

Minutes of the APS Council Meeting
February 23-25, 2001

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

Absent: N. Keen, A. Biggs, H. Spaink

Guests: C. Becker, T. Murray, G. Schumann, C. Ishimaru, T. Neuman

Staff: S. Nelson, A. Hope, C. Ash, M. Wimer, M. Bjerkness, L. Hartman

A. Call to Order

1. **Welcome and Introductions.** President S. Slack called the meeting to order at 1:35 p.m. and welcomed everyone to the midyear Council meeting. Since there were a number of new people and guests present, each person introduced themselves to the group.
2. **Appointment of Parliamentarian.** N. Van Alfen was appointed as parliamentarian.
3. **Approval of Agenda.** One item were added to the agenda that was distributed electronically prior to the meeting (attachment #1). Item R was added for discussion of a proposal to utilize staff from the Master Brewers Association of America (MBAA). **MOTION.** Approve the agenda as amended. **SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED.**
4. **Approval of minutes, 2000 Council meeting in New Orleans.** Secretary Jardine reminded everyone that the minutes had been placed on the web for viewing. **MOTION.** To approve the minutes from New Orleans as distributed. **SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED.**

B. National Plant Pathology Board Committee Report and Proposals

Prior to his report, J. Sherwood recognized D. Beadle as the outgoing Southern Division Councilor with a plaque. The report of the National Plant Pathology Board (NPPB) Organization Committee was previously distributed on the Council web page (attachment #2). **MOTION FROM COMMITTEE.** That the Manual of Operations (MOO) be modified in regards to the NPPB as follows: a) the name National Plant Pathology Board be changed to Public Policy Board (PPB); b) in the MOO on the NPPB, the word “national” be changed to “public” and the word “federal” be deleted; and c) term of service be changed from “five” to “three.” **DISCUSSION.** N. Van Alfen provided some background and history of the motion for new Council members and spoke in favor of it. **MOTION CARRIED. ACTION:** The secretary will make the appropriate changes in the MOO. **MOTION FROM COMMITTEE.** The Council endorses the recommended changes in structure of the PPB (formally the NPPB) as outlined in the report from the ad hoc committee that will facilitate increased awareness by membership of the activities of the PPB and enhance participation by membership in the activities of the PPB, and thus sustain the PPB to meet the charge given by Council to provide meaningful input on public policy to strengthen the science and practice of plant pathology. **DISCUSSION.** None. **MOTION CARRIED.**

J. Sherwood distributed a proposal from Eversole Associates (attachments #3 & 4) and reviewed them. Included were a proposal to help the PPB work on increasing funding for microbial genomics, especially for plant pathogens. Also included were a company overview, resume for

Kellye A. Eversole and examples of success stories. **MOTION FROM PPB.** That \$8,625 be available for Eversole Associates for remainder of FY (\$7,875 for services (March 15 – June 30), \$250 for incidentals, \$500 for APS publications) and \$13, 375 be budgeted for next FY (\$7,875 for services (July 1 – September 15), \$5,500 for travel to and participation at the APS annual meeting and incidentals (estimated at \$250). Total expenditure over two Fiscal Years = \$22,000. **DISCUSSION.** None. **MOTION TO TABLE. SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED.**

C. Industry Advisory Council Report and Proposals

The committee's report was previously distributed on the Council web page (attachment #5). C. Becker reviewed the history of the Industry Advisory Council (IAC) for new members and guests. A survey of industry membership was conducted. Results of the survey indicate that industry is very diverse. Fifty percent indicated they were active in APS. Most responders were not sure of the value of sustaining associates status. There was support for combining various industry related committees into one larger committee. There was also support for an industry seat on Council. The IAC is proposing that it be elevated to the status of an Office to operate at the same level as the Office of International Programs, Office of Electronic Communications, etc. There would be no effect on finances, but this would serve to improve communications. The Industry Committee and Sustaining Associates Committee would become subcommittees of the board. The board would contain positions appointed both by Council and industry. A board member would serve on Council. **MOTION FROM COMMITTEE.** To merge the Sustaining Associates Committee, Industry Committee, and the Industry Advisory Committee into the Office of Industry, which would function at the level of existing Offices/Boards. **DISCUSSION.** There was a question as to whether all sustaining associates are from industry. The answer was no. Some associates include Ag Canada and some cooperatives. There was a question about the Private Practice Committee. They participate in some, but not all "industry" activities. They were not discussed as being a subcommittee because they have no representation on the IAC. A friendly amendment was made and accepted to change the name Industry Board to the Office of Industry Relations. It was noted that the Sustaining Associates and Industry Committees would continue to operate as general policy committees. The new Office would oversee nominations to the two subcommittees. **MOTION CARRIED. ACTION.** Develop a section for the Office of Industry Relations to be placed in the MOO. It was requested by the secretary, that the director of the new office draft the section for the MOO.

