

**MINUTES OF THE APS COUNCIL MEETING, SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH
AUGUST 25 AND 29, 2001**

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1. Call to Order

President S. Slack called the meeting to order at 8:03 a.m.

Present: S. Slack, D. Jardine, J. Sherwood, R. Ploetz, S. Cantrell, J. Andrews, F. Nutter, B. Christ, J. Fletcher, E. Stromberg, N. Van Alfen, B. Hillman, D. Beadle, R. Gergerich, M. Matheron, N. Keen, S. Hurtt, R. Nyvall, S. Coakley

Absent: A. Biggs, H. Spaink

Guests: G. Bergstrom, C. Ishimaru, G. Tylka, A. Culbreath, E. Rosskopf, J. MacDonald, K. Eversole, S. Tolin, D. Rodgers, T. Murray, R. Bennett

Staff: S. Nelson, A. Hope, M. Bjerkness, M. Wimer, C. Ash, H. Keunen

A. Welcome and Introductions

S. Slack welcomed Council members to the meeting. M. Bjerkness presented prizes to E. Stromberg, J. Andrews, and F. Nutter for their recruiting efforts.

B. Appointment of Parliamentarian

N. Van Alfen was appointed parliamentarian.

C. Approval of Agenda

The following items were added to the agenda (**attachment #1**). Actions on affiliates; Letter from *Science*.

MOTION. To approve the agenda as amended. **SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED.**

D. Approval of Minutes, 2001 Midyear Council Meeting

The minutes were previously distributed on the Council page of *APSnet*. **MOTION.** To approve the minutes as distributed. **SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED.**

E. Review of Action Items List.

D. Jardine reported that all action items from the midyear meeting were completed except for the MOO addition for the Scientific Programs Board.

2. Presidents Report

President Slack thanked everyone for his or her volunteer efforts. He reviewed his visits to division meetings and how much he enjoyed them. He reported that four committees have completed their work: Public Policy Board, J. Sherwood, chair; Constitution and By-Laws Revision, C. Windels, chair; Scientific Programs Board, J. Fletcher, chair; and Branding, E. Stromberg, chair. Three other committees are still completing their tasks. They are the Governance Committee, L. Madden, chair; the Strategic Alliances (Linkages and Partnerships) Committee, C. Windels, chair; and Emerging Diseases Committee, L. Madden Chair. The Strategic Alliances Committee will be having focus groups in Salt Lake City. The Emerging Diseases Committee needs to be reappointed, but should finish this year. The Membership Survey has been completed and a report will be given. The following appointments have been made: C. Ishimaru, Colorado State University – Secretary; S. Johnston, Rutgers University – *Phytopathology News* Editor; G. Abawi, Cornell University – Director of OIP. Many letters were written during the year including one in support of Italian scientists doing molecular work. President Slack signed a letter opposing anti-evolution legislation sponsored by Representative Santorum. President Slack noted that the quality of work of APS staff is high and their roles are important. It was announced that we have entered into an agreement with the Master Brewers Association of America to provide them with administrative services.

3. Recommendations from Standing Committees and Boards

A. Executive Committee

The Emerging Diseases Committee has prepared a list of the top ten emerging pathogens that could threaten U.S. agriculture. APHIS wants profiles for each of the pathogens. Executive Committee is recommending that the disease profiles be completed per our \$10,000 contract with APHIS.

We have received a letter for Don Kennedy, Editor in chief of *Science*. PubMed Central, a part of the National Library of Medicine, is establishing itself as a central on-line repository for scientific publications. They would like us to enter our journals into the system so that there would be free access to them after 12 months. Executive Committee is recommending that we do not support this activity at the current time. A letter will be sent to *Science* with details on the significant affects this would have on our society because we self publish and have little advertising revenues to generate dollars beyond our subscriptions.

The status of *Plant Health Progress* was discussed at length during Executive Committee. There are many policy issues that need to be addressed such as relationships with other societies, government organizations, etc. Some of these issues will require rapid responses. We may need some type of advisory board to deal with these issues. The president will serve to act for now with input from the Executive Committee and Council as needed.

