

Council Minutes

Saturday, July 30, 2005

Present: Wayne W., Gary G., Chris M., Margo D., Steve N., Kellye E., Barb C., Allison T., Tom E., Darin E., Jim M., Danise B., Marci S., Rose G., Randy P., Ray H., Ray M., John A., Erik S., Miles W., Amy H., Betty F., Jan L., Gary B., Erin R., Kira B., Margery D., Gerald H., Mike E, Steve K, Karen C., Barb M., Greg G., Judy B., Stella C.

Call to order (8:00-8:30)

Welcome and introductions

Appointment of parliamentarian: **Gary Bergstrom appointed**

Approval of agenda; **approved**

Approval of minutes: 2005 midyear Council meeting: **Motion to approve, seconded; passed unanimously**

Review of action items list (later in agenda)

MoO updates (later in agenda)

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President's introductory comments (8:30-8:40)

Recommendations from Standing Committees, Offices and Boards, Ad hoc Committees (8:40-11:30)

Financial Issues and the Financial Strategic Plan (Stromberg):

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-Motion to approve Coop Agreement between APS and USDA/NPDRS (Nat'l Plant Disease Recovery System): The APS President immediately sign the collaborative agreement with USDA to facilitate/implement emerging plant disease meetings, seconded – passed

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APS Press (Gergerich)

Reported on issues with volunteerism (difficulties getting people to commit time). Much promising publications in the pipeline and joint marketing opportunities

Publications Board (Bowen)

Recapped highlights of board reports from EIC's: Concern expressed by EIC of B&C about reports dealing with biologicals and subsequently published in F&N. He proposed merging these two publications into one. Staff is able to set up websites to be searched as one; will discuss further at meetings this evening.

Report on Electronic cross-linking of manuscripts by Staff discussed and approved by board. Chris M. presented an overview for his replacement as EIC of Phytopathology; as approved unanimously by pub board

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Motion brought forward from Pub Board for approval by Council (Bob Gilbertson – see template); Passed Unanimously

Chris M. will officially invite him to Council on Wednesday

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Ad hoc Journal Issues (Andrews et al)

Action item #89—recommendation regarding aggregator service (Andrews/Grahek)

Staff reviewed their research and recommendation of Atypon as the vendor. Costs include 97 to current on MPMI, PD, Phyto (43,000; 14,500 per journal for start-up then 48,000; 16,000 per journal annually). Opened for discussion or comment.

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Motion: Council charges staff to proceed immediately to contract with Atypon Systems for electronic service for MPMI/Phytopathology/PD on an ongoing basis. Motion to table till Wednesday; seconded – passed without opposition.

-Action item complete

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Action items 59 and 88 - For #88 committee was to rank access period of APS journals to current (global) Plant Pathology publications; how does 24 mo compare to 6, 12 or 18 mo journals? (Kronmiller/Grahek)

-Staff reported on open-access research results; APS at 2 yrs; statistically mid range (attachment)

-Action items complete

Public Policy Board (Coakley/Eversole). **Kellye provided an update and opportunity for Council input on PPB priorities. She would prefer more specific goals/direction on specific issues so that it is easier to see progress.**

-PPB has requested input from committees/groups

Scientific Programs Board (Roskopf)

Action item 94. How to move ahead?

-have limited the number of orals to 204 w/electronic cut off for submissions; diverted to posters

-between 8-10 concurrent sessions; would like better sense of reason to decrease this number and the target number; **let it ride as is**

Look at meeting survey and past survey results for comparison since changes implemented

Engage in coop meeting planning with Tri-Soc or ESA?

-interested in pursuing further

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Motion from board for replacements (Douglas and Elliott) of section chairs Culbreath and Boehm; passed (Template attached)

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OIP (Ploetz) **Working on increasing visibility and ways to serve int'l members.**

-APS should consider joining the AGORA journal consortium in future – how could we make our journals available to this initiative

-other opportunities have arising with Int'l societies (French and South America)

Headquarters Operations Committee (Bergstrom)

-Considering interaction with CRS; moving forward with dialogue

-this fall the HOC will meet have their first retreat as a group which will dovetail with an APS officer retreat.

