

APS Council Minutes Mid-Year Meeting 2005

Friday February 18 (3:30-4:00 PM)

Council in attendance: Danise Beadle, Gerald Holmes, John Andrews, Jim MacDonald, Jan Leach, Ray Martyn, Kira Bowen, Gary Grove, , Rose Gergerich, Barb Christ, Tom Evans, Allison Tally, Gary Bergstrom, Mike Ellis, Margery Daughtrey, Erik Stromberg, Meg McGrath, Don Mathre, Chris Mundt

Guests/Staff: Steve Nelson, Marci Smith, Amy Hope, Jean Ristaino, Mike Benson, John Sherwood, Michelle Bjerkness. Steve Kronmiller, Miles Wimer

1. Call to order (Macdonald)
2. Welcome and introductions (MacDonald)
3. Appointment of parliamentarian (MacDonald): Gary Bergstrom Appointed
4. Review of meeting procedures and motion forms (Beadle)
5. Approval of agenda (MacDonald) (*attachment 05Council_A_MY*)
6. Approval of minutes of previous meeting (Beadle):
Motion: accept the minutes as written, so moved, 2nd, no discussion – approved unanimously
7. President's report (MacDonald) (*attachment 05Council_1_MY*)
Additions: Nat'l Center report, as approved by Council, has garnered additional support since the Annual Meeting in Anaheim
Tri-societies Summit meeting in the works
Symposium on Soybean Rust in process
Jim has contacted all the award recipients per the Award and Honors report
8. Executive Vice President's report (Nelson) (*attachment 05Council_2_MY*)
Highlights: S. Nelson met recently with CESSE group. Journals, Young Professional participation (lack of), demographics, blurring of discipline boundaries, globalization, decreasing federal funding for research were all seen as common issues.
9. FAC report (financial requests on the table) (Stromberg): Presented three motions from FAC that will be voted on Sunday.

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Focus Topic 1: Budget Basics. (Stromberg and Nelson) 4:00-5:30

APS Strategic Plan:

GOAL 2. Maintain a strong, proactive and united professional organization.

Objective 2C. Promote a culture of continual strategic and financial planning to assure a dynamic, flexible and responsive organizational structure that is financially sound and proactive in management.

- a. Review of APS budget and current financial situation.
- b. Review of APS Financial Strategic Plan

Miles: review anticipated date when publications will be online only (when print will be too cost prohibitive to continue)

Councilor's Forum Report: Mike Ellis provided a summary of topics discussed by the Councilors, and proposed actions.

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*DeBary Bowl – Motion: DeBary Bowl be discontinued effectively on the 2005 meeting:
Discussion, vote called, passed with two negative votes.*

Gary Grove will personally contact Don White to inform him. Council wishes to recognize Don White in some manner for his contribution.

Committee Streamline Report/Motions (attachment 05M_COI1_MY)

Motion open for discussion, vote called, passed unanimously

MEllis – submit Phyto News article for May issue on the changes.

Meeting Recessed until 8:00 AM Saturday

Saturday, February 19

Council Attending: Meg McGrath, Margery Daughtrey, Rose Gergerich, Gary Bergstrom, Tom Evans, Barb Christ, Erik Stromberg, Mike Ellis, Chris Mundt, Gary Grove, Kira Bowen, Ray Martyn, Allison Tally, Jim MacDonald, Jan Leach, Gerald Holmes, Danise Beadle, Don Mathre, John Andrews

Guests and Staff: Erin Roskopf, Mike Benson, Randy Rowe, John Sherwood, Michelle Bjerkness, Steve Nelson, Amy Hope, Greg Grahek, Steve Kronmiller, Karen Cummings, Marci Smith

Focus Topic 2: Planning for the financial future of our journals: Report of the Andrews committee. (Andrews, Grahek) 8:00-9:30

APS Strategic Plan

Goal 1. Promote highest quality research and professional standards.

Objective 1B. Monitor the quality and success of APS journals and APS Press through surveys, industry indicators, and market analyses, and establish and support policies and procedures that enhance the value and competitiveness of these publications to ensure their future success.