B. Financial Advisory Committee

A new treasurer will need to be appointed at midyear. The treasurer serves two, three-year terms plus a one-year internship. J. Sherwood’s term will end in two years. J. Sherwood reviewed the various aspects of the treasurer’s job noting that staff provides all of the numbers needed. Sherwood then reviewed the new Financial Booklet (**attachment #2**). The booklet is an attempt to answer recurring questions from Council members. The FY 2002 budget approved at midyear was reviewed. It has a budgeted \$83,111 loss. The FY 2001 budget was also reviewed. The past FY ended with a net loss of \$116, 302. The financial booklet will be updated at midyear each year and new Council members will receive a copy at the annual meeting.

The following motions were put forward from FAC.

1) **MOTION FROM FAC.** Propose that journal subscriptions for CY 2002 be modified as follows:

<u>Member</u>	<u>Approved March, 2001</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
<i>Phytopathology</i> – print	\$65	\$68
<i>Phytopathology</i> – electronic	43	48
<i>Plant Disease</i> – print	65	68
<i>Plant Disease</i> – electronic	43	48
<i>MPMI</i> – print	70	73
<i>MPMI</i> – electronic	43	53
<u>Institutions</u>		
<i>Phytopathology</i> – print	420	425
<i>Plant Disease</i> – print	420	425
<i>MPMI</i>	447	451

(Institutions may add an electronic subscription for \$125 per each print journal to which they subscribe)

DISCUSSION. Sherwood distributed the pricing history of the journals for the past three years (**attachment #3**), reviewing the costs associated with print and electronic journals and the need to align them better. The 16% increase is in line with other journals. There was discussion on the pros and cons of making the price for both versions the same. The larger increase for *MPMI* reflects fewer subscribers per printing costs. The long-term effects of the increases were discussed. We need to review our marketing strategy for institutions with the aim of increasing market penetration. **MOTION CARRIED.**

2) **MOTION FROM FAC.** Propose that the following two areas be reviewed by FAC in May 2002.
 - Financial aspects of the annual meeting
 - Financial aspects of member services in regards as percentage of society expenditures

DISCUSSION. Sherwood reviewed the costs in these two areas. It was noted that member services are not a cost center but should be viewed as dividends to members from the “profits” of our publishing business. There has also been a sharp increase in administrative costs in recent years. Will there be a slowing of the rate of these increases? Sherwood reviewed how salaries for staff are set and there was more discussion on various costs aspects such as charges for divisions. **MOTION CARRIED.**

3) **MOTION FROM FAC.** Provide up to \$1,000 to ICPP for the 2003 meeting. **DISCUSSION.** We provided \$4,000 two meetings ago. For the last meeting we budgeted \$500 but it was never spent. **MOTION TO TABLE. SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED.**

4) **MOTION FROM FAC.** Propose the following be provided to Kellye Eversole Associates: a) \$6,400 for current association through Sept. 30, 2001; b) up to \$35,000 be provided to support a one year contract from Oct. 1, 2001 through June 30, 2002 for a base contract of 20 hours per month and up to an additional 5 hours per

month, and expenses. **DISCUSSION.** Questions on the time allotment were answered. **MOTION TO TABLE. SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED.**

G. Public Policy Board

S. Tolin and K. Eversole gave a presentation on activities of the Public Policy Board (PPB). Following the presentation, there was some discussion on how an organization with federal employees as members can engage in lobbying efforts. K. Eversole provided several ways that this occurs. A draft of the APS Statement on Biotechnology and its Application to Plant Pathology was distributed (**attachment #4**). Discussion of this will occur later when O.W. Barnett is present.

Break at 10:30 a.m.

Reconvened at 10:40 a.m.