Councilors' Forum (Ellis/Tally) **Working on PNews article on volunteerism for spring 06; cost to APS without volunteers**

Issues for discussion (11:30 – noon)

Appointments (see action items 76, 98, 101, 102)

ATCC – in the throws of change for past two years; Judy had discussion with colleague at ATCC; no commitment to house plant type pathogens. **Find out if they are interested at this point in inquiring new collections and get determination of process. (Judy) message in to collections director:**

IUMS – Bakers term is up/need to reappoint: **Gary will address at committee chair orientation; names to Jim M. by Wed council.**

ANSI – received email July 26 requesting representation from APS: **delegate to OIR for response**

ISA – unable to touch base with Dan Neely

Recess (12:00 noon)

Wednesday, August 3

Present: Jim M., Tom E., Mike E., Randy R., Steve N., Gary G., Ray M., Erik S., Marci S., Ray H., Margo D., Doug J., John A., Jan L., Kira B., Chris M., Doug L., Meg M., Allison T., Cleo D., Amy H., Barb M., Wayne W., Gary B., Miles W., Margery D., David Schmale, Ann Chase, Jim Stack

Absent: Danise B., Barb C., Rose G., Gerald H., Judy B.,

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- I. Evaluation of the Leadership Forum (MacDonald, Nelson)
 - A. Brief summary of group evaluation responses
 - **Will send compiled responses to Forum attendees**
 - B. Consensus and actions suggested by focus topic discussions?

Engage Sustaining Associates and Past President's; provide issues before meetings at ann meeting for discussion.

II. Committee updates: (Those not reported on Saturday)

Note: Written reports from each group have been posted online prior to the meeting and won't be presented at this time. Items to bring up for discussion include motions, action items, or issues that specifically need Council's attention. If your group has no issues for Council's attention at this time, we will just move to the next item.

- A. Ad hoc Phytopathology (Rowe) *See attached:* Members: John A., James Buck, Marc Cubeta, Robert Gilbertson, Michele Heath, Steve Lindow, Chris Mundt, Greg Shaner, Karen C., Greg G, and Steve K.

-Reviewed report on committee activities and survey response

- Role/niche; what is Phytopathology
- Slight changes to subject matter coverage
- Consider more int'l representation on editorial board
- Process; costs and editorial policies/attitudes (perception)

-consider running same survey on our other journals (Margo);

-portal on web to classify the journals/content – links to journal sections

-include link in news capsule to survey results with more expanded report in Phyto News and forward to Bob Gilbertson (include notice of further surveys on other journals)

-provide final report to John A.; add to agenda on future conference call

- B. Committee on Committees (Ellis)

-new orientation format very well received; focus on communication and logistics

-comments from reports for council and boards

Concern of repository for collections

Increased involvement with commodity boards

Improve communication

Position statement from APS on evolution

-Committee on Committees (from OPAE) to consider disbanding Youth Programs; recommendation at midyear

-COC article in Phyto News on comments; update/recommendations at midyear

- C. Ad hoc Plant Pathology Priorities (MacDonald) - received final report;

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Motion to thank committee and excuse them; seconded – passed unanimously

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(Jim M.) Provide clear instructions on comment page

(Steve K.) Publish the Exec. Summary of report in Phyto News with (Margery/Michelle)

- D. Biosecurity Committee (Stack)

-drafting a white paper with D. Luster; focusing on implications of HSPD9 (Homeland Security Presidential Directive 9) to APS and members

-Concern over DHS de-emphasis of plant systems. Working to raise the profile. Congress may re-draft the "Bioshield" legislation. There may be an opportunity to get plant systems included.

- Requests input for a meeting at the end of the month
 - invited to participate in APHIS/CPHST strategic planning committee. APHIS believes it can accomplish the goals of the proposed National Center for Plant Biosecurity. We and APHIS are not communicating well on this issue.
 - capture these biosecurity issues into planning for the 08 meeting; int'l cooperation to achieve agricultural biosecurity (symposia)
 - APS partner with educational organizations and other societies/commodity groups; raise the Ag IQ
- Include on future summit agenda with other societies (Andrews)
(Jim S.) working on slide set for public consumption; post on APSnet**

E. Emerging Diseases and Pathogens (Luster)

- participated in select agent list provision
- committee using their procedures to review and update the list; Doug to present recommendations
- should this be converted to a special committee?

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Motion: the committee of Emerging Diseases and pathogens be made a special committee of council, seconded; passed unanimously (new business)

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F. Update on Soybean Rust Symposium (Bergstrom): November

- looking at attendance of a bout 150 with a budget around 13,000; reg fee \$125/easly \$105
- active participation and interest from gov't agencies and professional organizations
- advisory group of 25+; meeting by conference calls
- adding posters to meeting

G. Centennial Planning Committee (D'Arcy)

- Recognize membership with pins representative of years of service at 08 meeting
- Check-off box on renewal form to earmark \$10 for contribution to Centennial Meeting for years leading up to the meeting
- staff to survey membership for top 100 plant path discoveries....

