

Exec/FAC Conference Call Minutes for April 6, 2005

Present: Jim M., Gary B., John A., Ray M., Danise B., Mike E., Jan L., Steve N., Marci S., Amy H.

Absent: Erik S., Rose G.

1. Approval of the minutes of the April 6 call (should include the Conf call minutes from Jan and March plus those from midyear Exec/FAC)
 - a. Midyear Exec/Fac Minutes 2/18: (under item 2 – clarify budget item refers to Anaheim meeting), **motion to approve, seconded – passed unanimously**
 - b. Jan conference call minutes: no discussion, **motion to approve, seconded – passed unanimously**
 - c. March conference call minutes: no discussion, **motion to approve, seconded – passed unanimously**

2. Updates/Announcements
 - a. Response from Lodovica Gullino re: APS proposal to support ISPP meeting
Lodovica responded approvingly to the proposal.
Jim – will formalize in writing
Amy – arrange for staff to make the funds transfer
 - b. Jardine alerted to a review of OPAE. Points to address?
Gary-will attend the OPAE meeting this weekend and lead a discussion regarding reassessment of their activities, plans for the future, budget, and their relationship with PPB
 - c. Proposed changes in A&H ceremony format not well received. This will not change this year as proposed.
John, Jim and Erin R. Will meet with A&H committee in Austin to discuss future of the awards program
 - d. Update on divisional meetings
Jim, Jan, and Gary will attend the Caribbean, N. Central, and Pacific, respectively this summer.
Michelle – contact Allison T. and Gary G. to address issue of officer invites to division meetings at Councilor's Forum and the Division Officers Luncheon in Austin: request invite to outline procedure for reservation and what will be at officer expense/division expense.
 - e. Flap over travel awards for DPH students resolved by Don Mathre
 - f. Update on planning for summit conference with Tri-Societies, ESA and WSSA
Jim and Steve continue dialogue with these groups and will schedule additional conference calls prior to finalizing and agenda.
 - g. Abstract and Poster submissions are down from previous years. There is an overlap with MSA in dates and the ISMPMI meeting is just prior to Austin.

3. Financial issues
 - a. Chris Nygren departure. Search for new CFO
An ad was placed for Director of Finance and Administration: Sara Noah has performed phone interviews and she and Steve have a short list of candidate which they will begin interviewing this week
 - b. Rob Wick request for aid in diagnostic clinics (see attached)
This really falls under the charge of OIP. **Jim – forward the request to Randy Ploetz (OIP)**

- c. Request for Loper Committee to get together (Sat May 7?). Joyce wants Committee plus 2-3 extras for educational aspects of the report
[Motion to approve proceeding with this meeting, seconded - passed unanimously](#)
[Jim – will notify Joyce to proceed and encourage her to inquire about using CSREES contract funds to support the costs of the meeting if possible.](#)

4. Appointments

- a. **PPB** (Sherwood unavailable, Fletcher declined)
 - i. Stuckey still in pool.
 - ii. Others to consider? Stella? Keep thinking of others in the event Dick declines. Further, S. Gold and B. Carroll terms expire August 05 and they may be renewed, [motion to reappoint if willing, seconded – passed unanimously](#)
[Jim - will contact Dick, also S. Gold and B. Carroll regarding renewal of terms.](#)
- b. **Awards and Honors committee** (B. Falk and B. Seem appointed)
[Jim – will notify the Awards committee to confirm these appointments](#)
- c. **Foundation Board** approached Sherwood. He declined. Don is now going to approach Jose Amador.
- d. **Pub Board** Chair. Danise obtained the following nominations (numbers indicate frequency of nomination) from the Board. We need to rank sort:
[Jim – will begin contacting them in the order below except to move D. Gross up to the third spot.](#)

M. DAUB (5)
L. MADDEN (3)
G. SHANER (2)
S. DOUGLAS (2)
D. GROSS (2)
MUNDT (2)
B. HILLMAN
BIGGS
T. MURRAY
K. LEONARD

- e. **APS Press** Acquisition Editors – this will go to council with the recent OEC appointees

[Danise – request Kira to fill out an appointment form.](#)

Barry Jacobsen
Len Francl

Associate Editor – Plant Disease – this is an FYI – PD make the appt.
Dave Coplin

- f. **ISPP**. Bob Zeigler has agreed to serve as the primary contact point for the delegates.
Jim is continuing to contact other to fill the remaining spots based on our midyear list.
[Marci – update action item on this](#)

Other: Grants Proposal – [Jim – will send an intro message to Marci which she will forward with the grant proposal policy to chairs and director of our boards and offices.](#)