6. Issues for Discussion

A. 2001 Membership Survey

Dick Rodgers from Readex, Inc. gave a presentation on the 2001 Membership Survey (**attachment #5**). He reviewed selected data from the report. There was little difference in the demographics of respondents from the 1998 survey. The reasons for membership in APS were also very similar to the previous report. One major change is a significant shift from reading journals in print to reading them on-line. There is also an increase in satisfaction with headquarters and an increase in the total number of contacts. Members overall opinion of APS showed a slight drop of 5% from the 1998 survey. Ninety-one percent of members said they were likely to renew their membership, however, which is an increase of 2% from 1998. D. Rodgers indicated that this percentage is extraordinarily high. The following implications and recommendations were presented to Council based on the survey. 1) As in 1998, we should “stay the course;” 2) pay attention to new professionals, trial members and international members; 3) continue efforts to inform members of all APS benefits; 4) continue joint meetings with other societies; 5) continue to provide travel grants to meetings; and 6) continue to inform and educate the general public on plant pathology.

3. Recommendations from Standing Committees and Boards (continued)

C. Councilor’s Forum

S. Hurtt reported that most items of business are contained in the annual report available on APSnet. Emeritus and post-doctoral member services were reviewed during the past year. Based on the study, Councilor’s Forum recommended a fee increase for emeritus members. **MOTION FROM COUNCILOR’S FORUM.** Emeritus members will be charged 1/3 of the registration fee for annual meetings. **DISCUSSION.** The numbers of emeritus members attending in the past 10 years ranges from 20 to 80. **MOTION TO TABLE. SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED.** Councilor’s Forum will survey emeritus members to see who still wants to receive *Phytopathology News* and other items by mail. In the coming year they will be reviewing services to young professionals and the following year it will be state and federal employees. A committee will be appointed to study the new membership survey results. An electronic version of the annual meeting evaluation instrument has been developed and will be used for the first time following the Salt Lake City meeting. **MOTION FROM COUNCILOR’S FORUM.** APS recover part of the audio-visual fees charged to APS at the annual meetings by charging an additional fee to members giving oral presentations. The fee is to be reasonable and determined or set by FAC. **DISCUSSION.** There was general discussion on the idea. No set fee has been discussed yet. Alternate ideas such as going entirely to computer delivered presentations were discussed. Symposia organizers could also be assessed a fee. **MOTION TO TABLE. SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED.**

The Committee on Committees is continuing to develop orientation materials for incoming chairs. Reports can now be filed electronically. **MOTION FROM COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES.** Chairman of subject matter and general policy committees begin their term at the beginning of the committee meeting at the annual meeting. **DISCUSSION.** None. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Councilor’s forum recommends not abolishing the midyear Council meeting.

More work on the governance structure is needed. They will need to know how councilors will be elected.

6. Issues for Discussion (continued)

D. Plant Health Progress Update

M. Wimer brought Council up-to-date on issues. The Partners Program will be emphasized with various groups during the Salt Lake City meeting. C. Ash presented the Power Point presentation she uses with university

groups. The search capabilities of the system were demonstrated. There was discussion on how we monitor the 150 subscriptions allowed to those with affiliate status? Finances of *PHP* were discussed. We are in the third year and it was projected that it would break even by this year. It is now anticipated that the archives will be locked to nonsubscribers in January 2002.

Lunch break at 12:10 p.m.
Reconvened at 1:05 p.m.

3. Recommendations from Standing Committees and Boards (continued)

D. Publications Board

B. Hillman reported that *MPMI* would be reformatted in keeping with the other journals. An additional Phytopathology editor will be added for the remainder of the year because the Epidemiology and Plant Biology areas are overloaded. They do not have a person chosen yet, but are seeking agreement in principle first. There was consensus to proceed.

Discussion with OEC is occurring on providing PDF files to authors of electronic publications in place of reprints. A flat fee would be charged. If 100 reprints were ordered, the PDF file would be provided free. If no reprints were ordered, the charge for the PDF file would be equal to 100 reprints.

There was discussion on the fact that B. Hillman was subpoenaed regarding a letter to the editor on citrus canker. He was asked to provide all information pertaining to the letter. Hillman provided the requested information, however reviewers names were not released.

S. Johnston will be the incoming editor of *Phytopathology News*. R. Ploetz is the new Publications Board chair.

B. Hillman reviewed the Publications Board recommendation at midyear that three editors in chief serve on Council in order to emphasize their strong stand on this. They suggested one print journal, one electronic journal, and the APS Press editors in chief serve on Council. Based on the recommendations from the Governance Committee, they would like this issue revisited.