H. Foundation (Chase)

- On target with last year for contributions at annual meeting; should exceed
- consider all donations over next few years go towards the 100 for a 100 campaign
- have voted to skip an on-site midyear meeting; will meet by teleconference in lieu of that
- considering handling other models outside of their typical standard?? ; i.e. pioneer fellowship
- mechanisms for donation of stocks, wills/trusts (manageable ways to facilitate contributions)
- new member, replace Don Cooksey; Jose Amador (template w/ranking approved at Midyear)

I. Other items arising since Anaheim or mid-year meetings

- Foundation Travel Award Process (Dave Schmale)
 - Reviewed the application process and criteria: received no applications form DPM programs – ideas for sessions/speakers on hot topics are filtered through Grad Student committee (consider a byline in program book to indicate the topic was suggested by Travel Awardee)
 - post online examples/ideas of presentations

III. Items tabled from committee and board recommendations

A. Financial actions

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Tabled Aggregator motion: **Motion to bring off the table; passed unanimously “Council charges APS staff to proceed immediately to contract with Atypon Systems for electronic services for MPMI/Phytopathology/PD on an ongoing basis.**

-staff to report regularly to pub board on progress

Vote called - unanimous

CPI Increase: **Motion: We approve the increase in member dues from 69 to 70 dollars per year; passed unanimously**

Operating Reserve: **Motion: We transfer \$100 thousand of operating cash to the Operating Reserve.; passed unanimously**

New Budget FY06: Includes CPI, Soybean Rust budget, Aggregator service and Operating reserve adjustments. (loss before reserves of 9,938) **Motion to approve FY06 budget as revised; passed unanimously**

Financial Strategic Plan: **Motion from Exec/Fac: we approve the proposed Financial Strategic Plan as presented to council and reflected through FY 2009 (changes from prior strategic plan are decrease in net loss member service \$100,000, increase in costs – inflation - of Phyto News \$25,000, increase in net income from MPMI \$50,000, decrease in net income from PMN \$100,000, and decrease in net income APS Press \$50,000 – total unfavorable change \$25,000).**

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B. Miscellaneous items or motions from standing committees, etc

1. **Pubs Board: combination of F&N and B&C boards/publications**

-provide preamble of proposed new board/publication and survey members and industry groups within APS for feedback; (Pub Board)

-recruit another EIC for B&C – Steve Bost/resigned 12/31/05 (Pub Board)

2. **PPB:**

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Motion – PPB unanimously requests that council approve the creation of the position, chair-designate, to be filled on year prior to an expected vacancy of the chair of the board. Individual may come from either within or outside the board –CD will become chair;-Vote called; passed unanimously

Modify MoO (Marci)

Motion – Jacque Fletcher be appointed the Chair Designate for coming year; serving as chair 06-07 - Vote called; passed unanimously

3. **OPAE: Reappointment of Doug Jardine as Director; Motion: Table motion from OPAE to re-appoint Doug Jardine as Director of OPAE, second; passed unanimously**

-(Jim) communicated to Doug reasoning behind motion being tabled

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IV. Appreciation to outgoing Council members (MacDonald)

V. Items for new APS Council (Andrews)

A. Welcome to new Council members

B. **FAC Appointments; Tom Evans and Wayne Wilcox** (John Andrews)

C. Reappointment of ad hoc committees

(Ray Martyn expressed the possible need of a special committee to monitor for the next 5 years the publication process and the changes developing. Will the Journals Working Group continue on in some form to monitor this issue or do we need to form a different committee?)

-Assigned to Pub Board for continued monitoring

PMN – at it's 5th anniversary; looking toward development of strategic plan for PMN with assistance outside the current advisory board

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-Motion: Pub board charged to develop a PMN strategic planning group along with APS staff to determine how to fulfill the role of SP for PMN with a progress report at midyear – passed unanimously

Journal Issues, Private Practice, Plant Path Priorities

D. Planning for 2006 Midyear Council meeting (February 22-25, 2006)

E. Review of action items - **Marci – update list with new items from minutes**

F. Other: **-Marci - Send out new list of CC – Exec/FAC**

VI. Adjourn