

# Minutes of the Business Meeting

## Fifth Central States Forest Tree Improvement Conference

### Ohio Agricultural Research and Development Center

October 6, 1966

The business meeting was called to order by Chairman Ralph A. Read at 4:15 p.m., October 6, 1966.

Since all persons present had already been provided with a copy of the 1964 meeting minutes in their copy of the Fourth Conference Proceedings, H. B. Kriebel moved that the reading of the minutes be waived. The motion was seconded by D. T. Funk and carried.

Chairman Read stated his expression of approval with due credit to all concerned for a job well done on the entire 1966 CSFTIC program. Under old business, the recommendations of a committee of three members, J. J. Jokela, H. B. Kriebel, and G. A. Limstrom, that the Wooster station be made the repository for minutes, proceedings and official papers—with H. B. Kriebel as corresponding secretary—was presented. D. T. Funk moved for group approval. His motion was seconded by E. J. Gebhart and carried.

H. B. Kriebel reported that back issues of CSFTIC Proceedings are still available, although the supply of copies of the Second Proceedings is almost exhausted. Copies may be obtained from his office.

Chairman Read acknowledged the efforts of H. B. Kriebel, R. B. Polk, and others in editing the Fourth Proceedings.

Chairman G. A. Limstrom of the Tree Seed Certification Committee has retired. D. T. Funk moved that the incoming chairman appoint a commercial Tree Seed Certification Committee. This motion was seconded by H. B. Kriebel and carried. H. B. Kriebel stated that G. A. Limstrom has prepared a publication for tree seed certification in the central zone. P. O. Rudolf said that during discussion among Lake States foresters on September 19, 1966, a move to discharge their activity in this area was made following a recommendation to do so by their own committee. It was felt that other groups (the SAF, etc.) had such functions. Several states in the Lake States area are currently revising their tree seed certification laws.

Chairman Read then appointed a nominating committee composed of H. B. Kriebel, R. B. Polk, and R. A. Read to present a list of candidates to fill CSFTIC offices for the period of 1966-68. Upon presentation of the names, J. J. Jokela requested that his name be withdrawn due to previous commitments. After the addition of names nominated from the floor, an election was held by secret ballot. Voting results were exceptionally close, with the election of the new officers as follows: Chairman, F. Bryan Clark; Vice-Chairman, David T. Funk; and Secretary, Ernest J. Gebhart.

The first item of new business was J. J. Jokela's report about the Populus Council. The activities of the Populus Council extend from Canada to the Gulf of Mexico. Its membership is open to any interested individual. The council has recently completed a mimeographed list of all pertinent projects. Their second publication will be a complete worldwide list of endeavors in the poplar groups. They have organized committees in the areas of pathology, entomology, tree improvement, economics, and utilization. The council meets every 2 years in the field, with the third meeting in Wisconsin. Another function of this group is to sponsor and coordinate poplar materials collection for worldwide distribution. It appears that obtaining the objectives of the Populus Council will require a major effort. A meeting of the International Poplar Council is planned for September 1968 in Ottawa, Ontario.

The question as to how to publish the Proceedings of this Fifth Conference was then raised. Upon an offer of the Ohio Agricultural Research and Development Center to publish the Fifth Proceedings, D. T. Funk moved to accept their welcome offer. Clair Merritt seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. H. B. Kriebel suggested that all papers be sent to R. B. Polk for review and then forwarded to the Ohio Center. This was accepted by CSFTIC members present as quite satisfactory.

At this point, the possibility of merging the CSFTIC and the LSFTIC was brought before the

group. P. O. Rudolf reported on a similar discussion previously held by LSFTIC members at their meeting in Madison, Wisconsin. Some possible advantages certainly appear to exist. However, no strong feelings for or against such a merger were expressed at that time. The LSFTIC group appointed a subcommittee and charged them with preparing a report to the LSFTIC members as a whole. The LSFTIC group would want to know the feelings of the CSFTIC members. The possibility of surveying the situation before 1968 was raised. The primary reason for setting up two separate organizations (CSFTIC and LSFTIC) was due to the belief at that time that too many distinct problems existed. R. B. Polk suggested that the CSFTIC take the same approach to the question of merger as the LSFTIC. A new group name would also seem to be appropriate upon any merger, such as North Central Forest Tree Improvement Conference. P. O. Rudolf suggested that possible advantages might be fewer meetings and a pooling of officers and experience. D. T. Funk stated that, on the other hand, the volume of necessary work might necessitate annual meetings and this would put us back where we started in terms of travel and preparation time investment. It was also pointed out that the larger the region represented, the more difficulty some individuals will have in travel arrangements to some sessions. Also, in general the LSFTIC group is more formal than CSFTIC. At this point Calvin Bey moved that the new officers appoint a committee

to investigate the overall question of merger. The motion was seconded by E. J. Schreiner and carried.

E. J. Schreiner invited all interested persons to the next NEFTIC meeting. He said their group is not formal, meets annually, and attendance is open to all. Dean Einspahr invited all CSFTIC and NEFTIC members to attend their sessions at the Forest Products Laboratory at Madison, Wisconsin, September 12 and 13, 1967. The Madison theme is to be Genetic and Silvicultural Improvement of Growth in Hardwoods.

The matter of a location for the 1968 CSFTIC meeting was then debated. It was decided that its location should be determined by a committee composed of the new officers.

A general discussion of several other topics of common interest or points of information followed. The most important of these was the question of "how much" or is "too much" emphasis being placed on basic research? Also, how do we stimulate interest by other professional foresters in forest tree improvement, particularly in regions such as the Rocky Mountains in relation to important species like Douglas fir?

Kingsley Taft moved that the business session be adjourned. His motion was seconded by Calvin Bey and approval was voted. Adjournment at 5:25 p.m.

Paul L. Roth  
Secretary