F. OPAE

G. Tyka reported that most OPAE activities are in the annual report available on APSnet. There will be some promotional prizes given at the meeting. They are looking at the need for a statement on teaching evolution in the classroom.

Tyka asked for the following approvals. **MOTION FROM OPAE.** As liaison for international activities, extend the term of J. Steadman by one year to expire at the 2002 APS meeting **MOTION CARRIED.** **MOTION FROM OPAE.** As liaison for teaching/education, appoint J. Partridge to a 3-year term to expire at the 2004 APS meeting. **MOTION CARRIED.** **MOTION FROM OPAE.** As communications coordinator, appoint M. Daughtrey to a 3-year term to expire at the 2004 APS meeting. **MOTION CARRIED.**

H. Office of Electronic Communications

MOTION FROM OEC. The term of J. MacDonald will be extended for one year and J. Ristaino be appointed as chair-designate. **MOTION CARRIED.** J. MacDonald reviewed the requirements for divisional and committee web pages. The requirements can be found in the OEC annual report available on APSnet. **MOTION.** It was moved to approve the web page requirements per the OEC report. **SECONDED. DISCUSSION.** Discussion occurred as to how the information would be distributed? D. Eastburn will be contacting the divisions and committees regarding the requirements. **MOTION CARRIED.** The OEC charter is being revised for the MOO.

I. Headquarters Operations Committee

N. Van Alfen reviewed the make-up and charge of this committee. He reported that the Master Brewers Association of America (MBAA) will be managed by our staff and use our facilities. This is a good addition and should add about \$100,000 to APS income. S. Nelson reviewed the impact this addition will have on staff. MBAA has 3,500 members, publishes a quarterly journal, and has a few short courses and an annual meeting. Some additional part-time accounting help will be needed. There will also be a coordinator hired in lieu of S. Nelson or A. Hope acting as executive director. N. Keen noted the excellent work of S. Nelson in completing negotiations. S. Nelson further recognized A. Hope's role.

HOC is seeking opportunities to integrate programs with the American Association of Cereal Chemists (AACC). The marketing of electronic journals to libraries seems an appropriate place for interactions to occur. There will be a committee comprised of members of APS, AACC and staff to look at possibilities.

J. Office of International Programs

G. Abawi will be the new director.

K. Foundation

S. Coakley reported they have a goal of \$20,000 in donations at this year's annual meeting. D. Mathre will be the new Foundation chair as of Wednesday. They had record donations of \$114,000 in the past year. They will be supporting two developing country scientists to come to next year's annual meeting. The APS Foundation is now qualified to be on the federal check-off list as a designated receiver of employee contributions.

4. Reports from Ad Hoc committees and Council Committees

A. Manual of Operations

D. Jardine reviewed how the MOO is updated and the procedure to follow for submitting changes.

C. Branding Committee

E. Stromberg reviewed the committee make-up. He summarized the results of a member survey as to how they view the society. Following the survey, a graphic artist was hired. The need for the change was reviewed and the new logo was presented.

D. Linkages/Partnerships (Strategic Alliance Committee)

There was no report.

3. Recommendations from Standing Committees and Boards (continued)

L. Office of Industry Relations

C. Becker reviewed the formation of OIR. A section for the MOO has been submitted similar to the other offices such as OPAE. They will have a seven-member board. A final draft of the MOO section will be submitted following the meeting.

5. Actions on Affiliates

MOTION FROM EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE. To discontinue our affiliation with the Coalition for Education in the Life Sciences (CELS). **DISCUSSION.** This is based on the recommendation from our representative, M. Sulzinski. They are moving in a new direction and there is little to be gained from continued interaction. **MOTION CARRIED.**

J. Baker recommends we continue our affiliation with the International Union for Microbial Sciences (IUMS) for at least a year. Dues for IUMS were to increase from \$600 to \$3,000. A grant received will offset the proposed increase for at least one year. J. Baker will be asked to suggest member names to fill needed spots on some IUMS committees. Three members will be identified to work with IUMS. No other action is currently needed.

