

## Epilogue

This history ends with 1985, the last complete year at the time writing began. However, the two years needed for searching and writing and the additional year and a half taken for reviewing, editing, and printing have seen important changes in the Society, and these ought to be recorded in some form. Extending the data and rewriting the chapters to encompass the events of the past three years would be a sizeable task, and by the time it was done there would be another year of history to record—a never ending job. It is possible, however, simply to note the important changes in the Society without historical description. Analysis in terms of events and pressures and personalities can await the testing of time.

The ASPP constitution and bylaws were extensively revised in 1987 to bring them into conformity with current practices, to simplify management of Society affairs, and to provide flexibility for adoption of new scopes and missions. Membership and membership rights were clarified and broadened (*e.g.*, student members are now eligible for office). In addition to the present regional sections, disciplinary and affinity-group sections were authorized. Arrangements for the annual meeting were made the responsibility of the executive director working in consultation with the program committee and with the approval of the executive committee. Nominees for office were reduced to two, one named by a nomination poll conducted by the ASPP office under the supervision of the president-elect, and one by a nomination committee that comprises the president-elect (chair), president, and past president. Seven standing committees were named: executive, program, trustees, publications, education, nominations, and constitution and bylaws (the editorial board of *Plant Physiology* was deleted as a standing committee as its function is with the journal, not the Society, and the representation on the executive committee was given to the chair of the publications committee, which remained charged with all non-editorial affairs of the journals and other publications). Endowments were reclassified as specific (awards, special programs, etc.) and general (income for operations and emergency funds) and the handling of endowment funds was simplified. The constitution and bylaws committee became the recipient of any proposed revision of the constitution or bylaws; after evaluation the committee is to pass the revision to the executive committee for approval. The board of trustees was confirmed in their practice of preparing the budget. The tasks of the headquarters office were listed and the responsibilities assigned to the executive

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director and his staff, but no specific staff appointments or charges were given. The executive director is to be a non-voting, *ex officio* member of all committees except nominations. Archaic regulations on allocation of dues and other income and on executive committee approval of membership applications were removed. Information on membership and dues is to be published in the annual directory. The detailed bylaws on granting and funding awards were simplified.

The constitution and bylaws were revised to permit creation of new journals, or other publications, with separate editorial staffs. One new journal, *The Plant Cell*, was started, with the first issue appearing in January 1989. The ASPP monograph series was dropped by action of Academic Press.

Significant changes have occurred in the headquarters office. The position of business manager has been eliminated. Two staff editors, one each for *Plant Physiology* (Melinda Carlson) and *The Plant Cell* (Judith Grollman), have been added. Additional assistants have been employed to track manuscripts and to keep accounts. Operations are fully computerized. There is no longer a renter, and the building is fully occupied by the Society. The barn has been torn down, the swimming pool removed, and the property fenced. The new executive director, Melvin J. Josephs (named in 1986), is no longer under pressure to secure recognition and funding for plant physiology by representations to units of the federal government and Congress (no lobbying).

Publication in *Plant Physiology* has increased dramatically (Table 23). There are now 8 associate editors and 229 editorial board members (reviewers).

Martin Gibbs remains editor-in-chief of *Plant Physiology* and Robert B. Goldberg is editor-in-chief of *The Plant Cell*.

Beginning in 1987, the annual meetings have been held in convention hotels, rather than universities, and continued use of hotels is planned.

The Western Section of ASPP is presently inactive; the others still function. No disciplinary or affinity-group sections have been formed.

Table 24 lists officers for this period. Table 25 presents the financial data as shown in the auditor's reports.

**Table 23**  
Annual Meetings, Contributed and Published Papers, 1986-1988

Year	Annual Meeting			<i>Plant Physiology</i>	
	Location	Attendance	Papers	Papers	Pages
1986	Baton Rouge, LA	940	799	644	3392
1987	St. Louis, MO	1300	993	692	3674
1988	Reno, NV	1220	907	688	3740

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**Table 24**  
Officers of the American Society of Plant Physiologists, 1986-1989

Year	President	President-Elect	Secretary	Treasurer
1985-86	C. J. Arntzen	E. E. Conn	E. Gantt	L. N. Vanderhoef
1986-87	E. E. Conn	L. E. Schrader	E. Gantt	L. N. Vanderhoef
1987-88	L. E. Schrader	E. Gantt	W. L. Ogren	L. N. Vanderhoef
1988-89	E. Gantt	B. O. Phinney	W. L. Ogren	R. Rabson

**Table 25**  
Financial Data from the Auditor's Reports, 1985-1988<sup>a</sup>

Year	Receipts <sup>b</sup>	Total Expenditures <sup>c</sup>	Resources <sup>d</sup>
	\$	\$	\$
1985	1,469,093	1,047,961	1,388,767
1986	1,374,151	1,230,140	1,777,948
1987	1,445,624	1,371,136	1,893,710
1988	1,548,050 <sup>e</sup>	1,592,743 <sup>f</sup>	1,936,603

<sup>a</sup>The data in this table generally follow the data presented in Table 18. However, small changes in the auditing program make it difficult to have an exact match. The change is reflected starting with the 1985 data, which have been recalculated to conform to the more recent auditing procedures.

<sup>b</sup>Include what remains of total revenues collected by ASPP after deducting the year's net gains (or losses) on the Society's security holdings, sales of stocks and bonds, and investment dividends and interest.

<sup>c</sup>Includes all Society annual expenditures and is the same as in Table 18 except that here depreciation has been deducted from the total.

<sup>d</sup>Includes the market value of all investments at year's end plus current assets minus liabilities at year's end. These figures for resources do not include any valuation on ASPP's Gude Plant Science Center buildings and property.

<sup>e</sup>Marked increase in receipts resulted from a modest \$5 increase in dues for U.S. members and a \$45 increase in institutional subscriptions (to \$375 annually) to *Plant Physiology*.

<sup>f</sup>Increased expenditures in 1988 are largely the result of headquarters taking on more of the total publication production workload and the start up costs associated with the new journal, *The Plant Cell*.