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Minutes of APS Council
APS Annual Meeting, 2003
Charlotte, NC

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Attendance

Present: J. Fletcher, S. Slack, G. Bergstrom, C. Ishimaru, J. Sherwood, E. Stromberg, J. MacDonald, C. Mundt, A. Biggs, R. Ploetz, J. Andrews, R. Belanger, M. Ellis, J. Brown, R. Martyn, B. Christ, M. Matheron, A. Grybauskas, A. Culbreath, M. Daughtrey

Absent: H. Spaink, D. Mathre

Guests: R. Gergerich, E. Stromberg, K. Bowen, C. Becker

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

1. Call to order

A. Welcome and introductions

President Fletcher called the meeting to order at 8:20 am EST, Saturday, August 9, 2003 in room 218-219 of the Charlotte Convention Center and gave welcoming remarks. Brief introductions of participants were made.

B. Appointment of parliamentarian

Past President S. Slack was appointed parliamentarian.

C. Approval of agenda

The agenda was distributed electronically prior to the meeting (**attachment #1**). **Motion.** To approve agenda. **Motion seconded. Motion approved.**

D. Approval of minutes, 2003 midyear Council meeting

Motion. Approve minutes of the 2003 midyear Council meeting (**attachment #2**). **Motion seconded. Motion approved.**

E. Review of action items list

(1) MOO updates

The Secretary gave an update on the manual of operations. Sections from SPB, OIR, OEC, OIP and FAC had been revised and approved. Sections under revision are appointments for editors in APSnet, MPMI, Phytopathology and Plant Disease, Awards and Honors, APS Press and an internal relations committee on Crop Biosecurity.

(2) Other unfinished items?

The current action list, as of August 6, 2003 was distributed with a request to let the Secretary know of any finished items (**attachment #3**).

2. President's report

Pres. Fletcher reviewed highlights of the president's report (**attachment #4**).

Activities in Washington DC have taken a great deal of time and energy on the part of several APS leaders. This level of participation is not seen as permanent and is probably not sustainable. APS visibility in Washington has increased a great deal because of the activities of the PPB and others.

3. Recommendations from Standing Committees, Offices and Boards

NOTE: Written reports from each group were posted online prior to the meeting and were not to be presented during the meeting.

A. Executive Committee

Pres. Fletcher reported EXEC/FAC met monthly by conference calls. Other subgroups met more frequently. These calls increased nimbleness of the office. A major initiative last year and again this year meeting was the Strategic Planning and Leadership Forum (SPLF) held at the APS annual meeting. EXEC plans on looking at more specific topics, such as governance and nature of Council meetings at its midyear 2004 meeting.

At the annual meeting in Charlotte, EXEC/FAC discussed appointments to be made, including the Secretary and representatives to various affiliations. Some affiliate appointments do not have stated terms, others are ending soon (see Wednesday's agenda). D. White informed Pres. Fletcher of his intent to step down as director of the DeBary Bowl. Council will need to decide on continuation of DeBary Bowl, and if so, who would direct it. EXEC/FAC also reviewed appointments of *ad hoc* committees and will present recommendations to Council on Wednesday.

B. Financial Issues and the Strategic Plan

Treasurer Sherwood gave the report of FAC, which met yesterday morning. Current FY shows a deficit, however, APS has a positive cash flow allowing payment of bills without tapping into its reserves. Funds of about \$30,000 for symposia at the annual meeting will no longer be taken out of the operating reserves. Instead, the funds will be taken out as cash during the next quarter. The Pension Committee was reformed and reviewed US Bank as our investor. The committee determined that US Bank had handled APS investments well, and recommended continuation of their contract.

PMN investments are still running at a deficit. Also contributing to the deficit was a larger than anticipated investment in public policy. Fortunately in many cases, groups requesting APS information paid for some of the associated expenses. For example, the biosecurity-related workshops held in March and July were sponsored by several different government agencies.

C. Councilors' Forum

R. Belanger gave the CF report. CF was to meet later in the day. The last election change in the constitution on student membership was passed. As a new strategy for collecting nominations for APS officers, nomination ballots were included in this year's meeting registration packet. The next focus member group will be lapsed members. Portland OR was selected for the site of the APS annual meeting in 2009. Opry Land is being considered for 2010. Portland has a business development plan and will give a rebate for use of the convention center, so the cost to APS would be very low (\$3,000). There is also a new light rail system to take people from the airport to the convention center.