C. Becker addressed funding requests and solicitations and the effect of company mergers and general belt tightening. The committee members felt the current methods are fine and the current recognition of support is adequate. There could be changes in the future, however. There was discussion of other possible giving methods such as awards at a gold/silver/bronze level. General discussion on the solicitation issue followed.

D. Meetings Board Structure and Proposals

J. Fletcher reviewed a draft outline of a proposal for the structure, mission, and responsibilities of the Meetings Board (attachment #6). She provided some information on the three areas of activity of the board. They are 1) annual meeting planning; 2) the APS Education Center; and 3) short courses and workshops. The first two activities are already in place. The third area is ongoing but has not been formalized yet. There was discussion on the role of the director. This is a coordinating position responsible for maintaining communications among the three branches. The mission and responsibilities of the board have not changed from previous proposals.

Activities were reviewed. There are five proposals concerning the Meetings Board. 1) Develop a process for proposing workshops/short courses; 2) annual meeting workshops should be presented

to the Annual Meeting Program Committee; 3) guidelines for budget allocations for workshops are needed; 4) resources should be received commensurate with priority ranking by the Annual Meeting Planning Committee; and 5) definitions of types of workshops, short courses, and related events are needed to clarify the financial status of each.

MOTION FROM COMMITTEE. That Council approve the establishment of an APS Meeting Board to consist of three sections: 1) Annual Meeting Planning Committee, 2) APSnet Education Center, and 3) Short Courses and Workshops. **DISCUSSION.** There was significant discussion concerning the short course and workshop proposal. Is editor-in-chief an appropriate title since this group would act more like a grant panel in approving proposals? There was discussion on the role of the program planning section chairs in reviewing proposals. It was decided that this may be asking too much of them. Other discussion centered on the role of the director in relation to the role of the president-elect as chair of the Program Planning Committee. It was noted that having a director appointed to a three-year term would provide continuity compared to having a new president-elect chair the board each year. N. Van Alfen spoke on giving the proposal a chance and fine-tuning it from experience. **MOTION CARRIED. ACTION.** Insert a Meeting Board section into the MOO. This is to be completed by the director upon appointment.

Break at 3:10 p.m.

Reconvene at 3:40 p.m.

E. Constitution & By-Laws Committee Report and Proposals

R. Gergerich reviewed the committee's charge and history and reviewed the amendment process as outlined in the constitution. The committee is asking for approval of the changes they have made as well as when to vote, how to vote (e-mail vs. annual meeting), and whether the changes should be voted on item by item or all at once. The committee is recommending a mail ballot. This could potentially be done by e-mail, but the legality needs to be checked. It was noted that the e-mail nomination procedure did not result in significantly more or less nominations than in previous years, but it saved a considerable amount of postage. The changes were distributed (attachment #7) and reviewed item by item. Discussion occurred on the honors descriptions being moved to the MOO. Who will develop the descriptions?

Minor wording changes were suggested and accepted in several places.

MOTION FROM COMMITTEE. To approve changes to the Constitution and By-Laws as amended by APS Council. **DISCUSSION.** None. **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION FROM COMMITTEE. To have the ballot for approval of the changes to the Constitution and By-Laws by APS members be approved by one vote (as opposed to approval of various subsets of changes). **DISCUSSION.** None. **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION FROM COMMITTEE. To conduct the vote of the revision of the Constitution and By-Laws by mail ballot. **DISCUSSION.** None. **MOTION CARRIED.**

A draft of an article to be placed in Phytopathology News explaining the changes in the Constitution and By-Laws was circulated (attachment #8).

Councilor's Forum has some concerns about emeritus membership and how it is defined in the constitution. We have an increasing percentage of emeritus members in the society who do not pay dues. Currently emeritus status can be granted to retirees who have been a member for 20 years. Since people are retiring earlier these days, we may want to redefine the definition to reduce costs.

