7. AJ Bussan is heading up the Extension Section committee working on a proposed Extension Award and its guidelines. If all goes well, the award may get instituted for PAA09.

8. Past President Sam Thornton will be the new Chair of the Finance Committee.

9. Chuck Brown will be representing PAA at the EAPR meetings in Brasov, Romania July 6-10, 2008.

10. Leigh Morrow and I are still busy working with the National Potato Council on the proposed Sustainable Agricultural Standards for potato.

If you have any suggestions or topics for our EC meetings in Buffalo, please let me know [telephone 308-632-1240 (Mountain); e-mail apavlista@unl.edu] as Loretta, Lori and I are in the process of putting the agenda together.

Alexander Pavlista
President, 2007-2008

Dates

Future Meetings:

Year of The Potato Events - May to August 2008: <http://www.potato2008.org/en/events/index.html>

Events for the Potato Processing Industry: <http://www.potatopro.com/events.aspx>

September

10-11: Potato Europe 2008: Villers-Saint-Christophe, France. Info: <http://www.pota.toeurope.com/>

* PotatoEurope: officially approved field events, rotating over 4 years (Netherlands in 2009, Germany in 2010, Belgium in 2011)

October

7 - Intl Symp on Living w/ Potatoes (ISLP), Calif St Univ-Fresno, CA. Info: http://www.livingwithpotatoes.com/iyfres_nostate.aspx

Nov./Dec.

Nov 30-Dec 6, '08:
The XXIII Latin American Potato Assn Mtg., Mar del Plata, Argentina. Info: http://www.papalatina.org/congreso/congreso_in.htm

2009-January

Potato Expo 2009
07- 09: NPC Achieving a Sustainable Future, San Antonio, TX. Info: Hollee Alexander, expo@nationalpotatocouncil.org or 202-682-9456.

Welcome to New York State for the 92nd Annual Meeting of The Potato Association of America

The 92nd annual meeting of The PAA is being held in Buffalo, New York from August 10 through August 14 - 2008. We have a very exciting and informative program developed for anyone interested in potatoes – please come and help us celebrate the International Year of the Potato! Please visit our web-site: <http://www.hort.cornell.edu/paa2008/>

In this site we provide information on registration, program schedules, a list of our 87 talks and 16 posters, and numerous tour options for the Buffalo-Niagara region.

On Tuesday we have two focal themes for talks: one for industry interests of applied production and management; and the other on genomics.

On Wednesday we have an agricultural tour of western NYS and plan on visiting a potato operation as well as mixed vegetables and Wegman's, a major retail grocery chain. For

those interested in Niagara Falls, the Erie Canal or historic architecture we have five tours available from Monday through Thursday – please make reservations directly with Gray Lines.

If you have not already registered, please do so before July 15 to get the early registration fee. The block of rooms we have reserved for the group at the Adam's Mark Hotel are only held until July 18. For those of you wishing to take our five offered tours of the Buffalo-Niagara area, please contact the Gray Lines company by July 27 - if not enough sign up we will have to cancel tours. There is a lot to do in the Buffalo-Niagara area. Did you know NYS has 952 golf courses? Over 100 wineries? Numerous State and Federal parks. Don't miss the 169th edition of "America's Fair" - the Erie County Fair. As always, please bring something for our silent or live auctions, and put a ding in Larry Hiller's wallet by sponsoring Henry De Jong's bike ride.

We look forward to seeing you all in Buffalo –
Joe and Don, NYS-LAC.

Are you thinking - Silent Auction?

If not, there is no better time than NOW!

It is time to gather, in your mind at least, the items that you will be bringing or sending for the PAA Silent Auction to benefit the Endowment Fund.

Both a Silent and Live Auction are planned during the PAA Annual Meeting in Buffalo, New York. Items of any description are welcomed; especially unusual or potato related items; items of a historical or scientific nature; or just plain fun items. Not planning to attend! How sad, but we still want your stuff!

Please send to Mel and Dilys Henninger, 2 Amy Drive East Windsor, NJ by August 1.. If the item is really large, you may send a colored picture and description and the item can be shipped directly after the auction. Any questions?
E-mail to dhenninger1@verizon.net.

Proceeds of the auction go into the General Endowment Fund or you can designate it for the ""Frank L Haynes Graduate Student Research Competition Award"".