American Type Culture Collection (ATCC) representative R. Nelson is requesting easier cross-linking between APSnet and affiliate web pages. They need to be easier to find. The request will be forwarded to OEC for discussion.

6. Issues for Discussion (continued)

E. Letter from Science

APS has received a letter from Donald Kennedy, Editor in chief of *Science* (**attachment #6**). They would like us to release back issues of our journals for electronic retrieval on PubMed Central after 12 months. There was discussion about the impact of this on our finances. Since we are our own publisher, there are greater consequences. We also have little advertising compared to *Science* to offset expenses. Publications Board has discussed this. Our articles have a longer useful life. We need to find a time period at which back content would be available. S. Slack indicated that Publications Board should provide future guidance and that this is a FAC issue. NIH is currently underwriting this project. S. Slack will write a letter declining the offer.

3. Recommendations from Standing Committees and Boards (continued)

J. Office of International Programs (continued)

R. Bennett reported on the Library Assistance Program. A number of back issues have been relocated to developing countries (Turkey, Brazil, Albania, and Russia). They still have several sets in storage but shipping costs are a constraint. There was a discussion of some shipping options. They have used APO, but there are logistics problems.

OIP provided two travel grants to the Caribbean Division meeting. Three members of OIP plus the traveling booth also went to the meeting. They are working with the Foundation on awards. There were 17 proposals for the JANE Fund. This is up from 11 in 2000. The quality is also increasing.

The Foundation provides matching funds to OIP for travel awards to early career scientists to come to APS meetings. They will have a booth highlighting the Cuba Conference here in Salt Lake City. They are sponsoring a discussion session on "Importance of Plant Pathology in Global Trade."

Break at 2:35 p.m.

Reconvened at 2:48 p.m.

6. Issues for Discussion (continued)

B. Strategic Plan Implementation and Updating

Most aspects of the plan have been or are currently being addressed. Two areas continue to need focus; 1) The Governance Committee report and 2) Refining of the annual meeting. On the second topic, the Programs Board is functioning well and more action is likely to be seen soon. We need to think about a transition to a new plan, extending the current one, or going to a continuous planning process.

C. Reduction of Number of Meetings

There was a discussion of the time costs in both people time and travel expense. There was discussion of how Council has streamlined recently. We need to look at what else can be delegated and to whom. There was a philosophical discussion on the need to watch finances and yet start major initiatives such as *PHP*. Does Council need to approve things such as meeting registration fees, subscription fees, etc? Further discussion was deferred until Wednesday.

4. Reports from Ad Hoc Council Committees (continued)

B. Governance Committee

The report was sent out in advance (**attachments #7-9**). L. Madden reviewed the committee's approach to the problem. They found many areas of agreement including that Council is not currently representative of the membership and that most members do not belong to divisions. Some recommended changes include elimination of the vice president position, since many of those duties are now handled elsewhere. Scientific disciplines should be represented. They are recommending an industry representative. There is no longer a need for several editors in chief on Council. The change in structure is not a financial issue. There needs to be a change in how divisions are represented. Issues are not generally geographically based. There would be a member services board to represent division interests. An underlying principle of the plan was to move away from geography, thus there is no designated international member on Council. In the plan, the sixth member of the Executive Committee would be elected at large from the rest of Council. There was discussion on the number of Publication Board members that should be on Council. Rather than additional editors, OEC could be elevated to board status. The role of OEC in the society really goes beyond just the Publications Board.

Mechanisms for the selection of many positions are not worked out yet but they have been discussed. Several models are available. They are leaning toward an at-large model, but the challenges of election will be great. Having all members voting for all discipline areas seems desirable. An appointment process vs. election of the various positions was discussed. The goal should be to maximize the number of elected positions.

President Slack brought discussion to a close by recapping the major issues. 1) Publication and OEC representation; 2) The need for a vice president; and 3) Disciplinary councilors vs. divisional representatives and the role of the divisions.

There was discussion on who would handle the responsibilities of the current councilors-at-large.

The meeting was recessed at 4:00 p.m. until 8:00 a.m. Wednesday morning, August 29.
President S. Slack reconvened the meeting at 8:00 a.m. on Wednesday, August 29.

