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## Letter From the President

The long nights of winter are slowly giving way to the long days of summer and our plans for summer activities and the 87<sup>th</sup> annual meeting of The Potato Association of America (PAA) from 10-14 August 2003 in Spokane, WA. After the unusual and exciting opportunities enjoyed by all at our joint meeting with the International Horticulture Congress (IHC) participants in Toronto, the hosts of this year's meeting promise us a more traditional gathering with many unique and interesting scientific, industry and tourist events. Robert Thornton and his colleagues indicate that our meetings and events in Spokane will be enjoyable for everyone.

Our annual meeting will provide members opportunities to exchange new information and acquire or renew contacts which are becoming so important as all phases of potato production, education, and research expand and modernize on a worldwide basis. PAA members, section participants and all committee volunteers are encouraged to review your activities and goals to ensure that these are addressed in time to discuss and plan during our gatherings in Spokane. Please see PAA Insider Vol. 7 No. 1, January 2003 for details.

The PAA Vision Committee and Executive Committee members have been quite active since the Toronto meetings and will be expanding many of their activities with the invitation from the European Association of Potato Research (EAPR) to explore the possibility of a joint meeting and stronger linkages. I encourage all members to think about and discuss these opportunities as we would wish for

enhanced involvement with EAPR that will strengthen not weaken the PAA. Other committees have also been busy with plans for new meeting sites, opportunities to meet with other organizations, including the World Potato Congress, seeking stronger participation and membership with Sustaining Members, continuing the development of our new journal format with inclusion of appropriate advertising, etc. On behalf of all PAA members, I congratulate and thank all members involved for their dedication and hard work.

One aspect of our annual meeting and our Association that was discussed in Toronto and that I hope all PAA members will work together on, is the need to increase the participation of graduate students and of private industry personnel in terms of PAA membership, meeting attendance and Association activity. It is vital that we have our future scientists, educators, extension officers and producers welcomed and active in the PAA. Please discuss this with those students and private industry people in your area and invite them to join PAA and attend the meetings in Spokane.

Finally, I wish to encourage all members to attend and participate in the meetings in Spokane. While our joint meetings with IHC last year may have involved the largest total number of attendees ever, we have an opportunity to make the 2003 meeting the largest ever for number of PAA member attendees.

**See you in August, Bud  
H.W. (Bud) Platt, President,  
The Potato Association of America**

### Dates

#### July

**26-30:** Breeding & Adaptation of Potatoes, Oulu, Finland. Info: [www.spk.fi/eapr](http://www.spk.fi/eapr) or Jari Valkonen: [jari.valkonen@helsinki.fi](mailto:jari.valkonen@helsinki.fi)

#### August

**5-7:** EMPIRE FARM DAYS, Rodman Lott & Son Farm, Seneca Falls, NY. Info: Melanie Wickham, [www.empire-farmdays.com](http://www.empire-farmdays.com)

**10-14:** PAA 87TH ANNUAL MEETING, Red Lion Hotel at the Park, Spokane, WA. Info: <http://www.paa2003.wsu.edu>

**12-15:** US POTATO BOARD SUMMER MEETING, Alta, WY. Contact: [www.uspotatoes.com](http://www.uspotatoes.com)

**19-21:** AG PROGRESS DAYS, Russell E. Larson Agricultural Research Center, State College, PA. Contact: Bob Oberheim, (814) 865-2081, [bah4@psu.edu](mailto:bah4@psu.edu)

#### December

**8-12:** 22ND ANNUAL NPC SEED SEMINAR CRUISE, Oregon Seed Potato Growers Assn. Cruise, Baja, Mexico. Contact: [www.oregon-spuds.com](http://www.oregon-spuds.com)

## 2003 Annual Meeting Update

Planning and pre-meeting activities have been completed and the LAC assures those who attend the 2003 Annual Meeting an enjoyable and worthwhile event. The Pacific Northwest is beautiful in August and we hope you take this opportunity to experience this area and an exciting conference. Program details are now available on the PAA 2003 website: [www.paa2003.wsu.edu](http://www.paa2003.wsu.edu). Registration for the meeting is, at this time, below what was anticipated. Therefore, the block of rooms reserved for PAA participants has been released sooner than originally indicated on the registration information. You may still make room reservations at the Red Lion Hotel at the Park, however, the PAA rates may not apply. Please contact Renee Jensen of Neely's Travel by phone at 1-208-882-2723 or via email at [renee@neelystravel.com](mailto:renee@neelystravel.com) to make reservations. Renee will attempt to secure a room rate at or close to the