F. Strategic Brainstorming – 1

- 1. Global/International Vision for the Future.** A. Hope made a presentation to Council (attachments # 9 and 10). Key questions she posed are “What is Globalization?” and “Why go Global?” She reviewed findings from the ASAE 1999 Environmental Scan. They identified globalization as one of the top 14 trends for associations. In addition to the general scan findings, she also discussed four environmental micro trends that should be noted when determining if globalization is a strategic issue for APS. The four micro trends are 1) global knowledge brokering; 2) growing opportunities through new technologies and a global economy; 3) growing membership, products and services; and 4) increasing global competition and global cooperation.

The presentation was followed by general discussion with a number of questions deliberated. Do our international members want a more active role in society governance or just member discounts? Is APS global or international? What does international mean? Some examples from AACC were used. Their European members formed their own section with 600 members.

S. Cantrell shared how the Caribbean Division operates and its membership makeup. Many are division members only. They also have a lot of interest in group memberships. It was noted that language barriers are an important issue to deal with.

S. Hurtt shared some of our current membership information. Canada has the most international members followed by Japan and Australia. There will be a membership survey in the fall of 2001. Should we focus on some international questions to help define these global relationships?

Finally, we can present our information more globally, but the information itself can also be more global. Some of this is happening already, for example, we have a Compendium of Cassava Diseases.

The meeting was recessed for the day at 5:15 p.m.

The meeting was called to order on Saturday, February 24, at 1:40 p.m.

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Absent: N. Keen, A. Briggs, H. Spaink, N. Van Alfen, R. Nyvall

Staff: S. Nelson, C. Ash, A. Hope, L. Hartman, M. Bjerkness, M. Wimer

Guests: C. Ishimaru, L. Madden, C. Becker, G. Schumann, T. Murray

G. President's Report

- 1. President's Report.** Executive Committee has been meeting almost monthly by conference call. Council has been sent e-mails as needed to keep them up to date on appointments.
- 2. Update on appointed Committees.** Seven committees have been established or reappointed at or since New Orleans. The president has been following their progress to make sure they are active. At the midyear Executive Committee meeting, the NPPB, IAC, Meetings Board, and

Constitution and By-Laws Committees all reported out. The Governance, Affiliations, and Market Branding Committees continue to be active.

Actions by the president since New Orleans include signing an invasive species letter, supporting a petition by Italian scientists protesting the withdrawal of biotechnology funding by the minister of agriculture. Three letters are currently in progress concerning “labeling” of biotechnology products. Several appointments have been made. C. Ishimaru is secretary-elect of APS. D. Gilchrist was appointed as representative to sections O (agriculture) and G (biological science) of the AAAS, replacing R. Cook. D. Rizzo and A. Grybauskas have been appointed to the Phytopathology News Advisory Board.

We will be dropping our affiliation with ICME based on a recommendation from affiliate representative S. Lindow. We have had no communication with them for an extended period of time, and there appears to be little benefit to APS. Our affiliation with the IUMS has been costing us \$100/yr. There has not been much activity or dialog with them. Dues are scheduled to increase up to \$3,000/yr. We will likely drop our affiliation at that time. We were investigating participating in a meeting sponsored by CAST and the Institute of Conservation Leadership. Based on a recommendation by S. Nelson, we will not be participating.

3. **Awards and Honors Committee Recommendations.** The following have been elected as Fellows: J. Loper, C. Mundt, D. Weller, J. B. Jones, L. Burgess, N. Doke, G. Bergstrom and J. W. Moyer. Other awardees are: Lee Hutchins Award-M. Mazzola; Extension-P. Lipps; Ruth Allen-R. Davis; International-R. Zeigler; Industry-M. Cline, Novartis (Syngenta?)-E. Davis.
4. **Review of Action Items from 2000 Council Meeting.** Secretary Jardine reported that nearly all of the items have been completed. There was considerable discussion on the item concerning travel funding for members and the history of the rule.
5. **Strategic Issues.** No issues were addressed at this time. Individual committees are handling them. E. Stromberg reported on the Market Branding ad hoc committee. They have used the vision statement to develop an image statement (attachment #11). They are requesting approval of funds to hire a graphics designer. **MOTION FROM COMMITTEE.** Using the Branding Campaign Image Statement, direct staff to hire a graphic designer to develop a branding campaign logo for APS in an amount up to \$6,000. **DISCUSSION.** M. Bjerkness provided justification for going to an outside designer. They plan to use the same one who assisted AACC. Our designers are too close to the currently used items. Fresh ideas are needed. There was discussion on the pros and cons of using a student designer from the university. There were some questions and comments on the current design. **MOTION TO TABLE. SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED.**