As required by the Constitution and Bylaws of The Potato Association of America, Article XI. Ratification & Amendments, Section 2, listed below are the suggested changes which will be discussed at the Business Meeting on August 14th, 2008 at our 92nd Annual Meeting, Buffalo, New York. The suggested changes are shown first with the change listed over at the left-hand margin. The paragraph below shows the change within the proposed section of the Constitution & Bylaws. To refer to the current online version as it stands today, please go to: <http://www.umaine.edu/paa/constit81403.htm>

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

AREAS TO BE CHANGED [DELETED/ADDED] WILL BE IN BRACKETS [] AND WHAT THEY ARE CURRENTLY WILL BE IN '...'

CONSTITUTION

Article IX. Publication, Section 4.
change 'Technical Editor' to [Editor-in-Chief]

Section 4. The Executive Committee may authorize the 'Technical Editor' [Editor-in-Chief] and other officers to employ such assistants as may be necessary for the proper conduct of their work.

Article X. Funds, Section 1.
change 'each' to [every other]

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 'each' [every other] fiscal year by a certified public accountant. The reports of the Treasurer, or other fiscal officers, shall be published annually in the PAA Insider.

BYLAWS:

I. Membership & Dues, Section 2. Individual
after 'Potato Research' ADD [with electronic access to it]

Section 2. Individual Membership

Any person who pays annual dues may become an individual member with all rights and privileges of membership and receive for a period of one year the AMERICAN JOURNAL OF 'POTATO RESEARCH,' [with electronic access to it], and other publications authorized by the Executive Committee.

I., Section 3. [DELETE SECTION]

[3. Group Membership

Any organized group, such as a firm, association or other organization may obtain membership upon payment of Group Membership dues and shall receive for a period of one year the AMERICAN JOURNAL OF POTATO RESEARCH and other publications authorized by the Executive Committee. Participation

in The Association affairs requires that one individual be designated as representative of the group.]

-- CHANGE NUMBERING ACCORDINGLY --

I., Section 4 (now 3).

[3.] 4. Student Membership
after 'Student members shall receive for a period of one year' ADD [an electronic copy of]
DROP <s> after 'signature'

4. Student Membership [NOW 3.]

Any person enrolled in an accredited college or university is eligible for student membership. Students must have the signature<s> of their Major Professor/Advisor to certify eligibility. 'Student members shall receive for a period of one year' [an electronic copy of] the AMERICAN JOURNAL OF POTATO RESEARCH and other publications authorized by the Executive Committee.

[4.] 5. Sustaining Membership [NOW 4.]

[5.] 6. Honorary Life Membership [NOW 5.]

I., Section 7

DELETE SECTION (Non-Member Subscription Memberships)

[7. Non-Member Subscriptions Membership

Non-member subscription memberships shall provide the AMERICAN JOURNAL OF POTATO RESEARCH and the PAA Insider if requested, to libraries for a period of one year upon payment of a fee set by the Executive Committee; no other rights or privileges are granted.]

[6.] 8. Emeritus Membership [Now 6.]

II. AMERICAN JOURNAL OF POTATO RESEARCH and Other Publications, Section 1.

after 'The' (first word) ADD [editorial]
DELETE [Technical Editor]; DELETE [Advertising Editor]

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II, 1. Editoria Board, cont.
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1. Editorial Board

'The' [editorial] policies governing publication of the AMERICAN JOURNAL OF POTATO RESEARCH shall be vested in an Editorial Board consisting of an Editor-in-Chief, [Technical Editor], Cover Editor, Statistical Consultant, Spanish Translation Editor, [Advertising Editor],' and such Senior and Associate Editors as may be nominated by the Editor-in-Chief. The Editorial Board shall have authority to accept any manuscript deemed worthy of publication.

II., Section 2. Technical Editor
 [DELETE SECTION]

[2. Technical Editor

The Technical Editor and any assistants may receive compensation for services as determined by the Executive Committee.]

II. , after Section 1. [ADD NEW SECTION 2.]
 2. Editor-in-Chief

[2. Editor-in-Chief

The Editor-in-Chief shall serve as Chair of the Editorial Board, will be responsible for oversight of the AMERICAN JOURNAL OF POTATO RESEARCH, will provide to the Executive Committee at each PAA Annual Meeting a slate of nominees for the Editorial Board, and serves as Chair of the Outstanding Paper Award Committee.]