It was noted that when APS makes a contract with a hotel, it is based on a certain number of occupancies. If these numbers aren't met, the cost is incurred by APS. It was requested that this be explained to members to consider when making future hotel selections.

M. Headquarters Operations Committee

Item discussed out of order in agenda.

S. Slack gave a background report on HOC. The composition of HOC includes the APS presidential lineage and representatives from the other scientific societies managed at Headquarters. HOC deals with issues pertaining to the building, staff, salaries, retirement, etc. The Pension Committee also operates under HOC. HOC issues have changed as the environment changed in the past five years. HOC developed a set of guidelines for evaluating incoming groups for their fit at Headquarters. This helps leverage staff and can help the bottom line.

Current issues include the outcome of the journals committee, as this will have a profound effect on our Society. Rotation of the chair is done at calendar year and not at end of the APS meeting. S. Slack is the current chair. At the end of the year, the past president of AACC will become chair.

There is another group that is considering Scientific Societies for management of their organization. A major issue over time is making sure there is a balance between staff and resources so that the workload is maintainable.

D. Committee on Committees

J. Andrews gave background information on COC's structure and responsibilities. No motions or recommendations were made.

Issues presented for future consideration were standing committee's reporting and nomination process and maintenance of their splash pages. Current reporting and nomination requirements demand a great deal of time by Staff and COC. There are 36 committees in APS. More than half did not submit any nominees for the committees. A great deal of time was spent following-up on nominees, confirming nominees' membership in APS, and checking their membership on a committee in a similar category, etc. COC has discussed the situation and the current requirements as stated in MoO with respect to the question of whether the cost of Staff and COC time is worth the benefits.

Three options were presented on behalf of COC to deal with this situation.

1. Clamp down on committees. COC doesn't feel this would be well received.
2. Continue as we have.

3. Have a very loose relationship- don't attempt to micromanage the committees. For example, the committees wouldn't be required to provide an annual report, a splash page etc. Staff and COC would assist them if they wanted help.

Possible downsides of option 3 were discussed. By removing the system of checks, we might lose quality control and uniformity. It might also be difficult to determine who is on a committee at any particular time. Some indicated the process has become too complicated. Staff is trying to get a database on the membership to populate the splash pages. Sometimes the information is wrong. It might be sufficient to have only the chair and vice information-that would seem manageable.

Pres. Fletcher requested Council think about the current requirements and possible alternatives. Council will not be able to handle this topic; COC or CF would probably be better able to handle and make recommendations. OEC should also be involved. It was agreed that R. Belanger would follow up on this item together with SPB, OEC and COC/CF. They should consider impacts of their recommendations on the annual meeting scientific programs.

F. Scientific Programs Board

G. Bergstrom presented a recommendation from SPB. **Motion.** Accept SPB's recommendation to reappoint J. Lindquist for a second term as the Section Chair for Epidemiology/Ecology/Environmental Biology. **Motion seconded. Motion approved.**

Two additions to MOO under the workshop/short courses section were recommended by SPB. 1) The Chair will serve a 3-year term. 2). The Chair will be selected by the nominations from the SPB, including the outgoing Chair, to be approved by Council (**attachment #5**).

Break 10:05 – 10:20 am

E. Publications Board

A. Biggs gave the report. Pub Board would meet later in the annual meeting. They would discuss representation of EICs on Council. Other items to discuss are the Journal Consortium, electronic journal tracking, public domain stature of articles, APSnet feature article on how to prepare reviews, and an article for Phytopathology News on a policy statement on bioterrorism (one has been drafted and reviewed). Pub Board will also talk about the TEAL initiative. New EICs have been appointed for Plant Health Progress, PMN and MPML. K. Bowen is new EIC of Plant Disease.

On behalf of APS, A. Biggs will attend the upcoming retreat in Virginia on the role of journals in scientific misconduct. A written report will be prepared and passed onto Council for possible inclusion in Phytopathology News.