PAA negotiated rate. Renee can also make airline reservations for you at the special discounted PAA 2003 rate. Those who anticipate room availability on arrival will not receive the negotiated rate and may not find rooms available at the meeting site. Registration for a number of the accompanying persons activities and tours is also below the minimum required and some have been canceled. Those who have signed up for a canceled event or activity will be notified and should select a substitute choice(s) upon receipt of the information so that those registering for remaining activities can be accommodated. Please visit the PAA 2003 website [www.paa2003.wsu.edu](http://www.paa2003.wsu.edu) for updated information on tour cancellations and program changes.

**Bob Thornton**  
2003 LAC Co-Chair

## Notes & Reminders from the PAA Program Chair

1. The annual meeting Agenda and Program are now available for viewing on the PAA website. Note that we have linked the abstracts to the titles for viewing on the web.

2. Please remember that the **size format** for posters this year has been **changed to 4 ft x 4 ft** (1.2 m x 1.2 m).

3. Oral paper presentations:

As is customary, all oral paper presentations will be of a uniform 15-min length. Authors should plan a 12- to 14-min. presentation with the balance of time devoted to questions. Electronic projectors will be used in the symposium and concurrent sessions. Electronic presentations must be prepared in **Microsoft PowerPoint (Office XP format or lower) for IBM compatible PCs only**. No other presentation software will be acceptable at the meeting. Presenters who require a conventional slide projector must e-mail their request to Dr. N. Richard Knowles at [rknowles@wsu.edu](mailto:rknowles@wsu.edu) by Aug. 1, 2003. Overhead projector presentations in concurrent sessions will not be allowed.

Presenters of oral talks must save their presentations on a CD that has been clearly marked with the abstract number (as indicated under Program & Abstracts on the PAA 2003 website); presentation day, time; and presenter's name. For example:

**(G38), Tues, 2:45 p.m., Oberg, N.A.**

The CD must be delivered to the visuals viewing room (Willow I) by **4:00 p.m. on the day before** the scheduled presentation. Those with Monday presentations who cannot meet the 4:00 p.m. deadline on Sunday, must mail or e-mail their presentation to N.R. Knowles so that it is received by Thursday, Aug. 7 by 5:00 p.m. Pacific time. In addition, to help coordinate our organizational efforts, we encourage all presenters to mail or e-mail their presentations to N.R. Knowles prior to Aug. 7 for compiling into session folders on the computers. All presenters should bring backup copies of their presentations to the conference. There will be no opportunity to upload oral presentations during the sessions in which talks are scheduled. Moreover, it will not be possible for presenters to use their own laptop computers for presentations in sessions. IBM compatible computers (with Office XP) will be available in the visuals viewing room (Willow I) for screening presentations.

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## Writing Those Pesky Variety Descriptions

I have been told by some senior breeders that long before I was a member of PAA (maybe before I was born) the Breeding & Genetics Section of PAA passed a resolution that descriptions and release information for all new potato varieties released by North American breeding programs should be printed in the *American Potato Journal*. Since that time, the B & G section has maintained some type of document that provides instructions as to how these

release documents are to be prepared. This document has gone through several evolutions, (I have seen three) but was never formally published. That has all changed with the revisions of the Instructions to Authors (ITA) that was recently completed by the AJPR Editorial Board. Instructions for preparing variety release manuscripts are now an official part of the publication instruction document.

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The purpose of this article is to encourage breeders and others involved in writing release documents to reference the variety release section of the ITAs before writing and submitting a release manuscript (you can find the ITA document on the PAA web site). I think it may also help if we understand the purpose of these documents. There are two main reasons for release papers:

1. Provide a permanent record of the breeders work and of the characteristics of the variety. Most varieties do not become accepted by industry on a level that allows their traits to become common knowledge. In 10 or 20 years, this document may be the only source of information concerning that particular variety that is available to the public or even other breeders. For that reason, the documentation should be as complete and as accurate it can be.