Present: S. Slack, D. Jardine, J. Andrews, S. Cantrell, B. Christ, E. Stromberg, J. Fletcher, M. Matheron, N. Van Alfen, D. Beadle, F. Nutter, J. Sherwood, N. Keen, S. Hurtt, B. Hillman, R. Gergerich, and S. Coakley.

Absent: A. Biggs, H. Spaink

Staff: A. Hope, S. Nelson, M. Bjerckness, H. Keunen

Guests: G. Bergstrom, R. Belanger, A. Culbreath, C. Ishimaru, L. Sequeira, M. Putnam, N. Goldberg, L. Madden, J. Loper, O.W. Barnett, C. Becker, C. Delp, K. Eversole, S. Tolin, G. Abawi, R. Bennett, C. Delp

4. Reports of Ad Hoc and Council Committees (continued)

B. Governance Committee (continued)

President Slack began by reviewing the governance timeline. He then reviewed Saturday's discussions. Items for discussion include the makeup of Executive committee and the role of the president-elect, disciplinary sessions, the number of editorial representatives (1 vs. 2 vs. 3), the role of the divisions (two representatives to Council), the elimination of councilors-at-large and the elevation of OPAE, OIR, OIP, SPB and Foundation to Council status. The current Council has 20 members with 13 elected. The proposed Council would have 18 members with 10 elected.

J. Fletcher reviewed the program planning process. If a section chair served as program planning chair, this would free up time for the president-elect.

MOTION. To receive the report from the Governance Committee. **SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED.**

Following the receiving of the report there was continued discussion on the topic. M. Matheron reviewed discussion from the Pacific Division business meeting. There are concerns about losing the guaranteed position on Council. It was feared that populated states would dominate the subject matter positions and less populated states would have difficulty voicing issues. Other comments included that a one-year term on Council would not be useful because of the time needed to come up to speed on issues. There was more discussion on why divisions are important in governance. J. Loper spoke on what the committee's thinking was on division councilor status. Others spoke in support of the divisions. Some people are members of divisions only and would probably be lost if divisions went away. It was also noted that disciplines are not necessarily representative of membership based on the numbers of papers in some sections at the meeting.

There was discussion on the loss of councilors-at-large in the plan. Section chairs, if elected at large, would be the equivalent of the current councilors-at-large. There was more discussion on how representative of membership divisions are. J. Loper spoke on the roles of councilors-at-large and how they could be replaced. Having senior division councilors chair the Councilor's Forum was used as an example. Oversight of the standing committee process could be moved to the Scientific Programs Board.

There was discussion on the appointed positions. Some issues discussed included possible representation for Extension. There was questioning of the need for OIP. L. Sequeira spoke on the globalization of science and how APS must participate or disappear within 20 years. N. Keen spoke on behalf of the molecular scientists. The ISMPMI is growing while our membership is flat. Graduate students with molecular interests see little value in APS. The new governance might not solve these problems, but it could be a step in the right direction.

C. Becker noted that 20% of the membership is from industry and are currently underutilized. Representation of this group on the new Council would be useful. President Slack cut off discussion at this point. These issues will require further discussion at midyear after continued input from groups affected.

7. Action Items

A. ICPP 2003

C. Delp, secretary-general of ISPP requested a grant of \$15,000 for the bursary fund to support scientists from developing countries to the New Zealand meeting. Other societies such as the British Society of Plant Pathologists have already contributed. They are planning on about \$1,000 per scientist for scientists mostly from

Asia and the Pacific. They would want half the funds now and half in a year. The application brochure goes out in December so there is a deadline to be met. There was other discussion on possible support of Latin American scientists or possible direct support from APS.

B. Items Postponed from Committee and Board Recommendations

Items from the PPB. O.W. Barnett indicated that the list of pathogens for sequencing is moving forward. They are contacting and writing letters to appropriation committees. They recommended signing a letter against the Santorum amendment. They have an upcoming meeting with undersecretary Jen at which they will emphasize that agriculture research should be a high priority within the USDA including both ARS and CSREES. Representative Nick Smith's bill was reviewed and Barnett spoke in support of continued funding for K. Eversole.

