

Minutes
Annual Business Meeting
Massachusetts Fruit Growers' Association, Inc.
Massachusetts Commonwealth Quality Assurance Meeting, Sturbridge, MA
January 7, 2011

The Annual Business Meeting was called to order at 12:15 PM by President Mark Parlee. President Parlee offered words of welcome to the membership. Twenty-five individuals were present.

Secretary's Report

One hundred and eight individuals paid membership dues for 2010. An additional 27 had previously committed to the 10-year-membership/matching program with the Massachusetts Society for Promoting Agriculture and the Commonwealth. Their active membership will continue through 2015. Below are the membership figures for 2001-10.

Category	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Active members	42	49	44	43	39	51	40	41	90	81
Associate members	65	73	78	79	83	69	35	24	58	54
Exhibitor members	60	59	50	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Courtesy members	16	11	16	16	15	16	16	16	16	16
Life members	6	4	7	7	7	8	8	7	6	6
Total	189	196	195	145	144	145	99	88	170	156

The 2010 Annual Business Meeting was on December 16, 2009 at New England Vegetable & Fruit Conference in Manchester, NH, and the Annual Summer Meeting was on July 15 at UMass Cold Spring Orchard Research & Education Center in Belchertown, with more than 75 people in attendance. The Board of Directors met on February 17 and December 1, 2010. The Secretary's Report was moved, seconded, and passed unanimously.

Minutes of the previous (December 16, 2009) Annual Business Meeting were presented, moved, seconded, and passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

The General Fund began the year with a balance of \$25,798.60. Receipts totaled \$136,209.02, and disbursements totaled \$121,449.60. The balance on December 31, 2010 was \$60,558.02. The Horticultural Research Fund began the year with a balance of \$330,451.02. A total of \$979.70 in receipts and \$53,762.25 in expenses occurred in 2010. The balance in the Horticultural Research Fund on December 31, 2010 was \$295,502.13. In 2010, the Horticultural Research Fund lost 10.6% in value (including income and expenses). The overall investment increase, however, was 5.4%. The Treasurer's Report was moved, seconded and passed. Details follow on the next two pages.

Ken Nicewicz, the Auditor, reported that the Treasurer's Report was complete and accurate as presented. The Auditor's Report was moved, seconded, and passed unanimously.

Other Business

The Marketing and Research & Grants Committees presented brief reports.

Nominations Committee Report and Elections

On behalf of the Nominations Committee, Autio presented a slate of candidates for officers and directors, including Mark Parlee for President, Andrew Martin, Al Rose, and Glenn Cook for Vice Presidents, Wes Autio for Secretary and Treasurer, Ken Nicewicz for Auditor, and Gerry Bierne, Ben Clark, Pat Kriksceonaitis, Chris Smith, and Mark Tuttle for Directors. No additional nominations were received from the floor. Nominated candidates for president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, and auditor were elected. Ben Clark, Pat Kriksceonaitis, Chris Smith, and Mark Tuttle were elected as directors for 3 years.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Wesley R. Autio, *Secretary/Treasurer*

GENERAL FUND	
Balance -- Bank of America + PayPal, 12/31/09	\$25,798.60
Receipts	
Active member dues -- 2010	\$10,763.82
Associate member dues -- 2010	\$1,348.36
Interest	\$19.81
Summer Meeting	\$2,625.34
2009 NEVFC	\$13,000.00
EPA Grant -- Clements	\$35,000.00
SCB Grant -- Autio	\$50,084.00
Prokopy Endowment donations	\$50.00
Horticultural Research Fund donations	\$340.49
UMass Programs, Publications, general donations	\$22,301.95
UM Cold Spring Orchard R & E Center donations	\$335.49
IPM donations	\$339.76
	\$136,209.02
Disbursements	
Administration	\$4,386.66
Secretary/Treasurer salary	\$2,800.00
Summer meeting	\$1,675.00
Affiliations	\$560.00
US Apple Association	\$6,068.00
Specialty Crops Grant -- Clements	\$250.00
EPA Grant -- Clements	\$34,823.74
SCB Grant -- Autio	\$50,084.00
Web site	\$425.00
Ag. Day at the Statehouse	\$0.00
Miscellaneous	\$350.00
Prokopy Endowment donations	\$50.00
Transfer to MFGA Hort. Res. Fund	\$0.00
UMass Programs, Publications, general donations	\$19,301.95
UM Cold Spring Orchard R & E Center donations	\$335.49
IPM Donations	\$339.76
	-\$121,449.60
Balance -- Bank of America & PayPal, 12/31/10	\$40,558.02

HORTICULTURAL RESEARCH FUND

Balance -- Bank of America, 12/31/09		\$8,074.15
Receipts		
From Merrill Lynch Account	\$50,000.00	
General donations	\$964.01	
Interest	\$15.69	\$50,979.70
Disbursements		
Transfer to UMass Foundation	\$50,007.00	
Krupa grant	\$1,250.00	
Autio grant	\$2,505.25	-\$53,762.25
Balance -- Bank of America, 12/31/10		\$5,291.60
Balance -- Merrill Lynch, 12/31/09		\$322,376.87
Cash -- 12/31/10		\$12,228.00
Transfer to Savings Account		\$50,000.00
Investments (value as of 12/31/10)		
Altria Group	\$4,924.00	
AMEX Technology Select SPDR Fund	\$6,297.50	
Automatic Data Processing	\$7,034.56	
Emerson Electric Company	\$7,146.25	
Exxon Mobil Corporation	\$14,624.00	
General Electric	\$18,290.00	
General Dynamics Corporation	\$7,379.84	
Health Care Select Fund	\$7,087.50	
Ishares DJ US Telecommunication Sector Index Fund	\$2,337.00	
Ishares MSCI Brazil Free Index Fund	\$3,483.00	
Ishares MSCI EAFE Index Fund	\$6,986.40	
Ishares MSCI EAFE Small Cap Fund	\$4,221.00	
Ishares MSCI Emerging Markets Index Fund	\$2,382.10	
Kraft Foods	\$4,348.38	
Materials Select Sector SPDR Fund	\$7,682.00	
Paychex Inc.	\$7,109.30	
Philip Morris	\$11,706.00	
Rydex ETF TR Index Fund	\$9,462.00	
Sector SPDR Consumers STPL Fund	\$4,396.50	
Sector SPDR Financial Fund	\$3,987.50	
Sector SPDR Industrial Fund	\$10,461.00	
Sector SPDR Utilities Fund	\$2,350.50	
United Technologies	\$7,084.80	
Wal-Mart Stores	\$6,471.60	
American International Group Corporate Bond	\$10,302.00	
BP Capital Markets PLC Corporate Bond	\$10,314.90	
Constellation Energy Corporate Bond	\$5,380.15	
Fifth Third Bank Corporate Bond	\$9,637.50	
Fortune Brands, Inc. Corporate Bond	\$5,004.85	
Genworth Financials, Inc. Corporate Bond	\$10,163.10	
Goldman Sachs Group, Inc. Corporate Bond	\$9,766.60	
HSBC Financial Corporation Corporate Bond	\$9,572.00	
Marriott International Corporate Bond	\$5,199.20	
Prologis Corporate Bond	\$10,434.60	
Tenneco Packagin Corporate Bond	\$9,700.00	
Xerox Corporation Corporate Bond	\$5,171.60	
Arcelormittal Corporate Bond	\$10,083.30	\$277,982.53
Balance -- Merrill Lynch, 12/31/10		\$290,210.53
Total Balance -- Horticultural Research Fund		\$295,502.13