2. Provide descriptive information for purposes of certification and variety identification. Personnel at certification agencies have only the information provided by the breeder to help them recognize a variety. For that reason, the botanical description must be accurate and complete. It is also very important to include pictures in the publication.

With changes in Plant Variety Protection (PVP) laws, there is one other reason for a good release document. It can be a great help with the PVP application.

If these concepts are understood, it becomes much easier to organize the research efforts to collect the proper data, and then compose a useful release document. Hopefully, the ITAs will also help with organization and format. Here are some important things to consider when writing a variety release manuscript.

1. Follow the published format. I think in the future we will consider this to be as important as it is for other types of scientific papers. Include the following sections.

- a. Title Page (same form as for other AJPR papers).
- b. Abstract (make this as complete as space will allow because it may be all the reader sees).
- c. Introduction (provide a critical history of origin, synonyms, pedigree, etc.).
- d. Varietal Description (break this into the following sections: botanical description, tuber and tuber quality characteristics, pest responses, crop management information, electrophoretic patterns, biochemical data, and seed availability).
- e. Acknowledgements (same as for other papers).
- f. Literature Cited (include citations for release documents of other varieties named in the paper or listed in the pedigree).

I have noticed some very common shortcomings in variety releases that I have reviewed over the past few years. Here are a few tips on improving these papers:

1. Write very specific information about the variety into the abstract. Include comparisons of yield potential, tuber quality characteristics, pest resistances, biochemical characteristics, physiological responses, and any other information of importance. The abstract should be a short, but nearly complete, description of the variety.

2. Provide pedigree information back to four generations or to a named variety that can be referenced. It is surprising how fast pedigree information can be lost or become untraceable. For example, no one I have found can now extend the male pedigree of Norchip beyond the second generation. We know little about the genetic background of that variety.

3. Provide comparisons for all characteristics with the variety(s) most likely to be replaced by the new variety. As much as possible, these comparisons should be for all characteristics reported, and the comparisons should be for the same variety(s) throughout the paper.

4. Include good quality color photographs of the following, a whole plant (to show growth habit and architecture), tuber(s) (inside and outside), leaf, flowers, and light sprout. The pictures should be original slides (preferable) or photographs. Those convenient electronic photos still aren't good enough for publication.

5. Use proper botanical terms for the plant and tuber descriptions and make the description as complete as possible. The information that is required for a PVP certificate can provide a good start with this part of the paper, but is by no means complete.

6. Use appropriate statistical procedures when documenting small but important differences between varieties for unusual or critical traits. However, in reporting common yield and/or quality data, reporting of statistical procedures is not encouraged or needed. There are several reasons for this, but the two most important, in my mind, are that variability from year to year and location to location make means separations rather meaningless, and also the data reported is realistically in the form of parameters, not statistics, for those sites and years included.

7. Avoid giving detailed descriptions of screening and trialing procedures. In most cases, the where and when is sufficient. Exceptions are when unusual procedures are used to document something that is not normally reported.

8. After sufficient testing, include as much pest and disease information as possible. There has been considerable discussion as to how this data should be presented, and future recommendations may change. But, for now, I suggest we use the numerical scale given in the PVP application, where 1=highly resistant, and 9=highly susceptible. No matter what format is used to take the data, it can reasonably be converted to this scale.

9. For all other subjective measures, make sure the measuring methods and scales are described in table footnotes.

It will take a little extra effort from all of the breeders to make sure the variety description papers have the consistency and quality required of other AJPR publications. But, I think we should expect it of ourselves and with a little attention to details, we can make it happen.

**Stephen Love**  
Senior Editor, AJPR

## Changes in Constitution & Bylaws

As mentioned in the previous PAA Insider, Vol. 7, #2, these are the proposed changes for the Constitution & Bylaws that must be voted on at our upcoming 87th Annual Meeting, August 10-14, 2003 in Spokane, Washington. **<The bold within brackets is new wording to be changed & included>** and ~~[text to be removed will be struck out]~~. If the Article or Section has “no changes”, the letters “NC” will be behind the title to so indicate.

