

APS Exec/FAC
September 12, 2005
Conference call Minutes

Present: Jim M., Jan L., John A., Allison T., Danise B., Barb M., Marci S., Wayne W., Randy R., Tom E.

Guests: Stella Coakley, Doug Jardine

Absent: Ray Martyn, Erik Stromberg

1. Evolution/Intelligent Design: We've received requests from members to release a statement on this issue. The Tri-societies, CSSA and AAAS all have made statements or published articles on the subject. CSSP is looking for a more effective way to influence public opinion and does not see themselves as the vehicle for this to flow through. OPAE and PPB do not feel this is within their respective charges to undertake.
Motion: APS to issue a public statement supporting the resolution released by the AAAS. Andrews to circulate the AAAS resolution and any comments for final reactions to be received by Friday before proceeding. Motion seconded, vote called – passed unanimously.
-John will proceed with above action
2. Updates
NPDRS: Steve was on a call this week with USDA leaders and chairs of the various groups representing each disease. They are all in varying stages of developing recovery plans which will be reviewed by a group of APS members as they are completed. No meetings plans are yet in place.
Quebec: Jan is meeting with MSA and CPS just ahead of the SPB meeting next week.
OIR/OPAE: **Jim M. will review and complete summary.** This will be on the agenda for the fall retreat.
ATCC: Jim received an email from Judy who made contact at ATCC. They expressed interest in our participation but it doesn't appear they ever endorsed our last rep or are even aware of us as an affiliate society. They are to respond to Judy.
-Jim will follow-up with Judy
3. Hurricane assistance: What could APS as an entity do to assist? Provide information on APSnet on specific concerns such as mold and other issues related to flood damage (tree pruning, salvage, etc.) with lists of related experts.
-John A will work with staff to identify APS members and post appropriate materials to APSnet
-Danise will look into possible contacts in Florida
4. Financial updates: Barbara reviewed the recent preliminary statements for 2 months ending in August. Questions came up about investments; how they are tracked and who tracks them. The Investment Advisory Committee (IAC) will be interviewing new candidates for their committee yet this year.
May need to look at investment allocations (IAC)
5. Future Calls: Set up recurring calls the 2nd Tuesday of each month through January at 9 am Central. Will re-evaluate the schedule at midyear going forward.
-Marci to send out schedule and call details to Exec/Fac

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