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THE 105TH VIRTUAL ANNUAL MEETING OF THE POTATO ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA

JULY 26– 29, 2021

Due to the ongoing pandemic, the PAA Board of Directors has elected to host the 2021 annual meeting virtually. PAA's mission is 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, and marketing and utilization. PAA is committed to virtually fulfilling this mission by offering a combination of educational sessions that includes the annual

Frank L. Haynes Graduate Student Research Competition, a poster session and networking opportunities.

This year's virtual gathering will feature a symposium on Diploid Breeding led by the PAA Breeding and Genetics Section. An important aspect of the symposium is to inform participants about new ideas and perspectives outside of their usual research groups. We are excited to offer the opportunity to engage with the planned speakers and

participants in a way that will add value to the potato industry. In addition, PAA Section Meetings for Breeding and Genetics, Extension, Production and Management, Physiology, Plant Protection and Utilization and Marketing will convene. These meetings provide specialized information and updates as well as a great opportunity to connect with colleagues.

PAA's commitment to supporting graduate students is reflected in the annual Frank L. Haynes

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Graduate Student Research Competition. Students will be able to present their research at this year's virtual meeting for an opportunity to be recognized and receive a monetary award at the business meeting. In 2020, the following graduate students were recognized and awarded: Rabeka Hendricks (1st Place), Fatemeh Ekbataniamiri (2nd Place) and Thilani Jayakody (3rd Place).

PAA will continue the annual tradition of honoring individuals who have made a significant impact on the potato industry. These individuals will receive Honorary Life Member awards at the 2021 PAA Annual Business Meeting. PAA will also host a virtual Past President/Honorary Life Members reception to both recognize these individuals and provide an additional opportunity for connection.

We hope that you will consider joining us online this year as a participant, presenter, or if you just want to learn more about the PAA. Abstracts for virtual presentation are currently being accepted through April 2, 2021. The annual meeting registration, schedule and further details will be available on potatoassociation.org

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NOW ACCEPTING NOMINATIONS FOR PAA DIRECTORS AND VICE-PRESIDENT FOR 2021-2022

We are currently accepting nominations for the 2021-2022 PAA Board of Directors for the following positions:

- *Vice-President of PAA in 2021-22*
(Succeeds to PAA President in 2022-23)
- *2 Directors (3-year terms ending in 2024)*

Per the PAA bylaws, there needs to be at least TWO nominees for each position

Nominators please include a few, brief sentences stating why you believe your

nominee(s) would be good candidates for the Directors or Vice-President positions.

Please note that detailed information, such as CV, statement of qualifications, and headshot are not required in your nomination.

Please forward nominations (self-nominations are accepted and welcomed as well) to the chair of the 2021 Nominations Committee, Kent McCue at kent.mccue@usda.gov by Friday, March 26, 2021. Kent

will follow-up with potential nominees to ensure their acceptance of the nomination and for subsequent inclusion of their names on the ballot for voting by PAA membership.

Thank you!

NOMINATIONS FOR HONORARY LIFE MEMBERSHIP

One of the most significant ways to recognize outstanding contributions to the potato industry and to our organization is the awarding of Honorary Life Membership (HLM). This is the highest award bestowed upon an individual by the PAA.

PAA members are encouraged to nominate candidates for HLM to be presented at the 2021 105th Virtual Annual Meeting. Nominated individuals should have made significant contributions to the potato industry and/or The PAA. Contributions may come from activities related to research, extension,

education, production, processing, marketing, utilization or any of the other facets of the potato industry which may be appropriate. HLM awards may be given to individuals outside of The PAA. Instructions for HLM nomination, selection procedures and desired candidate information can be found on the PAA website: <http://potatoassociation.org/membership/committees/honorary-life-member>

Completed HLM nominations and all supporting documentation should be submitted electronically in MS Word or PDF format to Past

President Kent McCue, and are due by March 26, 2021. This is the Final Call for Honorary Life Membership Nominations!