There was one article in Phytopathology reviewed where reviewers checked off the boxes that there was information in the article that could present a biosecurity risk. It was clarified that the article was rejected based on its scientific merit, not because of its risk.

Pub Board discussed the APS editorial position on biosecurity and what should be said to members about censorship. People should know that if we don't do it, the federal government will. Also, as with the case faced by microbiologists, the situations Pub Board is looking for would be those that pose blatant biosecurity risks.

A list of recommended names for Editors for Plant Disease was reviewed (**attachment# 6 and 7**). **Motion.** To accept list of new Editors for Plant Disease. **Motion seconded. Discussion.** None. **Motion Approved.** Pres. Fletcher asked K. Bowen to thank Editors for their willingness to serve.

An update was given on recent contacts requesting names of reviewers for the articles on citrus canker published sometime ago by APS. It was suggested that Pub Board discuss the issue of how many years hard copies and computer files of manuscript reviews should be kept on file. Currently, Pub Board does not have a policy on this. A. Biggs agreed to bring the item up with the Pub Board and make a recommendation. The recommendation

would probably become part of the MoO. A statement of the policy would also be added to each journal's set of instructions to reviewers.

G. OPAE

M. Ellis gave a brief update on composition and leadership of OPAE. A replacement for M. Daughtrey would be sought, as she is now an EIC and cannot serve in both positions. OPAE released several press reports this past year.

H. Public Policy Board

J. Sherwood gave highlights of the PPB's activities since midyear.

(1) Review of Washington D.C. issues (Eversole to visit Council on Wednesday.)

K. Eversole has worked with APS for about three years. Several positive outcomes of this partnership were noted. She has helped craft our message and get it to the right people at the right time. She has increased APS visibility and credibility in Washington. She was actively involved in efforts to sponsor the Genomics Workshop in March 2002, and the two biosecurity workshops held in March 2003, which was funded by USDA/ARS/CSREES, and in July, which was funded by the Dept. of Homeland Security.

Direct expenses from PPB in FY2003 were about \$25,000 for travel and \$75,000 for Eversole Associates. Current priorities of PPB are funding for plant pathology, facilitating communication on plant pathology, and increasing visibility of plant pathology.

PPB is concerned about getting feedback from membership to ensure that PPB is representing the interests of APS members. Only 43 members responded to a recent survey on PPB activities. Another survey is being circulated. A public forum was planned for Wednesday to openly discuss PPB activities.

It was added that the biosecurity workshop two weeks ago grew out of the March workshop. APS has been speaking about the need for a disease center for some time. The need for an over-arching coordinating center to oversee all US crop biosecurity activities is now being discussed at the federal level.

(2) Board member replacement

O.W Barnett completes his term on PPB at the end of the annual meeting. S. Coakley will become the new PPB member.

(3) Motion from midyear

At midyear, a motion was passed to include the Immediate Past President as a member of PPB. **Motion** from PPB: to rescind the motion from midyear regarding inclusion of the Immediate Past President on PPB. **Discussion.** The Immediate Past President can participate, as they want. It is not necessary to have a formal position of the Immediate Past President on the PPB. The concern was that the Immediate Past President could overshadow the President's presence/leadership of PPB. It also adds another year and an additional responsibility to the presidential lineage. A minor cost to APS is associated, since as a member to PPB, the Immediate Past President would be expected to attend PPB meetings. **Motion approved.**

(4) Eversole contract renewal

This item will be discussed and voted on at midyear as part of the budget approval process.

(5) Other

Presence and activities of PPB in Washington DC are very exciting, but what about the budget? Is this something that APS can afford to sustain? The possibility of having someone positioned in Washington by leveraging Co-

Farm activities was discussed. Mostly we are achieving our goals in Washington very efficiently. APS should continue to think about how to provide information, but have the interested parties pay for the travel costs. Our profile in Washington is one of a balanced and science-based presence. It's a benefit, but also a cost. Another issue is that 30% of our members are international, yet all of the activities of Eversole Associates are focused at the national level.

I. OEC

No report given.

J. OIP

No report given.

