

APS Exec/Fac Call
9:00 AM CT-Wed 10 May

Present: Danise B., Allison T., John A., Jan L., Tom E., Randy R., Rose G., Ray M., Barb M., Steve N., Marci S., Michelle B.

Absent: Erik S., Jim M., Wayne W.

1. Approval of minutes conference call 12 April. Andrews/Smith.
Approved as distributed

2. Report on May meeting CSSP. Andrews.

- John provided a summary of the meeting: content included relevant scientific discussions, specifically with an international perspective and also several futurist speakers
- APS needs to continue it's participation with the CSSP; attending at least one of their meetings each year

3. Report on HOC meeting. Andrews/Nelson.

The agenda not only included the traditional practical responsibilities of this committee but also strategic items including discussions on Globalism (this discussion will be part of council meeting in Quebec):

- Governance; equipping volunteer leaders; this is a Forum topic for Quebec – Steve N will facilitate
- New business models (Associations in the Age of the Long Tail); looking at all the activities/products that collectively profit our science and society
- Flat World; moving to modernize – we need to provide better IT/web infrastructure; larger public presence, searchable web; podcasting and other electronic options
- staff will work with Darin (OEC)

4. Report on USDA NPDRS meeting. MacDonald.

Ray reported on behalf of Jim M. This meeting was well attended and overall they are proceeding in the right direction. Some concerns are:

- lack of communication among agencies within USDA
 - this further reinforces our proposed need for an over-arching center
- no real agenda on how to determine other pathogens for consideration; APS has a real role in defining this list
- Ray is meeting with Al Jennings and Kent smith next week regarding previous plans provided to APHIS
- Jim is preparing the report now and also the article for Phyto News

5. Plans for business meeting, Quebec. Andrews.

John A will MC; introduce speakers to include:

- Steve N: to speak briefly on the successes of APS over the past year; acknowledge the work of our volunteers
 - Also important that members know who staff are; staff should attend if possible
- Erik S: treasurer's report
- Danise B: Secretaries report; membership/necrology
- should also include a centennial meeting update

6. Progress by SPB in reformulating how to meet their charge (specialty meeting focus, etc.). Leach.
- SPB had a 3-hour call recently and will have another next week to continue these discussions
 - Jan wants to go back to them with a clear message as to their charge; what is required of them by the council meetings in Quebec?
 - one sticking point was the industry rep/liaison issue
 - They need to answer these questions:
 - Is restructuring necessary?
 - they can't, don't know how, don't have the resources
 - If so, then who should be on (what personnel do they need to get it done)
 - What is going to be the mechanism for executing their charge?

7. Financial update. Stromberg/Mock.

Statements were sent yesterday with commentary. Net income is over budget due to favorable results of the FY05 meeting, good book sales and keeping personnel expenses down. The net income does not include the Soybean Rust Symposium which will add another \$21 thousand to this favorable net income. The cash flow is positive but not as positive as our net income due to increases in prepaid expenses for the annual meeting and increases in inventory.

8. Other business.

ISPP – received the most recent audited statement (for 2003) from ISPP and that others will follow as they become audited; they have contact information for Erik, Randy and Barb.

Int'l Science Fair – Ray is attending and is very impressed with the science being done at the high school level.

Meeting – only 20 rooms left at the buy-down rate (Delta). Canadian exchange rate is currently at 90%

The next call is scheduled for June 14. John will be at the Pacific Div meeting and depending upon his responsibilities there will either call in or see if one of the other officers can lead the call.

Call adjourned