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### Constitution & Bylaws of The Potato Association of America “Constitution”

Amended: **<proposed August 2003>**.

#### Article I. Name

**<The association, founded in 1913, shall be named>** ~~[The name of this organization shall be]~~ The Potato Association of America, hereafter referred to as The Association.

#### Article II. Objectives

The objectives of The Association shall be to collect and disseminate scientific information relating to all phases of the potato industry, including ~~[research in]~~ breeding, production, pests, transportation, processing, teaching, marketing and utilization. ~~[of potatoes]~~

#### Article III. Membership

Section 1. **<The Association consists of individual members, group members, student members, sustaining members, and honorary life members.>** ~~[Any person or organization may become a member of The Association] upon payment of <the> membership dues [fixed by the Executive Committee]. <A membership period shall be 12 consecutive months.> [Non-member subscriptions are available to libraries.]~~

Section 2. “NC”

#### Article IV. Officers

Section 1. “NC”

Section 2. “NC”

Section 3. The officers shall hold office until the expiration of the term for which ~~[each is]~~ elected or appointed, or until a successor is duly elected or appointed.

#### Article V. Executive Committee

Section 1. The governing body of The Association shall be an Executive Committee, which shall consist of the officers, the ~~[retiring]~~ **<Immediate Past>** President, the Editor-in-Chief, ~~[the Technical Editor,]~~ and the five Directors. ~~[The]~~ Chairs of ~~[all]~~ **<the S>**ections **<and the Administrative Assistant>** shall be ex-officio~~,>~~ ~~[and]~~ non-voting members ~~[of the Executive Committee].~~

Section 2. ~~[The President shall call]~~ **<M>**eetings of the Executive Committee **<shall be called>** at the President’s discretion or upon written request of three of its members.

Section 3. “NC”

Section 4. All actions of the Executive Committee or officers are subject to approval by The Association at the next Annual Business Meeting ~~[except as specified in Article VIII, Section 3].~~

(new section 5 – moved from Article VIII, Section 3)

**<Section 5. The Executive Committee may undertake and carry out special activities between Annual Meetings. >**

#### Article VI. Election of Officers and Directors

Section 1. The President, President-Elect, and Vice-President shall be elected for one-year terms at the Annual Business Meeting. There shall be five (5) Directors who shall serve three-year terms. One Director shall be **<first>** elected in **<an even year (1980)>** and every third year thereafter. Two directors **<each>** shall be elected in **<each of the two intervening years>** ~~[other years]~~. Nominations for officers and directors shall be made by the Nominating Committee and additional nominations shall be accepted from the floor at the Annual Business Meeting or as otherwise directed by the Executive Committee. Voting for the officers shall be by ballot ~~[and]~~ a plurality shall elect.

Section 2. The Secretary and the Treasurer shall be appointed by the Executive Committee for terms of two years which shall not expire concurrently. **<The Secretary and the Treasurer shall receive an annual stipend.>**

Section 3. The President, President-Elect, ~~[and]~~ Vice-President **<, and Directors>** shall assume office upon the final adjournment of the Annual Business Meeting at which they were elected.

Section 4. “NC”

**<Section 5. In the event of a tie vote for any election, the President can exercise the option to either break the tie or call for a new ballot vote. If the second ballot also results in a tie, the President will cast the deciding vote.>**

#### Article VII. **<Annual>** Meeting[s]

~~[A general meeting of]~~ The Association shall **<meet>** ~~[be held]~~ annually, ~~[unless prevented by a national emergency,]~~ at such time and place as the Executive Committee shall direct ~~[unless otherwise ordered by The Association]~~. Special meetings may be arranged at the discretion of the Executive Committee.

#### Article VIII. Sections, Committees, and Conduct of Association Business

Section ~~[H]~~ **<3>**. The President shall appoint ~~[such standing and]~~ ad hoc committees as may be appropriate to conduct the business of ~~[the organization]~~ **<The Association>**.