H. Executive Committee Recommendations

American Institute of Biological Sciences (AIBS). This will be discussed in full under item O-1. Executive committee is suggesting that we are probably not ready to join at the \$5,000 level.

IAPPS (International Association of Plant Pathology Societies). There appears to be no strategic advantage to APS to affiliate with them at this time. Executive Committee is recommending a no vote for affiliation. See item O-2 for more discussion.

CAMPPS (Center for Agricultural Microbes: Pathogens, Parasites, Y Symbiotes). There are concerns of its overlap with other collections such as ATCC and the ARS collection in

Peoria. It is felt they are seeking our support for political purposes. See the full discussion under item O-3.

I. Financial Advisory Committee Recommendations

J. Sherwood shared an article that appeared in *Phytopathology News* concerning priorities for expenditure of APS Funds (attachment #12). He received only one response from the article. A handout put together by S. Nelson on key information on APS finances was distributed (attachment #13). This is for general information only. The annual treasurer's report was distributed (attachment #14). It shows the last 10 years of surpluses or deficits and a breakdown of the APS cost centers. A history of the income centers since journal decoupling occurred was circulated (attachment #15) and some of the centers were reviewed. There is a current deficit in the FY 00-01 budget of approximately \$108,481. This comes from unrealized income from Plant Health Progress, less interest income from operating reserves used to pay bills, and an annual meeting loss greater than anticipated. The annual meeting loss was due to an \$18,000 expense for AV equipment and a smaller than anticipated attendance. J. Sherwood reviewed a graph of cost centers income and expenditures (attachment #15a). J. Sherwood outlined details of the proposed FY 2001-02 budget (attachment #16). There is a projected deficit of \$28,436.

MOTION FROM FAC. Propose the approval of a budget for 2001-02 as developed by Staff with an anticipated income of \$4,167,225, anticipated expenses of \$4,168,891, and deficit after contributions to reserves of \$28,436. **MOTION TO TABLE. SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION FROM FAC. Propose pricing for the annual meeting as follows: Registration fee for all full members of organizing societies (APS, MSA, SON) be set at \$245 and \$290 for early and late registration. Staff would set other fees in accordance to earlier practices. For this meeting to become closer to revenue neutral at this registration fee: a) the reception would be a ticketed event (\$20-25), b) an administrative charge for university socials to cover some facility expenses would be set, c) there would be no pre-meeting mailing of the program book, d) groups not associated with the scientific societies organizing the meeting that require meeting space would be assessed the cost of that space, e) each registrant would be provided one ticketed breakfast event, and f) there would be an additional \$7,000 from the reserves for N. Keen to use to support the sessions. **MOTION TO AMMEND.** Increase the registration fee from \$245 to \$270 and adjust others accordingly. That alumni associations be asked to contribute \$500 for recognition at the reception. That the breakfast be reduced in scope to a buffet or continental breakfast based on staff recommendations after cost analysis.

SECONDED. DISCUSSION. J. Sherwood distributed annual meeting historical data (attachment #17). A request by SON for a lower registration fee has been denied. The extra \$7,000 requested by N. Keen reflects the higher needs of a joint meeting. \$30,000 has been given for the past three years. \$15,000 was given each year prior to that. Even with the proposed costs in the amendment, the annual meeting budget will still have a deficit. **MOTION CARRIED. MOTION TO TABLE AS AMENDED. SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION FROM FAC. Propose that the following dues/subscription prices be adopted for FY2002:

Membership: member dues (\$66 from \$64), others adjusted accordingly by Staff
Journals (member, printed): *Phytopathology* (\$65 from \$60), *Plant Disease* (\$65 from \$60), *MPMI* (\$70 from \$65)

On-line: Phytopathology (\$43 from \$40), Plant Disease (\$43 from \$40), MPMI (\$43 from \$40), CD ROM (\$50 from \$46 for journal subscribers, \$100 from \$96 for non-subscribers)

Non-member subscriptions: Phytopathology (\$420 from \$385), Plant Disease (\$420 from \$385) MPMI (\$447 from \$410)

Sustaining Associates: 1-100 employees (\$425 from \$395), 101+ employees (\$595 from \$565).