K. OIR

C. Becker gave the report. OIR is very appreciative of its interactions with APS. Last year, Private Practitioners was welcomed into OIR. Two special sessions related to private practice were to be given at the annual meeting. OIR is also involved in the Industry Extension Social and the Graduate Student Breakfast. They've also had input on the F&N tests to APS Press.

The *ad hoc* committee on Private Practice is in communication with OIR. This committee might become part of the Private Practice standing committee.

The Office is seeking nominees for positions in OIR. The suggestion was made to utilize the list of names from the *ad hoc* committee on Young Professionals for potential nominees.

L. Foundation

No report given.

4. Issues from *ad hoc* committees

A. Journals

Item moved to Wednesday's agenda.

B. Division Issues

B. Christ gave the report. The committee is made up of the APS Division Councilors. The *ad hoc* committee was appointed last year. Communication among the divisions was the biggest issue. It recommends that for consistency, one of the Division Councilors should be designated to run the Division Councilor's annual luncheon meeting. (Normally, the President-Elect runs this meeting.) The strategic plan of APS and a draft of objectives developed for the NE Division were sent to each of the Division Councilors for review and possible adaptation into their divisional strategic plans. She will chair a meeting tomorrow of the Division Councilors, where these items will be discussed.

Pres. Fletcher thanked B. Christ and the committee for their work. The committee was disbanded.

C. New Products and Services

J. MacDonald gave the report and indicated the committee has not finished their objectives. One outcome from the committee was the production of a CD-ROM of posters from the 2003 annual meeting.

Staff provided a list of ideas on new products, which was sent out for input by the committee. There was limited response and little progress made. It might be necessary to use a different forum, other than emails and calls, to accomplish the goal of bringing “killer products” to Council.

Several areas were discussed, including interfacing with the young professionals group, perhaps by J. MacDonald going to their meeting. The need to have products that go outside of the memberships was discussed. Marketing analysis could be of use to address questions like what are the demographics going to be in ten years? Development of alliances with other societies to publish books with broad appeal was also discussed.

D. Governance Questionnaire

G. Bergstrom reviewed that this item had been taken up yesterday during the SPLF. It was noted that the committee completed its charge to do the survey. The committee was disbanded.

E. APS Public Image

J. Fletcher reported on behalf of the committee. The committee met electronically and by conference calls with Staff. They recommend the use of a tag line for APS. Exact wording was not suggested, but one was recommended. Staff who worked on developing the APS logo is currently working on the tag line, trying to develop one that will coordinate with the logo. A recommendation to Council will probably be ready by midyear 2004.

Council’s response to a tag line was favorable overall. It was seen as a useful way of projecting a positive comprehensible image to the public, without introducing the potentially divisive issue of a society name change.

F. Private Practice

C. Mellinger is chair of the committee, which planned to meet in Charlotte. The committee will be reappointed.

G. Young Professionals

C. Bull gave a report at the SPLF yesterday. Pres. Fletcher asked for input. None was given.

H. Awards Review

J. MacDonald gave the report. This *ad hoc* committee was formed late in the year as a follow-up to a recommendation by the Awards Committee. The Awards Committee wants Council to revisit the issue of Fellows being ineligible to receive other APS awards. The history of the recommendation, the rationale for the limitation, and why the Awards Committee doesn’t feel it is necessary was presented. Another issue being addressed by the *ad hoc* Awards Review committee is the wording of some of the awards, i.e. the Hewitt Award and the Syngenta Award might be too similar. The Awards Committee has suggested restructuring these, possibly even combining them. The *ad hoc* committee was not prepared to make recommendations at this time, and needed to review the specific award stipulations.

Council discussed some of the issues regarding award ineligibility of Fellows. Mostly the issues were the same as those discussed during Council’s annual meeting in 2002.

J. MacDonald will provide Council’s feedback to the *ad hoc* committee and will present recommendations to Council in the future.

5. Issues for discussion

A. Appointments

(1) APS Secretary- to be discussed on Wednesday.

(2) ATCC – to be discussed on Wednesday

(3) AAAS – David Gilchrist’s term ends 8/03; to be discussed on Wednesday.

(4) CFAR- John Sherwood’s and Sue Tolin’s terms end 8/03; to be discussed on Wednesday.