Section 2. Standing Committees are those whose functions include the general policies and **<activities>** ~~[internal relations]~~ of The Association and its relations with other organizations. These Committees shall have a revolving membership and shall submit a written annual report to the Executive Committee and **<present>** an oral report at the Annual Business Meeting.

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[Section 3. The Executive Committee may undertake and carry out special activities between Annual Meetings.] (moved to section 5 of Article V)

Section [4] <1>. [Sections may be formed by] Groups of members with common interests [who] <may> request Section status < through petition > of the Executive Committee. Requests approved by the Executive Committee shall be submitted for ratification < by the membership > at the Annual Business Meeting. Sections shall elect a Chair and other leadership as necessary [and] < . Chairs shall > submit a written annual report to the Executive Committee and <present> an oral report at the Annual Business Meeting. Any financial matters of the Sections shall be maintained separately from The Association [including the liability, thereto, excepting those present to and accepted by the Executive Committee].

<Section 4. Minutes of the Executive Committee meetings and Annual Business Meetings, annual reports of the Sections, Committees, Officers and financial summaries shall be published following each Annual Meeting in the official publication of The Association.>

### Article IX. <Publications> [Journal and Editorial Board]

Section 1. The official publication of The Association shall be the *AMERICAN JOURNAL OF POTATO RESEARCH*. [which] <The publication> shall include [accepted manuscripts] <research articles, short communications,> abstracts <presented at the Annual Meeting, minutes of the Annual Business Meeting, section and committee reports,> and biographical sketches and pictures of honorary life members. [All of The Association's business shall be published in the official newsletter, the *PAA Insider*.]

<Section 2. The official newsletter of The Association shall be the *PAA Insider*. The newsletter shall include business of The Association not reported in the *American Journal of Potato Research*, Annual Meeting points of interest, section news and announcements, committee and general news items for the members, calendar of activities, etc.>

Section [2] <3>. The Executive Committee shall appoint the Editor-in-Chief, the Technical Editor, [the Editor of the Newsletter,] and the Editorial Board <of the *AMERICAN JOURNAL OF POTATO RESEARCH*. The Editor-in-Chief will provide the Executive Committee with a slate of nominees for the Editorial Board.> [which is nominated by the Editor-in-Chief. A Business Manager may be appointed who also may serve as the Secretary or the Treasurer.] <The Executive Committee shall also appoint the Editor of the *PAA Insider* newsletter.>

Section [3] <4>. The Executive Committee may authorize the Technical Editor [or] <and> other officers to employ such assistants as may be necessary for the proper conduct of their work.

Section [4] <5>. The Executive Committee may authorize the publication and distribution of other publications and employ the personnel required to edit and manage the distribution of such publications.

### Article X. Funds

Section 1. [The] Control of the funds of The Association, received from any source, shall be vested in the Executive Committee, to be administered through the [appropriate fiscal officers and committees] <Treasurer>. An audit of the receipts and disbursements shall be made at the end of each fiscal year by a certified public accountant. The reports of the Treasurer, or other fiscal officers, shall be published annually in the *PAA Insider*.

#### Section 2.

A. The Potato Association of America is organized exclusively for scientific, educational, and charitable purposes under section 501(c)3 of the Internal Revenue Code.

B. Upon the dissolution of The Association, all real property shall be sold and all monies remaining after the payment of liabilities shall be given to one or more universities or to one or more divisions of the U.S. Department of Agriculture to be used to conduct research and/or publish the results of research on *Solanum tuberosum* or related species of plants within the meaning of section 501(c)3 of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future tax code.

### Article XI. Ratification and Amendments

Section 1. This Constitution shall become effective upon its ratification at the [1999] Annual <Business> Meeting and shall supersede the original Constitution and all amendments thereto.