The revised biotechnology statement was distributed (**attachment #10**). **MOTION.** That Council receives the biotechnology statement from the PPB. **SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED.**

Barnett indicated he is pleased with the restructured board. Having the members of the presidential sequence as members is very helpful. Three new members are needed to replace A. Vidaver, R.J. Cook and one new member. A ranked list of candidates was submitted. **MOTION.** To accept the list of ranked candidates and have N. Keen contact them in ranked order. **SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION. That the APS Biotechnology Statement, as revised, be approved. **SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED.**

O.W. Barnett suggested that a thank you to Mary Clutter be sent from the president. It was suggested that we have a "Friends of APS" category for public figures that have helped APS. There could be a commendation statement, plaque, etc. as appropriate. Perhaps M. Clutter could be the first recipient. Rather than "Friends of APS", it was suggested it be "Friends of Plant Pathology". No further action was taken at this point.

Barnett introduced a resolution of thanks to Representative Nick Smith of Michigan (**attachment #11**). There was some minor discussion on wording. **MOTION.** To approve the resolution of thanks to Rep. Nick Smith. **SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED.**

There was a brief discussion on the lack of funding for nematology. It was not included in grant eligibility for the NRI.

Break at 9:50 a.m.

Reconvened at 10:05 a.m.

Items from the OIR. C. Becker distributed the list of names recommended for appointment to the OIR (**attachment #12**). **MOTION FROM OIR.** To approve the candidates for appointment to the OIR board as presented. **DISCUSSION.** There was some discussion as to how the nominees were selected. OIR is looking to move the Private Practice Committee under the OIR umbrella. **MOTION CARRIED.**

3. Recommendations from Standing Committees and Boards (continued)

E. Scientific Programs Board

J. Fletcher reported the first meeting, held here at Salt Lake City was successful. The time coordination for the various meetings will need to be addressed. There are several items to work on including 1) A section for the MOO outlining who they are, what they are about, and how they will function; 2) Criteria need to be developed for selecting the subject matter committee that will host the Melhus Symposium; 3) Funding distribution; 4) Balance of coverage in the subject matter areas; 5) Define the mission and objectives for the Short Courses and Workshops Committee and place in the MOO; and 6) How and when to meet. There was discussion on the SPB being more planning and thinking than organizational. Budgeting for the SPB was also discussed. It is probably not a new cost center, but it will have items under other cost centers such as the annual meeting and member services.

Report on the Joint APS/MSA/SON Executive Committee Meeting

There were several points of discussion. Opportunities for future meetings were addressed. There are some concerns with the current structure. Some possibilities were subgroup meetings and separate meetings but at the same time and in the same city. They do feel joint meetings are valuable. Concerns from SON included the high

registration fee, expensive hotels, not enough computer projectors, and time considerations. They prefer to meet on campuses in June.

3. Recommendations from Standing Committees and Boards (continued)

J. Office of International Programs (continued)

R. Bennett introduced George Abawi, the new director of OIP. As a point of interest, R. Bennett reviewed OIP's partnership with the Caribbean Division. Their members have serious constraints in publishing in APS journals because many cannot meet the costs. OIP is not requesting assistance at this point, but they are looking for a long-term solution to offset page costs. They will have a proposal by midyear. There will be an ad hoc committee appointed to address this issue.

B. Financial Advisory Committee (continued)

J. Sherwood reviewed the finances and new areas of expenditure/investment. There are several questions to be addressed. What is value and who is willing to pay for it? Can we stay the current course for another year? There are major issues to be addressed two years from now. Because of electronic journal issues, we will need a \$500,000 reserve. There was discussion on the philosophy of spending. Are the expenditures strategic or will they lead to achievement of the strategic plan?