(5) Int’l Soc. Arboriculture – Jay Stipes’ term ends 8/03

A couple of nominations have been received. Item to be discussed on Wednesday.

(6) Mycological Society of America – Carol Stiles’ term ends 8/0; to be discussed on Wednesday

(7) National Council of Science and the Environment - Tom Kucharek’s term ends 8/03; to be discussed on Wednesday.

(8) Society of Environ Toxicol. & Chemistry – Michael Simini’s term ends 8/03; to be discussed on Wednesday.

(9) Society of Nematologists – Eric Davis’ term ends 8/03; to be discussed on Wednesday.

Regarding positions listed as term ending 8/03: Pres. Fletcher and G. Bergstrom will contact each to see if they want to continue on, when a specific term limit is not stated in the MoO. Affiliate representatives are usually people active in the society they represent. Council saw no need to add term limits to affiliate positions that currently do not have any. APS doesn’t pay for affiliates’ travel to meetings of societies represented.

B. Other appointments needed?

None noted.

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 11:50 am.

Reconvene

Council reconvened at 8: 00 a.m., Wednesday, August 13, 2003, in rooms 218-219 of the Charlotte Convention Center.

Attendance

Present: J. Fletcher, S. Slack, G. Bergstrom, C. Ishimaru, J. Sherwood, E. Stromberg, J. MacDonald, C. Mundt, J. Andrews, R. Belanger, M. Ellis, R. Martyn, B. Christ, M. Matheron, A. Grybauskas, A. Culbreath,

Absent: H. Spaink, D. Mathre, J. Brown. M. Daughtrey

Guests: R. Gergerich, J. Ristaino A. Tally, M. McGrath, K. Bowen, C. Brickey (?), K. Eversole, L. Madden, D. Luster, G. Abawi, S. Coakley

Staff: S. Nelson, A. Hope, M. Smith, M. Bjerkness, M. Wimer, G. Grahek

Call to Order

Pres. Fletcher called the meeting to order at 8:00 am EST. She welcomed everyone and introduced guest and new Council members.

The agenda was distributed electronically prior to the meeting (attachment #8).

S. Slack was appointed parliamentarian.

4. Action Items

B. Miscellaneous items or motions from standing committees, etc.

Item discussed out of order in agenda.

(1). Item from Councilor’s Forum.

R. Belanger presented a knowledge-based motion from CF pertaining to lapsed members, which is a current focus of CF. (**Attachment # 9**)

Motion. From Councilor's Forum: as part of the lapsed member campaign going on until end of 2003, Councilors have the authorization to inform the lapsed members of the opportunity of a complimentary one-year extension. The lapsed members would then contact the APS Member Services department to have the member's dues extended for one-year. **Discussion.** This doesn't include journals. Staff time was considered. Extenuating circumstances include a clear financial need of long-term members. This is a common practice in other societies. Lists of the lapsed members would be sent from Staff to CF councilors. Councilors would then contact the lapsed members. This is a test of the present campaign, and is only intended to continue through the end of 2003. This is a bridging effort, CF will report at midyear on the program. **Motion approved.**

1. Evaluation of the SPL Forum and strategic planning exercises

A. Brief summary of group evaluation responses from Friday and Saturday

S. Nelson and M. Smith prepared a summary of the SPL Forum evaluations (**attachment #10**). The consensus was that the SPLF is a positive effort. The international topic is clearly a complex issue requiring further discussion.

B. Further discussion of governance model

The governance issue was opened for discussion. It was noted that the discussion of governance at the SPLF could have started at a later stage in the process- we've been at the same point for a long time. Some thought that a decision on governance should be made soon, so that attendance at the midyear Council could be resolved.

The format of midyear Council meeting was discussed. One idea favored was to go into depth on specific strategic issues and invite a core of people from Council along with invited guest as appropriate for the topics.

Motion. That the invited group to midyear include the Presidential lineage, Secretary, Treasury, and Councilors-at-large. A timed agenda will be developed based on input of the leadership forum and that will determine the other invited groups. **Motion seconded.**

Discussion. Several concerns were voiced. Some thought the motion would undo the open governance structure. A possible alternative would be to let Council members know they can come, if there are agenda items on which they can contribute. The constitution states that Council must meet twice a year, although it is not specified how it must meet. Some suggested Council develop a model for this type of midyear meeting. Another concern was that lack of attendance at the midyear meeting by the Division Councilors could be viewed negatively by membership. The SPL Forum would meet only during the annual meeting, but could be a year round activity. The suggestion was made to set up an e-community for the SPL Forum.

