



## NZ Society of Plant Physiologists

### 1995 AGM Minutes

The AGM was held on Wed 27 Sep 1995 starting at 5.15 pm in the Conference Centre, Darling Harbour, Sydney, with 22 members in attendance. Apologies were presented for Ian Wardlaw, Roger Field and Michael Thorpe. It was moved (Mike Trought, seconded Paula Jameson) that these be accepted; carried.

**1. The minutes of the 1994 AGM were accepted** (moved: Dennis Greer, seconded Paula Jameson; carried). There were no matters arising apart from business already on the agenda.

**2. Mike Trought presented the President's report**, noting the significance of our first meeting with ASPP, and reflecting on a successful year in the life of the Society. He particularly referred to the support we give students presenting materials at our conferences and to the International Workshop to which we had contributed funds. He was pleased to be able to congratulate Bernard Forde on an MBE and Ian Warrington on assuming the role of CEO for HortResearch. He closed by moving adoption of his report (seconded Dan Cohen; carried unanimously).

**3. The Treasurer's report** was presented and opened for discussion. Rod Bielecki noted that a significant part of our income in 1996-97 will depend on the numbers attending the joint NZIAS/NZSHS/NZSPP/Agronomy Soc Convention in Hamilton in August 1996. It was moved (Keith Sharrock, seconded Dan Cohen; carried) that the Society change our cheque account to one that earns more interest. The Treasurer thanked Fluker, Denton & Co, Levin for continuing to audit our accounts free of charge and moved adoption of his report (seconded Rod Bielecki; carried).

**4. Election of officers:** The Vice president took the chair and it was moved (Dennis Greer; seconded Jim Dunlop) that Mike Trought be re-elected President. It was moved (Rod Bielecki, seconded Paula Jameson; carried) that nominations be closed. Mike Trought was declared re-elected. It was moved (Paula Jameson, seconded Debbie Care) that Julian Heyes be re-elected secretary/treasurer. Rod Bielecki moved (seconded Mike Trought; carried) that nominations be closed; Julian was declared re-elected. It was moved (David Whitehead, seconded Mike Trought) that Keith Sharrock be re-elected Vice-President, and moved (Paula Jameson, seconded Mike Trought) that Gavin Ross, Ian Brooking, David Whitehead, Paula Jameson and Jocelyn Eason be

elected to council. Mike Trought moved that nominations be closed (seconded Julian Heyes; carried) and the team was declared elected.

### **5. Future Conferences and Support for Speakers.**

It was moved (Mike Trought, seconded Debbie Care; carried) that we meet in 1996 with the NZIAS/NZSHS Convention in Hamilton. Keith Sharrock was nominated as the Society rep on the organising committee. Dan Cohen recommended that we decide on joint sessions with NZSHS as soon as possible, and Mike Trought suggested that members present at the AGM could suggest keynote speakers from those they have met at this Sydney meeting. Keith Sharrock suggested that we increase the amount of money available to subsidise the travel and attendance of an international keynote speaker. During discussion it was recommended that we look rather to use speakers already in NZ for other reasons, or coming from Australia. Dennis Greer moved (seconded David Whitehead) that the allocation for keynote speaker's expenses remain at \$1500. This was carried, with Keith Sharrock recording dissent. Debbie Care suggested members hosting international visitors could announce this through our newsletter. Ian Ferguson noted that there would be international speakers coming for the Postharvest '96 meeting earlier in August 1996.

### **6. Student Subsidies.**

It was moved (Mike Trought, seconded Jim Dunlop) that student subsidies to attend the NZSPP meeting remain at \$1000 per annum. Ralph Bungard spoke on behalf of the students who had received contestable awards from the Society to present papers or posters at the Sydney meeting and thanked the Society for their support. In response, Mike Trought noted that the Society was glad to have been involved in their sponsorship, and welcomed all the students to the AGM. The original motion was put and carried.

### **7. Photoassimilate Transport Workshop.**

The Society had supported a successful bid to host an international Photoassimilate Transport Workshop in Newcastle, Australia in 1999, with Michael Thorpe on the organising committee. It was moved (David Whitehead, seconded Dennis Greer) that the Society contribute \$500 towards the cost of running this meeting. During discussion it was urged that this money should be seen as a loan, repayable if the Workshop makes a profit. An amendment to this effect lapsed without a seconder and the original motion was carried. Ian Ferguson then spoke briefly about the Postharvest '96 Conference in Taupo. It was moved (Ian Ferguson, seconded Debbie Care) that Council be authorised to spend up to \$500, at their discretion, to support student attendance at Postharvest '96. This was carried, and a contestable award based on submission of abstracts was suggested.

### **8. Publications liaison.**

Dennis Greer reported that AJPP is now in A4 format. Papers are welcomed from around the Pacific basin. The meeting supported the suggestion that abstracts should be made available electronically on the World Wide Web. Rod Bielecki reported that NZJCHS is 'going well'.

#### **9. ASPP Textbook.**

Rod Bielecki reported that 80% of the text is now in hand, and the editorial panel are still hopeful of meeting a publication deadline of March 1996. It was clarified that the textbook project co-ordinators were not expecting a dollar input from NZSPP unless it proved strictly necessary. Mike Trought and Rod Bielecki agreed to discuss further a possible joint approach to VCs of NZ Universities seeking sponsorship.

#### **10. Any other business.**

1. Meeting with ASPP: It was moved (Gavin Ross, seconded Dennis Greer) that NZSPP explore the possibility of meeting with ASPP in either 1998 or 1999; carried unanimously. During discussion it was noted that there were more at this AGM than last year.
2. We were advised that there is to be a Pacific Rim Plant Physiology Conference in Vancouver in 1997.
3. Debbie Care recommended that members report on forthcoming overseas visitors in our newsletter for the benefit of other members.
4. The Council was asked to establish an e-mail network for the Society, and consider setting up a newsgroup or world-wide web home page.

The meeting concluded at 6.30 p.m.