

MINUTES OF THE BUSINESS MEETING

Sixth Central States Forest Tree Improvement Conference

*Southern Illinois University
Carbondale, Illinois
October 17, 1968*

The business meeting was called to order by Acting Chairman David T. Funk at 4:25 p.m. with 50 people in attendance.

All persons present had previously been provided with a copy of the 1966 meeting minutes in their copy of the fifth conference proceedings. Therefore, the reading of the minutes was waived.

Chairman Funk called for committee reports. Donald E. Richter advised that the Tree Seed Certification Committee had no report at this time, but would be prepared to report at the 1970 conference.

During the 1966 conference the possibility of merging the CSFTIC and the LSFTIC was discussed at length with a sub-committee being appointed to determine the interest of CSFTIC members in such a merger. At this time Chairman Funk called upon Ralph A. Read, Chairman of the sub-committee, who reported as follows:

"Late last year, the Acting Chairman of CSFTIC appointed a 5-man committee to study the possibilities of merging with the LSFTIC. Accordingly this committee, dubbed COSOTOSOTIC—committee on study of togetherness or separateness of tree improvement committees—obtained opinions by mail from a sampling of regular-attending members of CSFTIC in the Central States and LSFTIC in Minnesota and Wisconsin.

Opinions were tabulated and the results studied by each committee member. The consensus of this committee after study of the results is that there is no strong desire for merger. *We therefore recommend against formal merger of the two tree improvement committees at this time.*

Two committee members, although agreeing that we should recommend against merger at this time, felt that a joint conference of the CSFTIC and LSFTIC would be appropriate and should be considered by the groups. It was felt that a joint conference would give both groups an opportunity to examine such an arrangement without any agreement to merge. *We therefore recommend that an expression of opinion of CSFTIC members be obtained concerning their desire for a joint conference.*

Recognizing the need for a set of Bylaws to guide CSFTIC, the Acting Chairman asked our Committee to prepare same in the event that merger was not recommended. A simple set of Bylaws adapted from

those of other Tree Improvement Committee organizations, is therefore proposed.

This concludes the report, and we respectfully move its acceptance."

Discussion following the report indicated considerable interest in a joint conference in the not too distant future but a desire that the CSFTIC retain its separate identity. The recommendation to stay separate, participate in a joint conference and adopt a set of bylaws was approved by the membership.

Copies of proposed bylaws prepared by Ralph Read's sub-committee were distributed and discussed. Howard Kriebel voiced the opinion that a territorial definition of the Central States region was needed in order to determine eligibility for holding office, while agreeing with Brooks Polk that the committee should remain loosely organized and that territorial limitations should in no way limit participation. After additional discussion it was moved by Howard Kriebel that the CS region be defined as being the states of Ohio, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Missouri, Nebraska, Kansas, Iowa, North Dakota and South Dakota. The motion was seconded by Mr. Fletcher and passed 15 to 6 with many people from outside the region abstaining from voting.

The Nominating Committee presented their selections for Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary and the six-member Executive Committee as provided by the earlier accepted bylaws. Several names were withdrawn from nomination due to the territorial limitations imposed by the identification of the CSFTIC. Nominations from the floor were accepted and the election held by secret ballot. Election of the new officers for the 1968-1970 period was as follows: Chairman, David Funk; Vice Chairman, Bart Thielges; Secretary, Burl Ashley; Executive Committee, 4-year term, Calvin Bey, Ralph Read, Ernest Gebhart; 2-year term, J. J. Jokela, Brooks Polk, Paul L. Roth.

The Chairman called for old business and there was none. Under new business, Dave Funk stated that the North Central Forest Experiment Station would be willing to publish the proceedings of the Sixth CSFTIC conference. Although the Committee appreciated the offer, it was suggested that it either be printed without being numbered in the Forest Service Series, or, more preferably, that it be published as usual by the host institution (SIU), so it would be filed with past conference reports by libraries rather than with Forest Service publications. David Funk was

asked to contact the University regarding publication. All papers presented during the October 17, 1968 technical session were to be turned in to David Funk for inclusion in the proceedings.

Several announcements of interest to the group were made. The Second World Consultation on Forest Genetics and Forest Tree Improvement will be held in Washington, D.C. August 7-16, 1969. The Lake States Forest Tree

Improvement Conference is scheduled for August 22-23, 1969, at Grand Rapids, Minnesota.

Several announcements concerning the Carbondale-St. Louis tour were made.

The business session was adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

Ernest J. Gebhart, *Secretary*