Section 2. This Constitution may be amended at any Annual Business Meeting of The Association. [provided that the] Proposed amendments [has been] <shall be> considered by the Executive Committee [that notice of the proposed amendment has been circulated by the Secretary to members or] <and then distributed to members> in the *PAA Insider* <or via e-mail> not less than two months prior to the < Annual > Meeting. [at which time such amendment is to be considered and that it receives] <The proposed amendments shall be discussed and voted on at the Annual Business Meeting.> An affirmative vote of at least two-thirds of those present [or] <and> entitled to vote <is required for passage of the amendment.>

The Potato Association of America  
"Bylaws"

#### 1. Membership and Dues:

<A. Annual Dues for all classes of membership shall be determined by the Executive Committee and voted on by The Association at the Annual Business Meeting.>

#### B. 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* [the *PAA Insider*,] and any other publications authorized by the Executive Committee. [Annual dues for all classes of membership shall be set by the Executive Committee.]

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## C. Group Membership

Any organized group, such as a firm, association or other organization, may obtain membership upon payment of Group Membership dues and will receive, for a period of one year, the *American Journal of Potato Research* [~~the PAA Insider,~~] and any other publications authorized by the Executive Committee. Participation in The Association affairs requires that one individual be designated as representative of the group.

## D. Student Membership

[~~Students who are active at time of application may hold membership in the Association upon payment of dues.~~] **<Any person enrolled in an accredited college or university is eligible for student membership.>** Students must have the signatures of their Major Professor/Advisor to certify [membership] **<eligibility. Student members shall receive for a period of one year the *American Journal of Potato Research* and other publications authorized by the Executive Committee.>**

## E. Sustaining Membership

Sustaining membership may be granted to any person, firm, association or organization upon payment of dues and shall receive for a period of one year the *American Journal of Potato Research*, the PAA Insider, and other publications authorized by the Executive Committee. Participation in The Association affairs requires that one individual be designated as representative for the Sustaining Member. **<Sustaining members contribute their knowledge, expertise, and professional involvement to ensure the continued strength of The Potato Association of America and promote excellence in the potato. Membership benefits the individual and organization through public recognition of participation in The Potato Association of America, access to technical information through subscription to the publications, and discussions with the general membership at Annual Meetings.>**

## F. 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 **<, will receive for a period of one year the *American Journal of Potato Research*, the PAA Insider,>** and are not obligated to pay dues. **<Biographies of newly elected Honorary Life Members shall appear in the official publication of The Association following their election at the Annual Meeting.>**

## &lt;G.&gt; Non-Member Subscriptions

Non-member [~~library~~] subscriptions provide the *American Journal of Potato Research* and the PAA Insider [;] 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.

2. *American Journal of Potato Research* and Other Publications

## A. Editorial board

The policies governing publication of the *American Journal of Potato Research* shall be vested in an Editorial Board consisting of an Editor-in-Chief, **<Business Editor>**, 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 [~~reject~~] **<accept>** any [~~paper~~] **<manuscript>** deemed [~~un~~] worthy of publication.

The policies governing publication of the PAA Insider **<and the PAA web pages>** shall be vested in the [~~newsletter-editorial board which shall consist of the~~] Newsletter Editor [~~Technical Editor,~~] and the Executive Committee.

## B. The Technical Editor "NC"

## C. Mailing Charges and Back Numbers

Extra postage for foreign accounts will be set by the Treasurer [~~and Technical Editor~~] **<, Finance Committee, and Administrative Assistant>** with the approval of the Executive Committee. Arrangements for replacing, pricing, and sale of back numbers and/or volumes of any Association publications shall be determined by the Treasurer [~~and the Technical Editor~~] **<, Finance Committee, and Administrative Assistant>** with the approval of the Executive Committee.

## 3. Duties of Officers

## A. President

The President shall preside at **<the Annual>** business meeting[s] ~~and~~, general sessions of The Association, and **<shall>** serve as Chair of the Executive Committee. **<The President appoints the Nominating, Finance, and Local Arrangement Advisory Committees.>**

## B. 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 prepares and presents the Host recognition at the Annual Business Meeting.>**

## C. Vice-President

The Vice-President shall assume the duties of the President-Elect in the absence or incapacity of the President-Elect and shall chair the Membership Committee and oversee all membership recruitment activities. **<The Vice-President provides oversight of the Constitution and Bylaws Committee.>**

## D. Secretary

The Secretary shall keep the records of [~~The Association at all regular, special and~~] Executive Committee meetings **<, Annual Business Meetings, and any special meeting of The Association,>** [~~and~~