Motion to table. Motion seconded. Clarification of this: discuss the motion throughout the day for possible action later in the meeting. **Motion to table approved.**

2. Public Policy Board

A. Review of Washington D.C. activities

K. Eversole gave a presentation to Council on Washington activities: "Building for the Future".

The next areas of focus will be CAUSE and biosecurity. The emphasis on genomics is ongoing. APS has to decide the next areas of emphasis. Potential topics could include gaining ag appropriations for a PDN (Plant Disease Network), keeping plant pathology issues in the RFA's of NRI, adding CAUSE to the NRI, and funding for a National Center for Plant Disease. We could push for the states to invest in PMN. PMN could become a resource for PDN and its utilization would reduce duplication of efforts. Reporting of disease detection has to

remain in the realm of PDN, but PMN could provide a uniform source of educational materials, like EDEN. We must make sure the NRI remains a competitive grants program for plant pathology issues.

3. *Ad hoc* committee updates:

No specific recommendations from the groups at this time. There was a general sense by Council that the *ad hoc* committees had made significant progress this year.

With regard to the *ad hoc* Awards Review committee (4H from August 9, 2003), President-Elect Bergstrom plans to expand the *ad hoc* committees' charge, as discussed later under item 6B.

There was concern voiced by some about the fact that the Excellence in Teaching Award wasn't given this year. The paucity of nominations for all of the awards was noted. The suggestion was made to place an article in *Phytopathology News* encouraging nominations and providing advice on how to put a nomination package together. The Awards and Honors Committee doesn't have the charge to solicit nominations, as this would be a potential conflict of interest.

A. Biosecurity Committee

L. Madden gave a report on the recently formed Internal Relations Committee on Biosecurity. About 15 people attended the committee's first meeting. The committee discussed its mission. It recommends APSnet provide a launch point for the many websites dealing with crop biosecurity issues. L. Madden will work with Staff to develop a site for this purpose. PMN could also become involved. There was general support for the Plant Disease Center concept by the Biosecurity Committee, however, there was no conclusion on the form it should take. Future membership in the committee was also discussed. Moo Section for the new committee are being developed.

B. Emerging Diseases and Pathogens

D. Luster gave an update on the status of the five subcommittees of the *ad hoc* committee. A decision was made to include mushrooms in the Toxin Producing Plant Pathogens Subcommittee. He has worked with S. Kronmiller on an APS website survey and plans to send it out to specific groups for input. This will be a model for other subcommittees. Improving activities of the Biosecurity Threat Subcommittee has the highest priority. It hasn't produced a list yet, nor has the Biowarfare Subcommittee. The list of criteria developed by the bioterrorism subcommittee is being used now by the APHIS group that developed the list of target-regulated pathogens.

The committee is not ready to recommend appointment as a standing committee. It advises maintaining its *ad hoc* status.

D. Other items arising from Charlotte meetings

G. Grahek gave a report from the *ad hoc* Journals Committee. A draft report from the committee has been prepared. The priority is getting APS journals online at universities. There are about 130 company and university subscriptions to date. Quotes developed for 2004 will be available in advance for groups, especially land grants, to make timely fiduciary decisions.

He also updated Council on the activities of the Marketing Alliance (**attachment #11**).

An update on the impact of the Sable bill was given. This issue should be followed by the society. There has been an increase in the level of activity and interactions between the *ad hoc* Journals Committee and the Headquarters Journal Committee and the Marketing Alliances Committee.

The suggestion was made to add a search engine for the journals in the alliance. G. Grahek will look into this.

Break 9:50 -10:10 am

4. Action items

A. Items tabled from committee and board recommendations

- (1) Financial actions: None to discuss.
- (2) Other? None added.

B. Miscellaneous items or motions from standing committees, etc, cont.

- (2) Affiliates.