Kent McCue, 2019-2020 President
paaoffice@potatoassociation.org



FINAL CALL FOR PAPERS, POSTERS & AWARDS TO BE PRESENTED AT OUR 105TH VIRTUAL ANNUAL MEETING

This is the Final Call for Papers to be presented at the 105th Virtual Annual Meeting of the Potato Association of America, to be held July 26- July 29, 2021. PAA members are invited to present papers dealing with all facets of the potato industry. Authors are required to submit abstracts for papers they plan to present, whether orally or as a poster. At least one author must be a current member of the PAA. Graduate students who are PAA members are encouraged to present oral papers and enter the Frank L. Haynes Graduate Student Research Award Competition. Authors of invited papers for the Symposium are also requested to submit an abstract.

PAA ABSTRACT SUBMISSION

Abstracts for the Annual Meeting can be submitted online at: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc9Vvh5DCP_p1JouWJ2DGXm6XQgIUUiuACrUNhoymhRmWXG2w/viewform

PRESENTATION GUIDELINES

All oral paper presentations will be 15-minutes. Authors should plan a 12- to 14-minute presentation with the balance of time devoted to questions. Further instructions will be sent after the abstracts are received. Display boards will be provided for posters. Poster presenters will be notified about the allowed dimensions for posters via email several weeks prior to the meeting.

If you have questions, contact Darrin Haagenson, PAA Secretary, at darrin.haagenson@usda.gov or Erin McLaughlin, PAA Event Manager at emclaughlin@managedbyamr.com

FRANK L. HAYNES GRADUATE STUDENT RESEARCH AWARD COMPETITION

This is the Final Call for the Frank L. Haynes Graduate Student Research Award Competition (FLHGSRAC) of The Potato Association of America to be held at the 105th Virtual Annual Meeting.

The purpose of the FLHGSRAC is to promote graduate student participation in PAA through presentation of research papers at the annual meeting. Participants are also encouraged to submit manuscripts for publication in the American Journal of Potato Research.

GENERAL INFORMATION

1. Author(s) must be a graduate student at the time the abstracts are due April 2, 2021.
2. Graduate students must be members of The PAA and may not use their advisor's ID. **Membership information is found on The PAA website at <http://potatoassociation.org/membership>

3. First place winners from previous PAA meetings are not eligible to participate.
4. Research reported must have been done while a graduate student.
5. The paper must be orally presented. Poster papers and symposium presentations do not qualify for the FLHGSRAC.
6. Students are required to submit abstracts for papers they wish to present in the competition.
7. No new students may register after the deadline or at the meeting.
8. Winners will be announced and honored at the virtual annual business meeting.

GENERAL CRITERIA FOR JUDGING:

Papers and presentations will be judged on the following basis:

- A. Abstract (16.6%)
- B. Organization (16.6%)
- C. Effective use of time (16.6%)
- D. Effective use of visuals (16.6%)
- E. Presentation style (16.6%)
- F. Impact of the research (16.6%)

Up to five awards may be made at the discretion of the committee in the amount of \$1000 for 1st place; \$750 for 2nd place; \$400 for 3rd place; \$300 for 4th place; \$200 for 5th place. For more information, contact:

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MEETINGS AND EVENTS

JULY 12 -16, 2021

21st EAPR Triennial Conference in Krakow, Poland

JULY 26- 29, 2021

105th PAA Virtual Annual Meeting

MEMBER NEWS



PAA Honorary Life Member Dr. Mel Henninger was recognized by the New Jersey State Board of Agriculture for his outstanding contributions to the potato industry.

https://www.nj.gov/agriculture/news/press/2021/approved/press210224.html?fbclid=IwAR3eGE9OzW_Xp99b-MUq-Q25SM9 mSveh8UUAKif_WVnpBFHSSV_yzXOj8l8Q

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Yi Wang was recognized at the December 2020 Great Lakes Expo as an award winner in the Fruit + Vegetable 40 under 40 category.

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