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]shall make necessary arrangements for the Annual Meeting or other meetings at the direction of the Executive Committee **<and with the President shall prepare the agenda for the Annual Business Meeting>**. **<The Secretary shall serve as Chair of the Program Committee.>**

## E. Treasurer

The Treasurer shall keep full and accurate accounts of receipts and disbursements in books belonging to The Association and shall deposit all monies and other valuable effects in the name of and to the credit of The Association in such depositories as designated by the Executive Committee. The Treasurer shall disburse the funds of The Association as ordered by the Executive Committee, taking proper vouchers for such disbursements and shall render to the President and Executive Committee whenever they require it, as well as to the Annual Business Meeting an account of all transactions.

[An Administrative Assistant may be employed at The Association's expense and under the Treasurer's supervision to facilitate the business of The Association as described in the position description.]

**<4. Administrative Assistant**

**The Administrative Assistant is employed at The Association's expense and is under the supervision of the Executive Committee to facilitate the business of The Association. The Administrative Assistant shall keep current records of membership categories and dues, maintain and update The Association web site, serve as Editor of the PAA Insider, and perform other duties that pertain to the position. The Administrative Assistant shall be an ex officio, non-voting member of the Executive Committee.>**

## [4]&lt;5&gt; [Duties of the] Executive Committee

The Executive Committee shall act for The Association in the interim between Annual Meetings, shall fix the date of the Annual Meeting **<in agreement with the Local Arrangements Committee>**, shall consider matters of general policy in The Association, and shall present their recommendations at the Annual Business Meeting[s]. The Executive Committee shall meet prior to the Annual Meeting [of The Association] or at other times approved in Article V, Section 2, of the Constitution.

## [5]&lt;6&gt; Quorum

Ten members of The Association shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at [a regularly called] the Annual **<Business Meeting>** or [S] special [M] meeting [of] **<for>** which at least thirty days notice shall have been given to **<the>** member**<ship>**.

[6]<7> **<Standing>** Committees

## A. Program Committee

This committee, [shall be] appointed by the President, [with the Secretary as Chair] **<shall be chaired by the Secretary of The Association>**. This committee shall schedule [:] **<the Annual>** business meeting[s], [symposia for the presentation of papers, exhibits,

demonstrations, trips] **<meeting program including symposium, presented paper sessions, section meetings>**, and other functions at the Annual Meeting. The Secretary shall receive titles and abstracts of [all] papers to be presented at the Annual Meeting, [and shall] arrange the program, **<and>** [-The committee shall also] prepare copies of the abstracts of papers for distribution at **<the>** Annual Meeting.

## B. Nominating Committee

This committee, [shall be] appointed by the President, [-It] shall consist of [five members] **<the five Past Presidents>** with the **<Immediate>** Past President as Chair. This committee shall present **<at the Annual Business Meeting>** one (1) nominee for President [and] **<, one (1) nominee for>** President-Elect, two (2) nominees for the office of Vice-President and two **<(2)>** nominees for each Director **<position>** needed [at the Annual or other Special Meeting of The Association] . [Nominees shall be representative of the various areas of the Americas and from various fields of interest of the membership of The Association.]

## C. Membership Committee

This committee **<, appointed by the President,>** shall be chaired by the Vice-President and shall consist of the Vice-President and two members, each with chair responsibilities over one of two subcommittees, a Sustaining Membership Subcommittee and a General Membership Subcommittee. Each subcommittee shall consist of members appointed by the Vice-President and shall be geographically distributed throughout North America and elsewhere as needed. The Membership Committee shall be responsible for membership recruitment and for all issues related to **<The>** Association membership.

## D. Finance Committee

This committee**<,>** [shall be] appointed by the President [to] **<, shall>** work with the Treasurer on monetary matters and submit a report including a proposed budget at [each] **<the>** Annual **<Business>** Meeting.