DISCUSSION. There was discussion of the variance between the hard copy and on-line prices. Staff will be reviewing all electronic journal pricings in the spring. There were questions on the sustaining associate subscriptions. **MOTION TO TABLE. MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION FROM FAC. Propose that the APS Historian be provided \$1,350 for current FY and \$700 for the upcoming FY. **DISCUSSION.** The money will be used to develop a poster and for archives upkeep. **MOTION TO TABLE. MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION FROM FAC. Propose that support for Eversole Associates recommended by the NPPB and FAC for microbial genomics effort be provided. This would be \$8,625 for current FY and \$13,375 for 2001-02 FY. **DISCUSSION.** None. **MOTION TO TABLE. MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION FROM FAC. Recommendation to Council that FAC in May: a) discuss the financial aspects of electronic journals, e-commerce and what might be the e-products of the future, b) discuss the financial aspects of the continuing education cost center. **DISCUSSION.** FAC is seeking endorsement of these planned activities. **MOTION CARRIED.**

J. Councilor's Forum Recommendations

MOTION FROM COMMITTEE. That the APS annual meeting in 2004 be held in Anaheim, California. **DISCUSSION.** This rescinds a previous vote to hold the meeting in Long Beach, CA. At the time of the previous vote, some information from Anaheim was not available. **MOTION CARRIED.** R. Gergerich provided an update on upcoming sites. They have no recommendation for 2006 yet. Normally it would be in the northeast, but it is very expensive to meet there. Staff has been asked to broaden the search geographically. Buffalo and Pittsburgh have been considered, but there is little enthusiasm for either. There has been a proposal to meet with the Ecological Society in either 2005 or 2007. We do not have adequate information at this time. The committee is looking into the costs and benefits of meeting with them.

It has been recommended by staff to do an electronic evaluation of the annual meeting via e-mail in addition to the traditional paper method. Councilor's Forum has Okayed this. **ACTION.** Staff will proceed with the details. Evaluations may be broken down by classes, such as age, state, etc.

A committee has been appointed to look at post-doc and emeritus member services with a charge of reducing costs associated with emeritus members and looking to see how emeritus members may better serve the society. **ACTION.** The committee is to report its progress in Salt Lake City.

MOTION FROM COMMITTEE. To improve communications and information dissemination, all minutes of Executive Committee meetings and conferences and FAC will be distributed to Council in a timely fashion (e.g. within one month of the meeting). Posting these minutes in the Council area of APSnet with an e-mail notice of the posting constitutes a satisfactory method of distributing the minutes. **DISCUSSION.** There was some discussion of the details. They will be put up with a draft designation pending approval at following meetings. **MOTION CARRIED.** **ACTION.** The secretary will send the minutes of Executive Committee meetings and conference

calls dating back to New Orleans to headquarters for posting. The duties of the secretary in the MOO will be changed to reflect this additional duty.

Councilor's Forum has approved the launching of a new membership promotion. M. Bjerkness addressed Council on the matter. There is a goal of 500 new members. Each Council member is asked to try and recruit five new members. We could reduce the annual meeting fee by \$50 if successful. Packets to aid in recruitment were distributed to all Council members.

Councilor's Forum has authorized an electronic mechanism for a membership survey in order to save money. They have approved in concept a prize drawing for all those who complete the survey.

Break at 3:07 p.m.

Reconvened at 3:25 p.m.

MOTION FROM COMMITTEE. That Council approves the following committee name changes. 1) Plant Disease Detection Committee to Plant Pathogen and Disease Detection Committee; and 2) Biotechnology Regulation and Impact Assessment Committee to Biotechnology Impact Assessment Committee. **DISCUSSION.** None. **MOTION CARRIED. ACTION.** The secretary will amend the MOO to reflect these changes.

