

**APS FAC/Exec Conference Call Minutes**  
**Wednesday, Sept. 6, 7 AM PST, 8 AM MST, 9 AM CST, 10 AM EST**

**A. Information only**

**1. Reappointment of Tom Evans and Wayne Wilcox to FAC.**

**2. Centennial Coordinating Committee (CCC) changes:**

- Jim Moyer will serve as chair
- Rose G. and John A. retire; will not replace
- Allison Tally has agreed to remain on the CCC (8/25/06).
- Committee will have charge as per John A.

**3. Ad hoc Committee on Culture Collections (Jan/John)**

- Discussions with Jeff Jones and others:
  - Jeff will continue as chair
  - revisited the committee membership with Jeff: added two members suggested by Jeff, Rick Bennett and Ned Tisserat. Will remove Cathy Catranis. Others will remain (if they agree to do so).
  - Rick and Ned have both agreed to serve. Rick will bring the ARS perspective...they are developing a strategic plan to manage their collections (this includes an inventory of what they have). Ned brings the NPDN perspective, i.e., what role can they play in cataloging and developing a database.
  - suggested that they have a conference call with Andre Levesque in Canada, because they have invested a large amount of \$\$ into an assessment of culture collections in Canada and are using the European approach as a model. Would be good for us to capitalize on their findings and maybe collaborate.
  - Jeff has agreed to make a presentation at Council. I told him we would like a strategic plan for APS on what the problem is, what the collections are that need protecting, what kind of database would be required, etc. They will be initiating a survey to assess the collections in the US.

**-Randy officer to track this committee**

**4. NCSE: <http://ncseonline.org/> National Council of Science and the Environment meeting (JAN)**

- Kenneth L. Pernezy, our Affiliate Rep announced that the NCSE annual conference next year is titled "Epidemic diseases of worldwide importance." He indicated that a lot of agency and legislative personnel are involved in this program; it is used to set policy on key issues. He indicated that APS could get onto the agenda.
- Ken has asked Jim Marois to speak at a break out session
- Bigger issue: are we best using our Affiliate Reps? What precisely are their charges, and should they be modified? Will discuss at Officer Retreat.**

**B. Agenda: Sept 6 Conference Call**

**1. Attendance (Marci): Jan L., Ray M., John A., Jim M., Barb C., Tom E., Wayne W., Rose G., Steve N., Marci S., Amy H., Barb M**

**Absent: Randy R., Danise B.**

**2. Officer call tracking list (Jan)**

Reviewed the purpose of the contact matrix and need for tracking progress on these groups and issues.

**3. Centennial planning status/issues? (Ray/Jim)**

They are considering changes in format, specifically; the plenary will be intensely scientific with a second futurist speaker at noon, possibly Tuesday: Coordinate this with the bus meeting and have a boxed lunch. Will keep Council apprised as ideas develop.

Jim Moyer will be putting together a conference call for the coordinating committee to develop a meeting template that they can revise as plans progress:

Action: to report at Midyear. Jim will touch base with Michelle Bjerkness on recent committee activities.

#### 4. Crop Biosecurity “Special” Committee (Jan)

*-Issue is that this committee has not reported to Council, so don't know if active*

-Jan's discussions with Jim Stack (KSU), chair of the committee

-originally an ad hoc, then a Special Committee

-what have they done? Unofficial: have conference calls on ATCC-biodefense standards (expert panel) and ARS-NPDRS meeting. Meet at the annual meeting

-charge to the committee **now not** clear; is it an advisory committee? Could it be merged with Doug Luster's Emerging pathogen committee

Overlap in membership

Distinct but congruent topics

Doug does not think they should be merged (from conversation with Jim)

-should we dissolve (what does it take to do that) or merge?

-Jim is willing to continue, but wants to know charge

-Jacque agrees with what Jim has said, but believes there are many things that the committee could do that are distinct from Doug's committee

-This is a council Committee, so Council needs to decide if this committee is still needed, and if so, what is its charge

-(consider: should we have Jacque and Jim in a future conference call?)

**-Ray officer to track this committee**

They currently don't feel they know their charge. APS should have a face in the issue of Crop Biosecurity; is there a national committee in existence?

Action: Jan will talk with Doug Luster and Jacque Fletcher further on this subject and report back to Exec/FAC

#### 5. International efforts: need strategic thinking to focus efforts

##### a. Update from China (Jan)

-waiting for response to letter from CPPS (know it is in the works)

They met in late August so we anticipate a response soon.

##### b. Meeting of the Americas (MOA-'09)(Jan)

*-Issue: Approach to MOA-'09: Special Committee (appointed by Council) to collaboratively plan of this meeting with sister societies*

-Charge to the committee would include:

-brainstorming/organization of the San Diego summit with the Presidents of the American Societies

-Development of proposal (in collab with other societies) for the meeting and presentation of that to Council

-pondering future collabs/relations with sister societies

-Chair possibility Lee Calvert (current Carrib Div Councilor, and at CIAT);

-committee would include representation from Councilors Forum, OIP, SPB, and Early Career Prof?

-Invitations to Presidents of Phytopathology societies for SA, Central A, and Canada

-include offer of free registration (but no travel)

-Offer of free subscript to Phyto News

-Will announce the planning of the mtg and invitation at Carribean Division Mtg

**-Jan officer to track as Exec Contact**

Exec/FAC approves proceeding with the plan for a special committee to oversee this meeting in 09.

Action: Jan will work to develop this committee and it's charge

#### 6. International Seed Federation (ISF) (Jan)

-Ask if APS will “assist in drawing up guidelines on strain denomination and explore means by which researchers from all over the world could access strains and seed of varieties identified in a differential set”

*-Issue: Is this a task for the Seed Pathology committee, or does it need a special committee?*

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ISTA has also been involved in this area: are there any APS members connected with this group? Should we engage any of our committees in this effort (Seed Pathology, Host Resistance, Virology, Bacteriology, Culture Collections)? What will be the mechanism?

Action: Ray will contact Wayne Wiebe and other committee chairs to determine committee interest and report back by the next conference call

**7. AAAS sanctioned a Section O (Agriculture) study of “Underrepresentation of Women in Agricultural Sciences”.** Seeking collaboration from agricultural societies. (Jan)

**-Issue: APS participation?**

-Committee of ~5; high profile  
-will report to AAAS Council and Sister Society Councils  
-Marla McIntosh, Prof Natural Sciences at U. MD proposed

Could this be a broader study; looking at multiple minority groups?

Exec/FAC approves participation

Action: Jan will proceed; will contact the joint committee of women in plant pathology and cultural diversity (Chair: Rufina Hernandez-Martinez, Ph: (951) 827-3516, email: [rufinah@ucr.edu](mailto:rufinah@ucr.edu))

**8. Other?**

PDMR: (Ray M) The editorial board of Plant Disease Management Reports has had a request that in addition to publishing the reports, the authors include their replicated raw data (i.e. Not just the published statistical data). This then would be available via an upload to others. I received a call from Dan Egel, EIC of PDMR and we discussed the pros and cons of this. I suggested he poll his editors and then make a recommendation to Pub Board. If the recommendation from both PDMR and Pub Board was favorable, then council might see a motion at midyear. If the recommendation was not favorable, then no action would be forthcoming. The alternative is that I am not sure even if council needs to address this or if this something that pub board can do on its own. I suspect I will hear something back from Dan over the next couple of weeks.