S. Slack reported from the Affiliates meeting. Only two people were at the meeting. There has been poor attendance in the annual meeting over the past several years. It was recommended that the Past-President hold a conference call in May-June with the group, prior to the annual meeting. One of the items for the call would be the timing of the Affiliate's meeting at the APS annual meeting.

C. Style is working with MSA. She should be copied on communications between the two societies and we should enlist her in APS discussions.

There was a sense Council would like to obtain more from this group. Mechanisms other than input from their annual meeting might be necessary.

- (3) Other

a. S. Slack reported on discussions with Roger Hull, Syngenta, on assisting people in developing and other developed countries. Hull would like to see an active division in Europe. Also would like funding for their travel, assistance to those on set incomes, and enhanced communication between APS and these groups.

b. It was noted that IFT brings the Deans of agricultural colleges from across the US to talk about food technology issues at its annual meeting. The suggestion was made to think about a venue that would bring in ag Deans to APS for a day to focus on specific issues. We could also invite research directors from industry. S. Nelson will look into IFT's activities and forward this information to G. Bergstrom.

c. It was noted that at the Department Heads Breakfast several people showed up without paying for ticket. This resulted in a shortage of seats and breakfasts. Staff will look into facilitating the breakfast. J. MacDonald will work with Staff on the meeting planning for 2004.

d. It was noted that 35 mm slide projectors were provided at Charlotte although very few were used. It was suggested that slide projectors be eliminated next year. Council's sense was to eliminate projectors at the next annual meeting.

e. It continues to be a challenge to recruit volunteers to participate in the De Bary Bowl. **Motion.** Disband the De Bary Bowl starting in 2003. **Motion Seconded. Discussion.** Voted called. 7 favored; 8 opposed. **Motion failed.** M. Ellis will talk with D. White about reformatting and reinvigorating the De Bary Bowl.

f. The question was raised as to the possibility of divisions moving their websites to the APS server. Currently division's websites are maintained at the division's treasurer or secretary's site. The problem is that the site moves each time a new appointment is made. OEC decided a couple of years ago that APS would have a splash page linked to the division site. A problem with this type of arrangement is that divisions don't have access to the APS server to make changes to the site. Staff will talk at Headquarters and then communicate with divisions and OEC on what and how much would be involved to use the APS sever.

g. J. Ristaino presented a recommendation from OEC on nominations to OEC positions. **Motion.** Accept list as presented. **Motion seconded. Discussion.** None. **Motion approved.**

h. G. Abawi reported that OIP had a very productive meeting in Charlotte. The group decided to generate more resources by holding a 5K race during next year's annual meeting. Information on the race will be provided by midyear 2004. OIP will develop an international graduate travel award for W. Brown. The Policy Committee will host a symposium for 2004 on GMOs. The Service Committee will redesign the office's website with links to Phytopathology News and CABI, and will add a clearinghouse site for equipment. They also plan to add internships and industry links. The Education Committee plans to contribute a regular column in Phytopathology News.

i. C. Mundt reported on the Pub Board meeting in Charlotte. They recommend that EIC representation on Council include 3 EICs: one from APS Press, and one each from print and electronic journals. One of the three EICs would also chair Pub Board. Pub Board will develop a standard policy and procedure for maintaining records and communicate these to reviewers. Pub Board generally supports the nonprofit journals group. It was noted that APS is moving toward an electronic review process, but that this effort is expensive. Costs have come down and Staff indicated it might be possible to further reduce costs. Pub Board also discussed the Sable bill and its impact on APS. The biosecurity statement was polished and has already been placed in Phytopathology. Pub Board is looking into the TEAL system and others for getting journals to developing countries.

Regarding Senior Editors appointments: PHI and MPMI will be dealt with through email at a later date. Pub Board has names for consideration

Pub Board discussed a system for purchasing individual articles in PDF format through copyright clearance. Credit card numbers would be used for the purchase.

C. Mundt will be the new Chair of Pub Board as of Jan 1 2004.

3. *Ad hoc* committees cont.