Strategic Financial Plan:

By 2008: Phytopathology \$300k, Plant disease \$200k, MPMI \$100k

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a. Review of ad hoc committee findings and explanation of various financial models (Andrews).

attachments (JA, GG, [within journals report] and SK[h:dosuser/electronic products/APS Journal 2004 Usage])

Digitization:

Timeline: No more than 6 years for the 3 APS journals

Cost: final cost \$94,000 (UW scanning saves APS \$85,000)

Institutional Site Licenses: continue to proactively proceed

Open-access-back issues: Broader dissemination of our science; public relations; marketing strategy

Electronic Delivery: do in-house or use electronic aggregator service (costs significant)

b. General discussion to assure clear understanding of options.

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Motion: open access be allowed for articles after 24 months from current issue publication, to take effect immediately, seconded, passed unanimously (progress and impact of this strategy be reviewed in six months)

Greg: APS set open-access at 24 months: Chart open access for journals competitive with ours. Council review timeframe for open-access at annual meeting

Greg: Proceed with detailed assessment of electronic aggregator services; recommendation at Austin

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A. Related Issue: Review of Shaner Committee report and next steps. (MacDonald, Martyn) 9:30-9:45

New Adhoc-Phytopathology Editorial Focus: Randy Rowe, Chair, Michelle Heath, Steve Lindow, James Buck, Mark Cubeta, Chris Mundt, John Andrews, Greg Shaner, Greg Grahek (Feb 2005, include in completed action items)

Chris Mundt presented: *attachment (Phytopathology Report)*

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Motion: accept report of Andrews committee, thank and dismiss them, seconded, passed unanimously

Motion: accept report of Shaner committee, thank and dismiss them, seconded, passed unanimously

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B. Related Issue: Pub Board leadership. Is it time for a new model? (Bowen, MacDonald) 9:45-10:00

a. Review of workload on EICs and difficulties in succession planning.

b. Need for continuity in carrying out strategic financial plan

Would like council to appoint a pub board chair, not a current editor-in-chief, for focus on journal issues and not having former duties of that of an EIC

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Motion: A pub board chair will be appointed who is not simultaneously an EIC for a journal, seconded, Discussion, passed unanimously (term of the chair will be for three years and will coincide with the annual meeting cycle. The pub board chair will have experience as a former EIC)

Council: appoint this new chair by Austin, term to coincide with annual meeting similar to other council positions
c. Discussion and action items.

Motion: The F&N and B&C Tests Editorial Board will reside under the purview of the APS publications board, seconded, passed unanimously: The current chair of the Pub Board and the EIC of APS Press will inform the EIC's of F&N & B&C Tests: The EIC's of B&C tests and F&N Tests will not serve as members of APS Council.

Kira and Rose: Inform the EIC's of F&N and B&C Tests of the change

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Focus Topic 3. Public Policy Board: Summary of accomplishments and discussion of priorities and 2005-06 budget proposal. (Sherwood) 10:20-11:30

APS Strategic Plan:

GOAL 5. Promote understanding and increase awareness of plant pathology and the practice of plant pathology.

Objective 5B. Provide timely (proactive as well as reactive) and credible science-based information to national and international policy and funding organizations and institutions that are engaged in defining critical issues, drafting position statements, making recommendations, as well as regulating and funding policies affecting plant health sciences.

Strategic Financial Plan:

Contain the growth of "Member Services" expenses to \$700k by 2008

- a. Review of PPB accomplishments over past four years. (attachment, PPT from John Sherwood)
- b. Review of PPB budget over past four years
- c. Discussion of PPB priorities for coming year, and the budget needed for support of those activities. (attachment, ppb priorities)

PPB clarified that they would indeed approve any hours beyond those contracted

A. Related Issue: Policies and Procedures for grant submission on behalf of APS. (MacDonald) 11:30-12:00

- a. Grants can represent an important revenue source, allowing APS to carry out its "agenda" without tapping into member services or other budgets.
- b. Grants represent an institutional commitment. How shall the need for grants be assessed, and proposals reviewed/approved, while maintaining nimbleness in APS's ability to respond to important issues? (attachment "try" documents)

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Motion: The draft policy governing the review and approval of grant applications, presented to Council on January 19, 2005, shall be adopted: [needs brief pre-proposal and verbiage for the MoO](#), seconded, ([Jim will write motion](#)), no further discussion, vote called, passed unanimously (attachment 05M_C3_MY)

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Focus Topic 4: Meeting Strategies. (Roskopf, Nelson, Andrews, and MacDonald) 1:00-2:30

APS Strategic Plan:

GOAL 2. Maintain a strong, proactive and united professional organization.