III. Duties of Officers,
 Change to [III. Duties of Executive Committee]

III., Section 2. after 'The President-Elect'
 ADD [shall assist the President and Secretary in developing agenda items for the Executive Committee and Annual Business Meetings, and shall]

2. President-Elect

The President-Elect shall assume the duties of the President in the absence or incapacity of the President and shall coordinate the activities and functions of all committees. The 'President-Elect' [shall assist the President and Secretary in developing agenda items for the Executive Committee and Annual Business Meetings, and shall] prepare and present the Host recognition at the Annual Business Meeting.

III., after Section 5.
 ADD NEW Section 6. Past President

[6. Past President

The immediate Past President shall chair the Honorary Life Membership and Nominating Committees, shall solicit nominations, and shall oversee the voting for new officers at the Annual Business Meeting. The Past President acts in an advisory role to the President.]

III., after NEW section 6.
 ADD NEW Section 7. Directors

[7. Directors

The Directors shall assist the President and other officers with their respective duties by providing input and opinion. The Directors may be directed to perform Association-related activities and special projects as directed by the President or other members of the Executive Committee with approval of the President. Directors are voting members of the Executive Committee and their participation in Executive Committee meetings is necessary to provide a quorum.]

IV. Administrative Assistant
 [ADD Second Paragraph]

[The Executive Committee shall appoint the Administrative Assistant. An annual evaluation of the Administrative Assistant will be conducted by the committee chaired by the PAA President, and including the Past President, President Elect, and Vice President. The evaluation may follow the format similar to the University of Maine Human Resources Department and will be completed before the second meeting session of the Executive Committee at each PAA Annual Meeting. The President will maintain a record of the evaluation and pass records along to the President Elect.]

VII. Standing Committees, Section 9.
 ADD [Frank L. Haynes] before 'Graduate' in title and paragraph

9. [Frank L. Haynes] Graduate Student Research Competition Committee

The [Frank L. Haynes] Graduate Student Research Competition Committee Chair, appointed by the...'

VIII. Miscellaneous, Section 1.
 CHANGE 'July 1 to June 30' to [January 1 to December 31]

1. Fiscal Year

The fiscal year of The Association shall be from July 1 to June 30 [January 1 to December 31].

Solicitation of Invited Reviews

To: PAA Membership:
From: David Spooner
AJPR Invited Reviews Senior Editor
Re: Solicitation of invited reviews

Recently I requested that all PAA Section Chairs solicit recommendations for the AJPR annual invited review paper from their membership, and that this be an agenda item at their annual section meetings. This year's invited review is on Colorado Potato Beetle, but any proposal (including an entomological one) will be given consideration.

I ask that you please consider making a proposal for this review as an author, or group of authors, or recommendation of someone else to write this review. To increase the effectiveness of the sections please run this proposal through your section and have your section chair forward this proposal to me.

AJPR invited reviews are prestigious invitations and are free to the author. Thank you very much for considering recommendations through your sections.

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4th International Symposium on Rhizoctonia

The International Society of Plant Pathology Rhizoctonia Subject Matter Committee and the German Rhizoctonia Symposium Organizing Committee cordially invite you to participate in the 4th International Symposium on Rhizoctonia, which will be held in Berlin, Germany, from 20 to 22 August 2008. We look forward to welcoming you to an exciting meeting that only occurs every 5 years and has been timed to take place immediately before the International Society of Plant Pathology Congress in Torino, Italy.

The program in Berlin will focus on genomics, plant pathogen interactions, pathogen detection,

disease control, molecular technologies, and innovative new findings. These topics will be addressed in lectures and poster sessions attended by leaders in research and industry. Time will be reserved for interpersonal interactions to foster collaborations. The Symposium will provide a platform for university researchers and teachers as well as government and industry researchers and extension personnel to share information on the latest issues in Rhizoctonia.