MOTION. To untable all financial motions. **SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION FROM FAC. Provide up to \$1,000 to ICPP for the 2003 meeting. **Discussion.** J. Sherwood provided background information on ISPP issues. We pay \$6,000/yr to assist in general meeting expenses. We require an audited account statement before we make our payment. We have not received one for the current year. Five hundred dollars was given to ICPP for the last meeting but it was never used. Four thousand dollars was given to the meeting before that. There was general discussion on the pros and cons of continuing to contribute to the meeting. APS has received grants in the past and administered funds for young scientists to travel to the ICPP. S. Coakley spoke on the philosophy of what APS Foundation supports in terms of travel. **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION FROM FAC. Propose the following be provided to Kellye Eversole Associates: a) \$6,400 for current association through Sept. 30, 2001. **DISCUSSION.** There was discussion on expenses and how K. Eversole works for us. It is important that we be "at the table" in Washington, D.C. The benefits of this working relationship have been obvious to date. With her help, there can be a general impact on agricultural research. This is clearly an investment and not an expense. **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION FROM FAC. b) That up to \$35,000 be provided to support a one year contract from Oct. 1, 2001 through June 30, 2002 for a base contract of 20 hours per month and up to an additional 5 hours per month, and expenses. **MOTION CARRIED.**

We will provide \$20,000 to the APS Foundation as a fund raising match. No vote is needed because this was previously approved.

8. Welcome of New APS Council and Transfer of Gavel.

President Slack thanked the outgoing members of Council: N. Van Alfen, D. Jardine, R. Gergerich, E. Stromberg and D. Beadle.

MOTION. To adjourn the 2000-2001 APS Council meeting. **SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED.**

The 2000-2001 APS Council meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

The 2001-2002 APS Council meeting was brought to order by President N. Keen at 11:40 a.m.

Present: N. Keen, R. Belanger, A. Culbreath, J. Sherwood, C. Ishimaru, S. Slack, J. Andrews, B. Christ, G. Bergstrom, J. Fletcher, M. Matheron, S. Hurtt, F. Nutter, E. Stromberg

Absent: A. Biggs, H. Spaink, R. Ploetz, B. Hillman, S. Cantrell, D. Mathre, R. Nyvall

Guests: D. Jardine, D. Beadle, R. Gergerich

Staff: S. Nelson

9. Items for New APS Council

M. Matheron will replace E. Stromberg on FAC.

N. Keen will reappoint the Emerging Diseases Committee and ask them to finish their charge. The Strategic Alliances Committee (Linkages and Partnerships) does not need reappointment but will be asked to proceed. N. Keen will reappoint the Volunteerism Committee.

Meetings for the upcoming year were discussed. Other locations were discussed but it would significantly increase costs for staff. Also it is good for new members of Council to see the headquarters facilities. The midyear meeting will be held March 1-3, 2002 at APS Headquarters.

There was discussion on the efficiency of meetings and the need to reduce repetitiveness. It was proposed that FAC and Executive Committee could meet jointly.

There will be an attempt to do some of the Executive Committee work previously done by conference calls by e-mail.

The May and October FAC meetings may be done by conference call with only the treasurer working at headquarters.

There was discussion on developing a meeting schedule that conflicts less with Council meetings.

There was discussion on delegating more decision-making to the Executive Committee.

J. Fletcher spoke on behalf of the Governance Committee. The option presented was only one of many. They have no resistance to fine-tuning. The current committee can relook at it. It is obvious membership is not likely to accept the change in division councilor status. Another option would be for Executive Committee to attempt the fine-tuning. There was more general discussion on possible ways to proceed. It was decided that Executive Committee would be charged with developing a new iteration of the governance structure based on annual meeting feedback. F. Nutter will sit in with the committee to represent division councilors.

The 2001-2002 APS Council was adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Douglas J. Jardine
Secretary, APS

Attachments

1. Agenda
2. APS Council Financial Booklet
3. Journal Pricing History
4. APS Statement on Biotechnology and its Application to Plant Pathology
5. 2001 APS Member Survey
6. Letter from *Science*
7. A Vision of APS Council: Report of the APS Governance Structure Committee
8. Current APS Organizational Chart
9. Proposed APS Organizational Chart
10. APS Statement on Biotechnology and its Application to Plant Pathology (Revised)
11. Public Policy Board Resolution on Representative Nick Smith
12. Proposal for Office of Industry Relations