MOTION FROM COMMITTEE. Approve the following APS members as members of the Office of International Programs (OIP) Advisory Board: K. Cardwell, R. Zeigler, E. French, B. Brown, L. Black, G. Forbes, J. McBeath and R. Ploetz. **DISCUSSION.** None. **MOTION CARRIED.**

R. Gergerich distributed a handout (attachment #18) concerning considerations regarding volunteer services to APS. Councilor's Forum wants a committee to be established to look at issues of volunteerism and make recommendations by the Salt Lake City meeting. The report will emphasize recognition opportunities. They will plan events for volunteer recognition at the 2001 meeting possibly including recognition through badges, or the breakfast meeting. J. Andrews will visit with the department heads about volunteerism. **MOTION FROM COMMITTEE.** To establish a committee to 1) study specifics of volunteerism effort; and 2) plan events to have the 2001 meeting as the year of volunteer recognition at the annual meeting. **DISCUSSION.** Proposed members include D. Beadle, R. Gergerich, B. Christ, J. Andrews, and M Bjerkness. **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION FROM COMMITTEE. Approval to request APS standing committees to identify a "web-page person" who will be responsible for working with APS Headquarters on development of web pages. **DISCUSSION.** This is an issue of concern to OEC. R. Gergerich gave some background information on the issue. OEC is proposing a committee to establish some guidelines. **MOTION CARRIED. ACTION.** The secretary will make the necessary changes in the MOO.

K. Headquarters Report/Recommendations

The full staff report is available on APSnet. There is a proposal from the Master Brewers Assoc. of America (MBAA) to manage their association. Discussion occurred on whether or not to consider this. Staff is putting together a proposal. S. Nelson provided some statistical information on MBAA. The services they are seeking are already being provided to APS and AACC. They would be serviced similar to the Brewing Chemists and International Society of Molecular Plant Microbe Interactions (ISMPMI). This opportunity could result in up to \$100,000 to the APS bottom line. A downside is that staff might be spread too thin if the time estimates are not correct. S. Nelson provided further justifications for proceeding on this. They meet annually in November so there is

not a conflict with our meeting in four years out of five. There was general discussion on a number of items in regard to the proposal.

S. Slack thanked Nelson for the distribution of his strategic comments paper.

L. Publications Board Recommendations

MOTION FROM COMMITTEE. To fill three senior editor positions on the APS Press board with C. Bull, M. Dickman and D. Gonsalves. **DISCUSSION.** None. **MOTION CARRIED.**

The following names were submitted to be the new editor-in-chief of Phytopathology News. M. Gleason, M. McGrath, J. Mihail, A. Desjardins, S. Johnston, and P. Vincelli. The names were ranked. **ACTION.** S. Slack will contact the candidates in ranked order.

MOTION FROM COMMITTEE. To include the editors-in-chief of Plant Health Progress and the Plant Health Instructor on the Publications Board. **DISCUSSION.** None. **MOTION CARRIED.** **ACTION.** The secretary will update the MOO to reflect the change.

There was discussion on the number of Publications Board members needed on Council. One proposal would be the editor-in-chiefs of APS Press + one print journal + one on-line journal, with one of the three serving as Publications Board chair. Other proposals included having all members on Council or a single member from the board. This topic will be referred to the Governance Committee.

M. APS Foundation Recommendations

S. Coakley recognized the generous donations to the Foundation by members of Council. There are three new named travel awards: John Niederhauser, Arthur Kelman, and Kenneth Baker. There is a new endowment that will primarily benefit international members. There is also a Howard Undergraduate Research Award.

There is an addition to the Melhus fund. There will be \$3,000/yr for the student speaker symposium. This is a competitive symposium. Funds will be given to the committee that makes a successful proposal. The Program Committee will select the winner.

There is a new Public Forum Travel Fund endowment. This will provide for travel to government or plant pathology forums when normal travel funds are not available.

The two-for-one student membership offering is set to go soon.

N. OEC Recommendations

- 1. Plant Health Progress Update.** T. Murray reviewed the history of the journal's development. He met with many groups at the annual meeting to see how the journal could best meet their needs and to solicit contributions. An advertising card has been developed (attachment #19).

Submission statistics were given. The rate of subscriptions is increasing. The Partners Program is off to a good start. The partners break down to one from industry, two academic, and four organizations. There are 100 individual subscriptions. Brochures to attract new partners have been developed (attachments #20 and 21). The board makeup has been reviewed and representatives from agronomy and entomology have been added. J. Ristaino has also been added as the Features Editor. The Notes section has been changed to Briefs to avoid confusion with Plant Disease Notes.

