

Executive Members Meeting: Attending Judith Brown, Debra Inglis, Jay Pscheidt, Barry Jacobsen, and Themis Michailides: Catalina Ballroom Foyer. June 17, 2013: 4:50 to 5:15 p.m.

This was an informal meeting. For next year's meeting in Bozeman, MT, Barry Jacobsen agreed to serve as the local arrangement chair of the meeting. The meeting will be held there June 18-20, 2014.

Business Meeting: Catalina Ballroom: June 17, 2013; 5:15 to 6:00 p.m.

Themis Michailides (APS PD President) called the meeting to order and asked that a motion be made to refrain from the reading of the minutes from the Sacramento 2012 business meeting. Dennis Johnson made the motion and Natalie Goldberg seconded the motion. The motion was approved by all the PD members without any discussion and it was agreed that from now on the group will need to read the business meeting minutes via the APS PD web site before attending the business meeting since no copies of the minutes will be distributed at the meeting any longer. At this time, Michailides asked Debra Inglis (Past President) to keep notes of the meeting since the secretary-treasurer, Akif Eskalen, was not present. Debbie agreed enthusiastically to so.

Michailides announced that the election for the new President elect was complete and Juliet Marshall (University of Idaho) was the winner. She will serve as President during 2014-2015. Because there was no detailed financial report, Michailides reported that the finances of the PD were pretty good and there was a balance of about \$23,000 as of June 2013. (A detailed report was sent by the APS after the meeting and it has been forwarded to the new PD president.)

Michailides then presented the list of retirees and the necrology reports since June 2012, as reported earlier to him by Cindy Scheller of the APS. Dennis Johnson mentioned that Doug Burke and Cal Scotland had also passed away. There was a moment of silence in memory for our departed colleagues.

Election of the PD Secretary-Treasurer: Akif had indicated to the PD President that he no longer wished to be Secretary-Treasurer and Michailides asked for nominations and/or volunteers. No nominations or volunteers came forward. (However, later during the banquet it was announced that Soumaila Sanogo (New Mexico State University) had mentioned that he would volunteer to become Secretary-Treasurer of the PD. Sanogo was confirmed by all members by applauding to his offer. Therefore, Soumaila Sanogo is the next Pacific Division Secretary Treasurer.

Jay Pscheidt gave the Divisional Forum Report. The written version will be posted in details on the APS PD website. A summary of the discussion held during the business meeting is presented here. He mentioned that Division members, especially the division leadership, should have a look at the new web site on APSnet called "Divisional Resources" available at the URL <http://www.apsnet.org/members/apsleadership/comm/Pages/DivisionalResources.aspx> . The page includes such things as "Division Meeting Checklist and Guidelines", "Guidelines for Merging Divisional and Annual Meetings", and "Division Services from

APS Headquarters”. Jay mentioned that we as a Division should specifically make a note to notify the organizers of the National Meeting by June 15 (of the previous year) when the Division needs to meet with the National APS Meeting. Due to the timing of Pacific Division annual meeting we should be thinking two years ahead. If we want to meet with the national meeting in Albuquerque, NM in 2015, then this needs to be submitted prior to our meeting next year in Bozeman, MT.

Spirited discussion ensued from faculty about students still encountering problems with getting oral presentation slots at the annual APS meeting. In particular, students in their last year and/or early career professions should be given preference. The majority felt it was a problem although a few felt there was plenty of opportunity to give oral presentations within departments and divisional meetings. (The matter was also discussed with APS President Mike Boehm at breakfast and during the rest of the meeting.) It was understood that there are a limited number of sessions for students to obtain. Ideas emerged about how to correct the problem: 1) Provide a box to check for students and early career professions on the annual meeting registration form with the idea of giving them priority when building the APS national meeting program. 2) Form a committee to sponsor a student only session each year. 3) Contact each APS committee and encourage them to hold a slot or two exclusively for students when sponsoring a symposium.

The Division Forum’s Engagement Plan can also be found at this web site. A matrix can be read that details each division’s progress with this plan.

It is important that each Division be represented when the Division Forum meets. Occasionally the Division Forum Representative (DFR) may not be able to attend. The Pacific Division would then need to find an alternate person to attend. Each division is being asked to develop a mechanism for this with the suggestion that the past division president assumes this responsibility. They do not need to do it themselves but ensure that someone attends. No decision was taken during our business meeting. (?)

The Division Forum is in the process of developing a Financial Strategic Plan after realizing the losses that occurred in each division with their investments in 08 and 09. We currently have the following viewpoints: That Divisions should not post negative balances (go into the red) and, equally important, that Divisions should not hold onto and grow balances indefinitely. We will be developing the following ideas: 1) APS could be the financial insurance for Divisions where Divisional funds deposited with APS will be protected from losses during market declines. 2) Maintain principal of divisional financial account after total meeting expenditures are calculated and determined. 3) Invest 10-30% of income in the Forum’s “Engagement” objectives of Education, Extension/Outreach, and Leadership.

Michailides then announced the student travel award winners: Soumyadip Kundu (New Mexico State University; mentor, Soumaila Sanogo), Lydia Tymon (Washington State University; mentor Dennis Johnson), and Diego Viteri (University of Idaho; mentor Shree P. Singh). Only Lydia Tymon was present but it was unclear if Viteri and Kundu were aware that they should be present); Michailides then said that he would announce

the awards and present the plaques again at the banquet. He also announced that Gary Chastagner (Washington State University) received the Lifetime Achievement Award. (Exerts of the nomination letter for Dr. Chastagner award were read by the Past President during the banquet on the next day.) It was also announced that the PD acknowledged Jim Adaskaveg for his work as the first Divisional Forum Representative. However, Dr. Adaskaveg had already left the meeting and did not receive his plaque, but it will be given to him later.

Barry Jacobsen extended a kind invitation for the PD to meet in Bozeman, MT, June 18-20 in 2014. Barry will be serving as local arrangements chair, and will be working with Juliet Marshall (new APS PD President Elect) who is responsible for organizing the program. The group agreed Bozeman will be a good location especially because some people may also want to vacation in Yellowstone during that time. Barry asked for ideas for meeting activities, and mentioned he would like to organize a mycological forray.

There was no further business and Michailides presented to the PD members their new President, Judith Brown and handed over to her the gavel. Judith Brown, the new APS PD President for 2013-2014 called for a motion to adjourn the meeting (the motion was stated and seconded) and adjourned the meeting at close to 6:00 p.m.

Note: Because the student competition was held the day following the business meeting, the winners of the competition were announced and a certificate was presented to them during the CD –PD join Banquet, on June 18, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. Third place winner (\$300) was Soumyadip Kundu, NM State University (mentor Dr. S. Sanogo); second place winner (\$300) was Lydia Tymon, Washington State University (mentor Dr. D. Johnson); and first place winner (\$500) was Nicholas Garber, The University of Arizona (mentor Dr. P. Cotty).