Objective 2A. Broaden the membership base by providing new and innovative options that add value to the membership, as well as more opportunities for involvement at the annual meeting, for students, members of industry, international scientists, members of sister societies, those who are working in plant pathology but who have non-plant pathology backgrounds, and others with interests in or ties to plant pathology.

Strategic Financial Plan:

Annual meeting to generate a \$50k surplus per year, to offset revenue losses due to lost journal subscriptions.

MS: Modify status of Centennial committee to a “special committee”

a. Summary of SPB’s first mid-year meeting and strategic planning ideas

Reviewed report: use of funds; moderator’s tip sheet; e-community to facilitate “bull-pen” discussion on meeting planning;

b. Discussion of various meeting options (annual meeting, on-line symposia, special topic meetings, etc.) and revenue possibilities. (develop symposia designed to bring in outside audiences [medical, biotech] that are willing to pay the fees)

need more communication between groups (keep SPB in the loop on activities/workshops, etc. conducted by various committees, boards, etc.)

Attachment (Amy h): Annual meeting models

By show of hands, a “sense of Council” was determined, and it indicated support for continuing to reduce the number of concurrent sessions so as to reduce the “scramble” members often feel. **SPB: continue to scale down the number of concurrent sessions with the intent to reduce the number below the current ten at the annual meeting.**

Other Issues:

Introduction of Centennial Logo (Bjerkness) 2:45-2:50

Preliminary plans for Leadership Forum in Austin (MacDonald) 2:50-3:30

Potential focus topics (report from Office of Industry Relations, The Future of APS journals, other?)

Industry/Private Practitioners

Young Professionals

Future of APS journals (also electronic aggregator)

Experiment in member services (MacDonald) 3:30-3:45

A new vehicle for APS members to network: Special Interest Groups (SIGs) to resemble “committees,” but not so formal (use Jacques’s Forensic committee as a test group)

Come and go with people’s interests. No formal charge. No progress reports.

Formally recognized by APS, and eligible to propose special sessions for meetings

Meeting recessed until 8:00 AM Sunday

Sunday, February 20

Council in Attendance: John Andrews, Margery Daughtrey, Rose Gergerich, Erik Stromberg, Gary Bergstrom, Tom Evans, Barb Christ, Chris Mundt, Gary Grove, Kira Bowen, Ray Martyn, Jan Leach, Allison Tally, Jim MacDonald, Gerald Holmes, Danise Beadle

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Still meeting in Committee of the Whole:

Recommendations/Strategic Issues from Standing Committees and Boards 8:00-11:00

a. Executive Committee (MacDonald)

(1) Appointments for terms nearing their end ([see appt grid for action items](#))

(2) Other items coming out of Exec. meeting

b. Updates to the Manual of Operations (Beadle)

b. Councilors’ Forum (Ellis)

APS Outstanding Volunteer Award: Proposed the award with caveat that the normal Dec 31 deadline be waived in order to give this award in Austin. Add APS member requirement.

[Allison: Will revise and circulate, with title change and other edits.](#)

[Michelle: come up with standard verbiage for the plaque](#)

[Jan will approach ISMPMI regarding joint meeting in 2009 \(will draft letter for Jim to send\)](#)

Emeritus Issues: Barb, Gerald, and Tom will take this on for the next year.

[Two new Divisional councilors have agreed to write an article for Phyto News for the May issue, deadline March 15.](#)

Move from Committee of the Whole

Motion: "Fellow" the addition of "the advancement of disease management" be listed in the criteria, (attachment 05M_CF2_MY) [MoO update]: 2nd, vote called, passed unanimously

- c. Publications Board (Bowen): no items to bring forward
consider discussing the aggregate issue in leadership Forum at Austin
- d. FAC Motions (Stromberg) (see attached Motion Grid)
- e. Other? (based upon advance receipt of issues, or on issues that arise at Midyear)
AAAS representation: APS names one representative each to Section G--Biological Sciences and Section O-Agriculture "Jim M. -communicate with D. Gilchrist regarding appointment (has he been serving both roles?)
"The president-elect serves as a public information officer for the Society" - MB - propose that OP&E director fill this role by council recommendation (move under OP&E section?)
Motion to adjourn, 2nd – passed unanimously