Details of the meeting can be found on the Rhizoctonia Subject Matter Committee web page at <http://rhizoctonia.org/> or by contacting the local organizing committee chair Rita Grosch [Grosch@igzev.de]

International Symposium on Living with Potatoes (ISLP)

Considering its role in diet the College of Agricultural Science and Technology at California State University Fresno, California, USA is promoting awareness of potatoes by organizing the International Symposium on Living with Potatoes (ISLP) on Oct. 7, 2008. ISLP'08 aims to generate global awareness of the potential of potatoes to support production oriented research activities, food security for the people of the globe,

and meeting the other objectives of the FAO. The objective of the ISLP'08 is to provide an international forum for sharing and exchanging information amongst the growers, associations, academicians, researchers, students, practitioners, and government who are interested in promoting the sustainability of potatoes—one of the top three staple foods. <http://www.livingwithpotatoes.com/iypfresnostate.aspx>

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Annual Meeting:

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Adam's Mark Buffalo

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Members in the News

Since the publishing of the last PAA Insider newsletter, the PAA has lost another Honorary Life Member J. R. "Jack" Simplot passed away on May 25th at the age of 99 at his home in Boise, Idaho.

At an early age J.R. Simplot move to Idaho with his parents where he remained for the rest of his life. He spent his youth on a farm in southern Idaho and while still in his teens began growing, packing and shipping potatoes. J.R. left home in 1923 at age 14 with four gold coins given to him by his mother and from this small beginning, a major industrial complex has since grown. As his life has ended, it is as the spud king of America. The Idaho farmer dominated the state's business and political landscape for 70 years. His businesses, still family owned, manufacture agriculture, horticulture and turf fertilizers; animal feed and seeds; food products such as fruits, potatoes and other vegetables; and industrial chemicals and irrigation products. He all but invented the first commercially viable frozen french fries in the world.

When Robert Mercer nominated him for the PAA HLM award, he used quotes from those who had known him best from his past: "I don't believe

anyone could be more thoroughly enthused about the Idaho potato industry than Jack Simplot." "From the very beginning he saw and envisioned the future of the Idaho potato industry. He thoroughly believed in the Idaho potato." "He always did the right thing." "A staunch supporter of every aspect of the potato industry."

I guess the best word to describe Mr. Jack Simplot and his success is enthusiasm. He was always enthused and optimistic and sang the praises of the Idaho potato. ~Robert Mercer!

Larry K Hiller retired from Washington State University at the end of 2007 after 35 years of teaching and research in vegetable crops and potatoes.

His wife Jan also retired January 2008 with over 30 years of 4-H youth development and volunteer management programs. Larry says that they plan to do the usual retirement stuff = garden, travel extensively (especially with his 94-year-old father), walk and exercise, and pursue family genealogy. He expects to stay involved with PAA as well.

Notes from the homefront

Hi All, time is coming up fast for the 92nd Annual Meeting of the PAA. I'm looking forward to having a reunion with old friends and also having the opportunity to putting faces with other members I've worked with.

Now for PAA business. As you all know, starting in July 2007 the transition of moving our fiscal year from June 1 to July 30 to a calendar year of January 1 to December 31 took place. All of you received early renewal notices to bring your dues to the expiration date of Dec. 31, 2008. I want to thank all of you who paid your invoices right off so your accounts were updated. For those of you who didn't, I still have members from 07/01/07 to 06/30/08 that didn't respond. Depending on what date you expired, you have received your last Journal and also you will be loosing access to SpringerLink.com which gives you electronic access to the APJ and the AJPR. It also means you will not be able to get into the Member's Only section of the new website due to be fired up shortly after our Annual Meeting You will need to send in your dues to be returned to active membership. Another reminder, if you are

missing any journals, you need to send your claims to Springer Journals. All their contact information is on the fourth inside page of the Journal.

If you haven't registered yet, you have until Tuesday, July 15th to receive the discounted rate. If you registered as a PAA member, I will be checking the list to make sure you are still active. If not, I will be notifying you to pay your dues ASAP or you will be charged the \$100 difference in price as a non-member. I know you don't want to miss out on all the benefits you've been enjoying as a member of the PAA So be sure you check the link on the website: <http://www.umaine.edu/paa/mbridsearch.htm> BEFORE registering to make sure your dues is current. If you've registered, you might want to check to make sure your name is there also so you know you won't be hearing from me.

If there's ever anything I may help you with, let me know, I'm here for you. Contact info is to the left. Have a great rest of summer...or winter for some of you, if I don't see you at the meeting!

~ Lori Wing ~