

**2005 AGM Minutes**  
**New Zealand Society of Plant Physiologists**

The Annual General Meeting of the New Zealand Society of Plant Physiologists Inc. was held in Stewart 2 Lecture Theatre, Lincoln University, Lincoln, at 5.10 pm on Thursday 23 June 2005.

Julian Eaton-Rye welcomed the 32 members to the meeting (Paula Jameson, Mike Clearwater, Michael McManus, Jim Crush, Ian McIvor, David Lewis, Sandra Jackson, Adrian Walcroft, Ian Ferguson, Alla Seleznyova, Toshi Foster, Marian McKenzie, Sheryl Somerfield, Mathew Cumming, Ludivine Thomas, Louis Irving, Fiona Sanggang, Jollanda Effendy, Marissa Roldan, Marc Thomas, Lai Fern Ow, Nilangani Pathirana, Anuradha Sooda, Elizabeth Jaya, Nicholas Albert, Michelle Williamson, Andrea Pickering, Ben van Hooijdonk, Yongiin Shang, Jiancheng Song, John Clemens, Julian Heyes). Apologies were presented for Matthew Turnbull, Jan Binnie, Jill Stanley, Tony Connor, Erin O'Donoghue, David Whitehead and Jocelyn Eason.

1. The **minutes** of the 2004 AGM were accepted (**moved**: Julian Eaton-Rye, seconded Marian McKenzie; carried).
2. **Matters arising**. There were no matters arising
3. Julian Eaton-Rye presented the **President's report** prepared by Mathew Turnbull (attached), Mike Clearwater moved adoption of the report, seconded Michael McManus (carried).
4. The **Treasurer's report** was presented by Mike Clearwater (attached). Michael McManus moved adoption of the report, seconded Ian McIvor (carried).
5. **Election of Officers**. Mike Clearwater explained that all officers of the society had expressed willingness to continue with their post, except for Debbie Care who wished to step down as a council member. Margaret Barbour had agreed to stand for council as her replacement. Mike Clearwater nominated Matthew Turnbull as president (seconded Julian Eaton Rye), Michael McManus nominated Julian Eaton-Rye as vice-president (seconded Marian McKenzie), David Lewis nominated Mike Clearwater as Secretary / Treasurer (seconded Sheryl Somerfield). For council Mike Clearwater nominated Margaret Barbour (seconded Julian Eaton-Rye), Michael McManus nominated Marion McKenzie (seconded Mike Clearwater), Julian Eaton-Rye nominated Eric Walton (seconded David Lewis), Ian Ferguson nominated John Clemens (seconded Michael Clearwaer). There were no other nominations. Julian Eaton-Rye moved that nominations be closed (seconded Jim Crush) and that all of the above be declared elected (carried unanimously).
6. **Conference Venues 2006 and beyond**  
Mike Clearwater explained that the conference next year was to be held jointly with Combio in Brisbane, and that in theory the three year cycle of meeting with Combio and then NZ societies in the other two years would continue. At the 2004 AGM Mathew Turnbull expressed a desire for a meeting in NZ that

included a wider range of NZ societies. More details can be found in the 2004 AGM minutes, and it was expected that there would be further discussion concerning the 2007 meeting over the coming year and at next year's AGM in Brisbane.

7. **Update from the Functional Plant Biology Editorial Advisory Committee (EAC).** Mike Clearwater reminded members that the society has a representative on the Functional Plant Biology editorial committee. The journal is actively raising its international profile and encouraged submission of papers from members. They are also seeking suggestions for review topics, and suggestions for special issues focusing on a topic of interest covered at a conference or workshop. All manuscripts and reviews are peer reviewed to the normal standard. Members with ideas for reviews can contact Mike Clearwater.
8. **Outstanding Plant Physiologists Award.** This years recipient is Julian Eaton-Rye. Mike Clearwater reviewed the purposes of the award and explained that next year's award would be for members within 10 years of their PhD. Members are encouraged to take notice of announcements concerning the awards offered by the society and actively nominate those members who deserve recognition.
9. **Annals of Botany.** This years Annals of Botany speaker is Stanislav Kopriva, from the John Innes Institute in the UK. Stanislav gave his Annals of Botany presentation earlier in the day, entitled 'Sulfate assimilation in tall and small plants'. The Annals of Botany generously provides support for the society to bring an overseas speaker to our annual conference. This is an opportunity to bring a prominent scientist to our conference who may also be an existing or potential scientific collaborator for our members.

Mike Clearwater explained that next year the Annals of Botany award would be shared with ASPS when we meet jointly with them at Combio in Brisbane. To invite an Annals of Botany speaker for 2006 we also need to seek agreement from ASPS. During discussion for this year's speaker it had already been suggested that Steve Long from the University of Illinois could be invited to Combio as a prestigious speaker on the subject of global change biology. Matthew Turnbull has already approached Steve Long and ASPS with this suggestion. Steve is willing to attend and we are waiting to see how things progress.

**10. Other business:**

The subject of the society name change was raised (refer to minutes of the 2004 AGM and this year's presidents report), this topic has been put on hold and will be taken up again by Matthew Turnbull on his return from overseas.

The meeting was closed by Julian Eaton-Rye at 5.40 pm.