

## **Resolutions**

63<sup>rd</sup> annual meeting of the Potomac Division of the American Phytopathological Society

Whereas, the Plant Pathology group at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University has so graciously hosted the 63<sup>rd</sup> annual meeting of the Potomac Division of the American Phytopathological Society,

Therefore, be it resolved that the membership of the Potomac Division give a most hearty Thanks to the program and local arrangements committees for such warm hospitality and a quality program.

Whereas, upon arrival in Blacksburg, Mannon Gallegley and Bill MacDonald went straight to the Donaldson Brown Hotel to find no one knowledgeable of the Potomac Division meetings, then to Latham Hall instead of the Latham Foyer, with the same result,

Therefore, be it resolved that future communication from Virginia Tech be more specific.

Whereas, Information Services at VPI&SU could not locate Latham Hall, Latham Foyer, Latham Ballroom or even determine that the Potomac meetings were an on-campus event, then politely questioned whether we were at the proper university, Therefore, be it resolved, that the Information Services staff should be given a guided campus tour, introduced to the Plant Pathology faculty in Price Hall, meet the campus events staff and be introduced to the descendants of the Latham family.

Whereas, the Donaldson Brown Hotel of the past was adequate, Therefore, be it resolved, that we recognize the Inn at Virginia Tech and Skelton Conference Center as the most upscale facility of its kind. MacDonald and Gallegley breathed a sigh of relief when they found it.

Whereas, the division program began with a tree walk of the VPI campus, Therefore, be it resolved that we thank Jay Stipes, another old-timer, for his colorful descriptions and comments.

Whereas, Erik Stromberg, on his tour of South Africa, discovered the kenaf plant, Therefore, be it resolved that we heed his advice that the absorbent fibers of this plant be incorporated into baby diapers.

Whereas, during the deliberations of these august meetings, funding for the Iraq war is being addressed by Congress, Therefore, be it resolved that we recognize Rep. Sanford Bishop of Georgia, “the peanut Congressman”, who attached \$74 million to the war bill to cover storage of peanuts for growers in the United States.

Whereas, two of our scientists, among others, used the acronym PIPE for Pest Information Platform for Extension and Education.

Therefore, be it resolved that, Sue Tolin and Marty Draper and other scientists be more accurate and use PIPEE or pipee or people inspecting plants early. Put that in your pipe and smoke it.

Whereas, we recognize the dominance of graduate students from VPI&SU in the research paper competition,

Therefore, be it resolved that we commend the lone non-VPI student, M.J. Schall from Penn State for his bravery. Congratulations to the winners.

Whereas, we commend Darcy Partridge and her associates for the successful transgenic work to modify peanuts to become resistant to Sclerotinia blight,

Therefore, be it resolved that we recommend that a taste test be done before variety release. Further, we recommend that the first taste panel be made up of Potomac Division members with good taste.

Whereas, Tom Evans has given yeoman-like service representing the Potomac Division with distinction as Councilor.

Therefore, be it resolved that Potomac Division members support with gusto, his candidacy for Councilor-at-Large. Spread it around when you get home.

Whereas, Dan Roberts' stop watch failed during the student competition and Dan had no watch.

Therefore, be it resolved, that Stromberg's watch saved the day. Further, the USDA should issue watches to its employees.

Whereas, Prakash Hebbar known fondly as "the candy man" as he presented "Managing invasive diseases of cacao",

Therefore, be it resolved that he present at every meeting of the Potomac Division as long as he keeps bringing chocolate.

Whereas, the tree-of-heaven aka the "tree from hell", has been found to succumb to *Verticillium albo-atrum*.

Therefore, be it resolved that Bob Mulrooney be the poster-boy for ridding the Potomac Division of the Tree of Heaven – "bring it on" to quote President Bush.

Whereas, we close the meetings with autonomous vehicles, airplanes and mowers,

Therefore, be it resolved that we firmly grasp the steering wheel and drive attentively and safely to our home. No cell phones please, until your leave Virginia.