There has not been much activity in the Industry and Products News. They are working to increase submissions in this area. They are looking at forming an informal advisory board to make sure the journal will have wide appeal. A search mechanism is being created. Items from other sites will be indexed. The date for subscription access to the archives has been moved back until enough materials have been accumulated.

- 2. Education Center Update.** They have completed 20 disease lessons with historical significance. These along with an illustrated glossary will be marketed on a CD. The K-12 level is doing well. There is an on-line K-12 newsletter and mentors are signing up. On-line resource categories are available for the three education levels and there are many links. Instructors and pathologists are participating in reviews. Some goals are to promote the upcoming ISPP on-line workshop, to promote the K-12 materials, and to have an article in Phytopathology News recognizing contributors.

P. Strategic Brainstorming-2

- 2. Governance.** S. Nelson made a presentation on governance (attachment #22). He reviewed the Governance Committee membership. The goal is to create a governance structure that will enable APS to achieve the vision and strategic plan for the good of the individual member and the society. He reviewed a number of issues that the committee is dealing with most of which center around how the society has changed since the current governance structure was created. He provided some demographics of the society including the number of years members have been involved in plant pathology and a breakout by profession. Some of the trends Council is dealing with include changing roles, continuous strategic planning, globalization, less volunteer time and an increase in electronic communications. He reviewed how our current governance structure has evolved to include a number of boards, offices and committees. He closed by outlining a number of discussion points for the brainstorming session.

Following the presentation by S. Nelson, Governance Committee chair L. Madden led the discussion. The role of geography in the governance structure was discussed at length. Another area of discussion is the growth of membership in subject matter areas such as molecular plant-microbe interactions. There was considerable discussion on structural topics and how the business of the society has changed over time. Each Council member was offered the opportunity to make comments or ask questions of L. Madden.

The meeting was adjourned for the day at 5:35 p.m.

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Staff: S. Nelson, A. Hope, and C. Ash

Guests: C. Ishimaru

O. Professional Society Relations/Requests

- 2. International Association of Plant Pathology Societies (IAPPS).** G. Gergerich gave some background information on IAPPS. Staff provided some background information on what they

see as the pros and cons of affiliation. This was followed by general discussion of why or why not we should affiliate. Executive Committee has recommended that we not affiliate with them. They do not appear to have a staff yet. There was discussion of our responsibilities for a proposed 2007 joint meeting. Nothing is clear at this point. There will only be one representative from North America on their board and it may not be APS. **MOTION FROM COMMITTEE.** That we not affiliate with IAPPS. **DISCUSSION.** There was no further discussion. A hand vote was called for. Yes–8; No–3. **MOTION CARRIED. ACTION.** S. Slack will contact IAPPS of our decision.

- 1. American Institute of Biological Sciences (AIBS).** J. Fletcher presented some background information on AIBS and our previous relations with them. One issue is should we remain affiliated with them. They are changing their mission and goals. They are developing a Public Issues Council (PIC). J. Fletcher reviewed what the PIC does and their plans for expanding their size and role. To be a full partner in the PIC, we would have to commit \$5,000/yr for at least three years. The PPB is not sure of our benefit from joining the PIC. There is some overlap with what PPB does. We could also be involved in a lesser way for a negotiated reduced fee. We could also partner with the entomologists and agronomists who are not yet ready to join in with AIBS. Executive Committee is recommending we continue at our current level of participation.

J. Fletcher provided details of how BioOne worked. It is a cross-linked database of member journals. There are private groups such as Elsevier that are doing something similar but costs are prohibitive to libraries. BioOne is an alternative to help keep these costs down. A society incurs no cost to have its journal in the database. Libraries purchase subscriptions at about 1/10 of the normal cost. Subscription fees flow back to the societies. It was agreed that electronic library subscriptions is our highest priority issue since subscriptions are our major revenue stream. Further discussion followed. It is a good deal for smaller societies. ESA has all four of its journals in the system. It was decided that Publications Board should discuss this issue before bringing it to Council. No action was taken at this time.

