

**ABRIDGED MINUTES**  
**from the May 19, 2022**  
**APS Council Call**

**A. Call to Order (Amy C.)**

Meeting called to order at 11:05 a.m. CDT. A quorum was present.

**Council attending:** Amy Charkowski, Ron Walcott, Nik Grünwald, Mark Gleason, Lawrence Datnoff, David Gent, Courtney Gallup, Ashok Chanda, Krishna Subbarao

**Council apologies:** Sydney Everhart, Jim Bradeen

**Staff:** Carol Ericson, Linda Schmitt, Greg Grahek, Erik Uner, Megan Boatman, Tressa Patrias, Eric Fletty, Rachel Alvarado

**Invited:** Jim Meffert

**B. Strategic Planning (Jim)**

Follow-up from retreat, reviewed APS core ideology and shared revised mission, core purpose and vision.

**SHARED** [new mission, vision and 5-year goals.](#)

**MISSION**

Discover, disseminate, and apply new knowledge of plant health worldwide to promote the development and adoption of economically and environmentally sustainable practices.

**CORE PURPOSE**

Advancing the science of plant health.

**VISION**

Healthy plants assure a sustainable future.

**APS Core Values**

- We are curious, which drives our passion for science. (NOTED added comma after “curious”)
- We are a diverse group of people and professions, value everyone’s engagement, and celebrate achievement.
- Sustainability is a foundation that brings us together.
- We share know knowledge.
- We value relevant, quality, and high impact science.

**APS 5-year Goals:**

**REVIEWED** goals and tweaked wording.

- **GOAL 1:** To accelerate plant health science through professional collaborations and open access data.
- **GOAL 2:** A growing workforce has the skills necessary to ensure sustainable plant health.
- **GOAL 3:** Our science impacts decisions leading to a sustainable future.

**ACTION:** Jim will forward amended changes and form for Council to fill out, this will help us with developing metrics (key performance indicators).

**NEXT STEPS:**

- Think about current volunteer structure and how to engage with them with our new strategic direction.
- Identify the APS volunteer group who is best positioned to achieve the objective.
- Gathered information will consolidate and build upon tactics.

**C. Plant Health 2022 Updates (Tressa/Megan)**

Registration:

- 260 registered to date
- \$135,242 revenue
- 18 Early Career PLUS
- Presenter registration deadline is June 10, which will drive an increase in reg numbers by that date.

New this Year:

- 3 hotel options/ 1 being family friendly
- Accessibility page
- Quiet Room, nursing room
- Networking opportunities in PH Hub
- Limited touch points and providing safe environment, checkpoints for Covid. Health and Safety details outlined on the meeting website.
  - Negative PCR test requested now, suggested this be an antigen test.

**ACTION:** change requirement to be negative antigen COVID-19 test.

- No printed program book, all info in mobile app.

**D. Publications (Krishna/Greg)**

**1. APS Journals**

Charge from Council to engage two composition vendors to produce APS journals.

**Current status:**

- Since February, all APS Journals are now published in their issue months
- *PhytoFrontiers* and *Phytobiomes Journal* are both being produced by a new composition vendor (Aptara)
  - Issue 2 of Phytobiomes Journal is in composition with KGL.
- *MPMI* is now with Aptara too, beginning with its August 2022 issue.
  - June and July issues are in composition with KGL.

Want to ensure issues are all good before moving the other two journals to Aptara.

- *Phytopathology* and *Plant Health Progress* will be moving to Aptara too.
- *Phytopathology* with its October 2022 issue.

- *Plant Health Progress* with its Q4 2022 issue.

Adding a second (new) vendor - TNQ

- *Plant Disease* will likely be moved to TNQ with its November issue.
- TNQ has **Proof Central**, a robust intuitive author interface that is purported to have faster turn-around times.
  - 40% of manuscripts are returned in 24 hours
  - 60% in 48 hours
- TNQ only provides a third-party invoicing solution for page fees.

## 2. MPMI EIC Appointment

Due to Covid, Jeanne Harris extended her EIC term and had been searching for a replacement. IS-MPMI Board has already approved the appointment and it was forwarded to APS Publications Board, who approved it as well. Next step is for APS Council to approve.

**RECEIVED** recommendation from the IS-MPMI Board and the APS Publications Board to appoint Tim Friesen as Editor-in-Chief to *MPMI* for 3-year term beginning January 2023.

**MOTION:** to approve the recommended appointment of Tim Friesen as MPMI Editor-in-Chief for a three-year term beginning January 1, 2023. *Seconded; motion passed.*

## F. Approval of Minutes (All)

**MOTION:** to approve the April 21, 2022, minutes. *Seconded; motion passed.*

## G. Family & Caregiver Travel Award (Linda)

**RECEIVED** background information on the new [Caregiver Travel Award](#).

- The [APS Family and Caregiver Support Committee](#) will provide up to two travel awards (\$500 each) to support travel to [Plant Health 2022](#) for APS members that are either caregivers or require Personal Assistance Services to cover the additional costs associated with travel.
- Funding was provided in support from APS Council and Bayer.
- Applications will close June 10.

*Meeting adjourned at 12:01 p.m. CDT.*