

APS Exec/Fac Call
9:00 AM CT-Wed 12 July

Present: Danise B., Jan L., Allison T., John A., Erik S., Jim M., Tom E., Ray M., Barb M., Steve N., Marci S., Michelle B., Amy H.

Absent: Randy R., Rose G., Wayne W.

1. Approval of minutes from conference call 10 May. (Andrews/Smith)
Approved as distributed by general consent
2. Officer Schedules Quebec; Council and Exec/FAC Agendas (Andrews)
 - Sr. Editor's lunch – the pubs chair cannot attend. Jim MacDonald will attend and speak briefly at the beginning and then move to the plenary lunch.
 - Marci – [let Karen C know and ask her to introduce him](#)
 - OIP International discussion is at 1 pm on Saturday. Officers who can attend should be there
 - Agendas: will continue call with MS and Jan to finalize.
3. HOC Report; IT infrastructure initiative (MacDonald):
Staff was directed to explore portal technology infrastructure; have conferenced with OEC and OPAE directors and are proposing an adhoc committee to pursue developing the plan and budget estimate for this project. There will be further discussion at the Exec/FAC meeting in Quebec.
4. Composition of Exec/FAC (Andrews/staff):
Staff broached this subject as there are timing conflicts with Exec/FAC meetings and Councilor's forum. Discussed options and decided to leave structure as is and work with schedules to resolve conflicts.
5. Centennial planning update (Martyn).
Have held several calls with Cleo and there was a meeting at headquarters with the new coordinating committee in June. As part of the budget discussion, the APS Council's annual set aside for Centennial since FY05 will be directed specifically to the meeting costs, as was originally specified in the motion by Council and APS will fund the Birthday Party. All donations already committed should be in sometime after the 08 meeting. Funds received now go towards the full meeting costs. Some of the meeting format options being discussed are: a. limiting the number of contributed oral papers; allowing only those for graduate students and post docs. B. Having abbreviated oral talks prior to poster viewing (considering a trial run on this in San Diego). C. Restructuring the beginning: have traditional field trips and workshops on Friday, Forum at midyear, committee and board meetings Sat pm (after lunch), and a Sat. evening reception during registration or out at the science museum.
John A. will introduce this subject at Sat. Council and Ray will address budgetary issues.
[-Ray M. – Have a detailed report with progress to date at midyear 07 for council approval to proceed.](#)
6. Asian initiative update (Leach):
Tom Mew served informally as our liaison at a meeting with the Chinese Plant Pathology Society. A summary was submitted from their meeting in May:
 - organize a symposium with common interest
 - collaborative research topics
 - training on special topics within plant pathology
 - compilation of data (databases)

Jan/John – send formal letter to begin these initiatives

The Chinese have invited and offered to host and APS representative to visit Beijing. Jan will consider inviting a rep from their society to the San Diego meeting.

Jan will lead this and workup a tentative plan for discussion of Exec/FAC in Quebec

Jan will communicate to Exec/FAC requesting ideas for other possible opportunities with them

7. Report on other meetings attended (Andrews/Martyn):

AIBS – Ray M attended. The focus was on evolution, politics and science.

Ray will forward a detailed report

North Central Division (Ray): This was a very good meeting and well attended. The next meeting is in Lafayette IN; June 29-31, 2007

Pacific (John): This was a nice meeting though not well attended; good turn out of undergrads

8. Budget update (Stromberg/Mock)

Erik reviewed the financials, reporting a surplus for this year. Should have a discussion at Exec/FAC in Québec on how to utilize these funds; prioritize initiatives.

9. Joint meeting 2007 (Martyn)

We have come to a resolution on the joint logo design

10. Other:

Positions to consider ending in 2007

-OIP, SPB and OIR directors

This is the end of Erin's second term on SPB and the new director will be in place for the first meeting at the centennial

-Secretary and Phyto News EIC

This will be addressed under new business at the Wed Council meeting

Meetings: John emphasized the importance of sending the meeting survey out immediately after the annual meeting

Need to address joint meeting issues; specifically abstract submission – need to be submitted through the APS system. This should be in the contract. We need a template for these agreements/contracts

Call adjourned