

MINUTES OF BUSINESS MEETING

Meeting opened by Sidney Hanks, Northeastern Area, State and Private Forestry. Discussion of need for formal organization. Bud Terrell, New York moved we elect a chairman and secretary to serve the needs. The organization was seconded by Gerald Grebasch, Iowa. Carried nominations for chairman opened. Terrell and Grebasch were nominated. Grebasch was elected.

Nominations for secretary opened. Hanks, Northeastern Area, nominated and elected by acclamation, Chairman Grebasch assumed his duly elected position.

Hanks explained state foresters position in establishing bi-annual meeting schedule. State Forester McClung, West Virginia presented his views in favor of an annual meeting and expressed the feeling that the State Foresters would consider a resolution from Nurserymen asking for an annual meeting. Moved by Terrell, seconded by DeLong, that Nurserymen's Association go on record in favor of an annual meeting. Motion carried! Chairman directed to petition Mr. George Moorhead, Chairman State Foresters Association, for annual meeting date, and to keep the membership informed. Chairman Grebasch called for volunteer hosts. Illinois invited the group for 1969. Chairman tabled discussion pending decision from State Foresters.

List of research suggestions received from the group to be circulated and priorities placed on each item by the membership, list attached. Priority list to be submitted to Directors, North Central and Northeast Forest Experiment Stations.

Meeting adjourned with thanks to host West Virginia for an excellent meeting.

Submitted by,

Sidney Hanks
Secretary

The following suggestions for needed research in the nursery field were received at the Nursery Conference at Point Pleasant, West, Virginia. The final list in priority sequence will be submitted to National Forest Research for their consideration.

RESEARCH STUDIES NEEDED

- _____ Herbicide screening for suitability in Hardwood seedlings.
- _____ Bird repellants for use on nursery sown nut species.
- _____ Economical methods of seed collection from Seed Production areas and Seed Orchards.
- _____ Centralized Soil and tissue testing laboratory service for Northeastern Area nurseries.
- _____ Determination of Physiological grades of Northern Conifer and Hardwood seedlings:
 - 1. Do these grades exist
 - 2. How may they be defined
 - 3. How are the best grades produced
- _____ Shipping: What are requirements for shipping seedlings to insure maximum retention of a seedling's ability to survive? What packaging methods will best fulfill these requirements?
- _____ Mechanical Harvester for lifting conifers and hardwoods.
- _____ Determination of temperature, day length, and moisture conditions necessary to bring conifers into dormant condition.