- 3. Center for Agricultural Microbes: Pathogens, Parasites and Symbiotes (CAMMPS).** A document with details of this proposal was distributed (attachment #23). S. Slack reviewed this proposal for a new fungal collection center. There are concerns of its overlap with other collections such as ATCC and the ARS collection at Peoria. In a reply to our request for more information, they indicated that they are covering areas not covered in these other collections. It was felt that they would use our support to leverage funds to support the collection. **ACTION.** The topic will be referred to the Bacteriology, Mycology, Virology and Collections and Germplasms Committees. S. Hurtt will do some checking with ARS. S. Slack will contact R. Nelson, who is our ATCC representative for input. If we get positive responses from these groups/individuals, S. Slack will write a letter of support following approval by Executive Committee.
- 4. South African Society of Plant Pathology.** The South African Society of Plant Pathology is seeking a joint meeting with the International Congress of Plant Pathology and APS in 2008. They do not have the infrastructure to plan such a meeting and want our help. Discussion occurred on our financial risks for co-hosting the meeting. They are unknown at this time. It was noted that a 2008 meeting would conflict with our centennial celebration. **ACTION.** S. Slack will send a letter to the South Africans declining their offer.

Q. Action Items

- 1. Recommendations from Boards/Committees**

MOTION TO REMOVE FROM THE TABLE ALL FINANCIAL MOTIONS. SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION FROM FAC. Propose the approval of a budget for 2001-02 as developed by Staff with an anticipated income of \$4,167,225, anticipated expenses of \$4,168,891, and deficit after contributions to reserves of \$28,436. **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION FROM FAC. Propose pricing for the annual meeting as follows: a) registration fee for all full members of organizing societies (APS, MSA, SON) be set at \$270 and \$315 for early and late registration. Staff would set other fees in accordance to earlier practices; b) alumni associations will contribute \$500 for reservation of a gathering area at the grand reception; c) the breakfast will be reduced in scope to a buffet or continental breakfast based on staff recommendations after cost analysis; d) there will be no pre-meeting mailing of the program book; e) groups not associated with the scientific societies organizing the meeting that require meeting space will be assessed the cost of that space; f) each registrant will be provided one ticketed breakfast event; and g) an additional \$7,000 from the reserves will be given to N. Keen to use to support the sessions.

MOTION CARRIED. ACTION. J. Sherwood will write an article for Phytopathology News outlining the need for the above changes at the annual meeting. **ACTION.** Staff will contact alumni groups concerning the change in socials.

MOTION FROM FAC. Propose that the following dues/subscription prices be adopted for FY2002:

Membership: member dues (\$66 from \$64), others adjusted accordingly by Staff
Journals (member, printed): Phytopathology (\$65 from \$60), Plant Disease (\$65 from \$60), MPMI (\$70 from \$65)

On-line: Phytopathology (\$43 from \$40), Plant Disease (\$43 from \$40), MPMI (\$43 from \$40), CD ROM (\$50 from \$46 for journal subscribers, \$100 from \$96 for non-subscribers)

Non-member subscriptions: Phytopathology (\$420 from \$385), Plant Disease (\$420 from \$385)
MPMI (\$447 from \$410)

Sustaining Associates: 1-100 employees (\$425 from \$395), 101+ employees (\$595 from \$565).

MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION FROM FAC. Propose that the APS Historian be provided \$1,350 for current FY and \$700 for the upcoming FY. **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION FROM FAC. That \$8,625 be available for Eversole Associates for remainder of FY (\$7,875 for services (March 15 – June 30), \$250 for incidentals, \$500 for APS publications) and \$13,375 be budgeted for next FY (\$7,875 for services (July 1 – September 15), \$5,500 for travel to and participation at the APS annual meeting and incidentals (estimated at \$250). Total expenditure over two Fiscal Years = \$22,000. **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION FROM COMMITTEE. Using the Branding Campaign Image Statement, direct staff to hire a graphic designer to develop a branding campaign logo for APS in an amount up to \$6,000. **MOTION CARRIED.**

R. Master Brewers Proposal

See item K above.

For the Good of the Order.

J. Sherwood shared an email from A. Paulus giving an update on N. Keen's health. Staff will send something on Council's behalf.

S. Hurtt requested an increase in allotted time for Councilor's Forum to meet during the midyear meeting. At least five hours is needed.

R. Ploetz suggested adding a Publications Board representative to FAC.

There was a brief discussion on a proposed centennial book, but few details are presently available.

President Slack wished everyone a safe journey home and adjourned the midyear Council meeting at 10:20 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary, APS