C. Centennial Committee

C. D'Arcy reported on the *ad hoc* committee's discussions in Charlotte. There are currently 7-9 members of the committee. All decided to participate on the committee for the full 5 years. No rotations are planned. They will set up an e-community for the committee. It plans to request that the 2008 meeting not be a joint meeting. It will work through Phytopathology News to communicate the events planned for the meeting. Some activities envisioned are retrospectives, memorable meeting moments, development of a product that will be a scholarly look at APS, and a 15 month 07-08 calendar. The chair has been in communication with the ICPP representative about ICPP's 2008 meeting, which will be held one month before the APS Centennial.

5. Appreciation to outgoing Council members

Pres. Fletcher extended appreciation to outgoing Council members M. Matheron (Pacific Division), B. Christ (NE Division), J. Sherwood (Treasurer), R. Ploetz (APS Press), and A. Biggs (Plant Disease).

5b. Appointments:

1) APS Secretary. C. Ishimaru completes her term in 2004 and has declined the offer of a second term. Nominees were considered. The top three were all acceptable to Council. G. Bergstrom will contact the candidates in ranked order.

Pres. Fletcher indicated that other appointments (2-9 below) would be dealt with via email.

(2) ATCC – George Lacy to replace Richard Nelson.

(3) AAAS – David Gilchrist's term ends 8/03

(4) CFAR- John Sherwood's and Sue Tolin's terms end 8/03

(5) Int'l Soc. Arboriculture – Jay Stipes' term ends 8/03

(6) Mycological Society of America – Carol Stiles' term ends 8/03

(7) National Council of Science and the Environment - Tom Kucharek's term ends 8/03

(8) Society of Environ Toxicol. & Chemistry – Michael Simini's term ends 8/03

(9) Society of Nematologists – Eric Davis' term ends 8/03

6. Items for new APS Council

A. Welcome to new Council members

Pres. Bergstrom welcomed new members and reminded them to attend the New Member Orientation following the Council meeting.

B. Reappointment of *ad hoc* committees

Reappointment of some of the committees was discussed during Saturday's meeting.

(1) *ad hoc* Awards Review Committee. This *ad hoc* committee will be reappointed and its charge expanded.

(2) Conflicting information was presented at the Charlotte meeting with respect to the NRI. It was suggested that APS convene a committee to have input on the topics in NRI. No specific actions were taken at this time. K. Eversole will be looking at this long term and short term.

(3) *ad hoc* New Products and Services Committee. Pres. Bergstrom will work on a possible restructuring of this committee.

(4) *ad hoc* Young Professionals Committee. This committee will be reappointed,

(5) *ad hoc* Journals Committee. This committee will be reappointed.

(6) *ad hoc* Public Image Committee. A report has been received. EXEC will work with Staff and get back to Council. The committee is disbanded.

(7) *ad hoc* Divisions Committee. This committee is disbanded.

C. Dates and nature of Midyear Council meeting

The date for the midyear meeting was set for Feb 20-22, 2004.

Lunch 11:45-12:10 pm

Reconvene

Re: tabled motion. That the invited group to midyear include the Presidential lineage, Secretary, Treasury, and Councilors-at-Large. A timed agenda will be developed based on input of the leadership forum and that will determine the other invited groups. **Discussion.** Several ideas were discussed including inviting Council to attend as agenda items warrant, and making changes to EIC representation on Council. Cost of the midyear meeting, representation of Council, and role of divisional councilors was also discussed. What are the reasons for limiting the number of people at midyear meeting? What about efficiency: is the entire Council needed at midyear? Is cost the issue for limiting attendance at midyear? No motion to untable motion.

D. Other?

Pres. Bergstrom will appoint an *ad hoc* committee to look at the certified plant pathologists program. There is movement to drop this program in the next year.

It was relayed to Council that some members are concerned about APS over-blowing the bioterrorism issue.

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 12:35 pm EST.

New Councilors' Orientation

An orientation for incoming Councilors followed the annual Council meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attachments

1. Saturday Council Agenda
2. Draft of 2003 Midyear Council Minutes
3. August 6, 2003 Action List
4. Presidential Report
5. Proposals from SPB.
- 6 and 7. Plant Disease Editorial Board
8. Wednesday Council Agenda
9. Knowledge-based motion from Councilor's Forum
10. Evaluation Summary of 2003 SPL Forum
11. Nonprofit journal brochure