

APS Exec/FAC
July 12, 2005
Conference call agenda

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

Guests: Kent Smith and Al Jennings (USDA), Doug Luster, Barb C., Tom E., Judy B.

Absent: Allison T., Rose G.

1. Approval of minutes from June 14, 2005 call (attached)
 - MS -need to send out to all and approve in Austin
2. Discussion of APS participation in NPDRS (guest participants include Al Jennings and Kent Smith from USDA, and Doug Luster from APS Emerging Diseases committee. Jim Stack from the APS Biosecurity committee was invited, but was not available)
 - Role of APS: organize meeting. USDA will take the lead in developing the agenda, but will work cooperatively with APS on the agenda as well. They will work up the agenda and pass on to APS volunteers for input.
 - There are several APS members on the various teams, including Rick Bennett
 - USDA estimates approximately up to 50 participants involved in these workshops
 - The first one would take place most likely in the fall with 2-3 the first year
 - Locations to be determined; best location for that specific topic (e.g., citrus in Florida)
 - This would be a coop agreement between USDA and APS; they would look to us for input on the budget. Staff time/expenses would be covered financially and APS member involvement would count as in-kind contribution toward the budget match.
 - The agreement would be worded so that we can revisit and revise as we proceed
 - consensus to proceed with development of the coop agreement to be reviewed and voted on prior to commitment: Kent will send the draft to Jim M who will forward it to the appropriate staff and APS treasurer
3. Updates/Announcements
 - a. Randy Rowe has agreed to serve as Treasurer-Elect; beginning in Austin
 - b. Joyce Loper's committee wrapping up. Wants to post report on APSnet; there will be a summary in the registration packets
 - c. Divisional meeting recaps (MacDonald, Leach and Bergstrom)
 1. Caribbean (Jim M.)
 - Received a query about whether the Caribbean Division could be expanded to be a larger for expansion to "Latin American division" and also raised the question about an electronic journal of tropical agriculture
 - Judy B. will continue as Div. Councilor until they elect a replacement
 2. North Central (Jan L.)
 - Lower student attendance (possible due to visa restrictions – Canada); only 1 student travel award given
 - Interest expressed to build on collaborations with Canada and our divisions
 - Also mention from M. Draper that Albert Tenuda might be proposed for appointment to the Extension Committee.
 3. Pacific (Gary B.)
 - Joint meeting with the Western Soil Conference in Portland, with about 85 participants in Portland. Only 5 students giving presentations. 3 of the 5 received awards

- d. Budget update
 - Cash flow looks good with unaudited net income around 100,000 before deposit to reserves
- 4. Annual meeting updates
 - a. Review of Leadership Forum agenda
 - [Jim M. will provide documents to link to the agenda for background](#)
 - b. Review of Council agendas (Saturday and Wednesday sessions)
 - c. Review of FAC/Exec agenda
 - d. Any additional items people want brought to the table?
 - e. Status of committee reports
 - f. Estimated release of agendas and background info to participants
 - Should have posted this week with notice sent
- 5. Review list of action items (attachment)
- 6. Other
 - a. Appointments
 - 1. ATCC: Jim has been unable to contact G. Lacey. Apparently he has been out of the country.
 - There have been issues with our alliance to ATCC and changes in their operation
 - [Judy B agreed to look into this and report back to Jim M](#)
 - 2. IUMS: will request nominations from Virology, Bacteriology and Mycology Committees
 - [MS send Jim the contact info for those chairs](#)
 - b. John Sherwood has opportunity to provide testimony at a Senate Committee meeting on Biosecurity preparedness and the agro security threat next Wednesday. He will represent APS and also provide 4-5 pages of written testimony which will reference the Nat'l Center proposal

Call Adjourned