E. Local Arrangements **<Advisory>** Committee

**This committee shall be appointed by the President and shall work closely with the Program Committee in making local arrangements for Annual Meetings.**

**<This committee, appointed by the President and chaired by the President-Elect, shall be composed of the last three Local Arrangement Committee chairs, co-chairs, or their designee. This committee will review and revise the guidelines of the Local Arrangements Committees and offer recommendations to the Executive Committee on issues pertaining to Annual Meetings of The Association.>**

## F. Honorary Life Membership Committee

[The immediate Past President shall be Chair of the committee, which shall consist] **<This committee shall be composed>** of the President, President-Elect, Vice-President, **<Immediate Past President,>** the five Directors, and the two most recent [living] Past

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Presidents. <The Immediate Past President shall serve as chair of the committee. This committee will receive and review the nominations submitted for Honorary Life Memberships each year.>

### G. <Site Selection Committee>

<The Site Selection Committee, appointed by the President, shall develop guidelines, procedures, and the process for determining future sites of Annual Meetings of The Association. Recommended sites shall be submitted at least five years ahead of the meetings for approval by the Executive Committee and acceptance at the Annual Business Meeting. This committee shall review and offer recommendations to the Executive Committee on issues pertaining to Annual Meeting site selections.>

### H. <Endowment Committee>

<The Endowment Committee, appointed by the President, shall develop guidelines, procedures, and programs for the receipt of donations and other funds for investment in the

**PAA Endowment account. This committee will review and make recommendations to the Executive Committee on special accounts in honor of individuals or organizations within the PAA Endowment account.>**

### I. Ad hoc Committees

Other committees may be appointed by the President as deemed advisable to study and report on other special fields of activity associated with <the business of The Association and> the potato industry.

[Note: This paragraph on Ad Hoc Committees is not necessary as Ad Hoc Committees are not Standing Committees and their time span by virtue of their name should be short. If anything, this section could be renamed Special Committees and call them Ad Hoc Committees in the paragraph.]

### [7]<8> Miscellaneous

- A. Fiscal Year "NC"
- B. Liability "NC"
- C. Amending Bylaws "NC"

**Larry Hiller  
Mary Powelson  
Co-Chairs Bylaws Committee**

## Members In The News

HLM **Henri Genereux** passed away on April 3, 2003. Henri was born in Cyrille, QC, Canada receiving his B.A. and B.Sc. degrees in classical and agronomic studies from Laval Univ. in 1934 and 1937. In 1940, he received an M.Sc. degree from MacDonald College of McGill Univ. with a thesis on the common scab of potatoes.

He was an active member of the PAA, the American & Canadian Phytopathological Societies, the Quebec Society for the Protection of Plants as well as other associations. He spent his entire professional career working on potato protection. His most outstanding contribution in the area of potato pathology was in the area of bacterial ring rot. He published numerous scientific as well as technical articles on the subject. Henri received his HLM status in the PAA in 1992.

### Suzanne Boulanger Genereux

The Nell I Mondy Laboratory for Human Performance is dedicated at Cornell University.

A laboratory in the new west wing of MVR Hall at Cornell Univ. was named in honor of **Nell Mondy**, professor emerita of nutrition, food science and toxicology. at a reception on May 30, 2003.

The lab is designed for human studies of the effects of nutrition on physical work capacity, energy expenditure and physical activity. It is equipped with instruments to measure energy expenditure. The lab looks out over Beebe Lake, a view Mondy knows well since it is almost the same view that her former laboratories had in the MVR north wing.

**Nell Mondy**

**Chad Hutchinson** reports that even though the Hastings Res. & Education Ctr. was officially closed last year, the good news is that the Univ. of FL is going to continue to support potato research in the Hastings area. New offices have been constructed at the Yelvington Farm site. With all the changes, his contact info has changed. His main campus address is: 1235 Fifield Hall, POB 110690; Gainesville, FL-32611-0690; P-352-392-1928x209; F-352-392-5653; EM-[cmhutch@ufl.edu](mailto:cmhutch@ufl.edu); WS: [www.hos.ufl.edu/uf-potato/hutchinson.htm](http://www.hos.ufl.edu/uf-potato/hutchinson.htm). (Farm) 9500 Cowpen Branch Rd., Hastings, FL-32145. P-904-692-1792; F-904-692-3306. He will be splitting his time between both locations.

**Chad Hutchinson**