

APS FAC/Exec Conference Call Minutes
Wednesday, November 1, 7 AM PST, 8 AM MST, 9 AM CST, 10 AM EST

A. Information only; PLEASE review before call (we won't discuss unless there are questions).

1. International Seed Federation (ISF) request: (see Ray Martyn's correspondence attached) (Ray won't be on the call; questions can be directed to him)

2. AAAS sanctioned a Section O (Agriculture) study of "Under representation of Women in Agricultural Sciences". Collaboration with APS, ASA, CSSA, and SSSA

-Chair: Dr. Marla McIntosh, U. MD

-Committee so far:

- Dr. Phyllis Johnson, USDA-ARS (Director, Beltsville)
- Dr. Ron Phillips, U. MN (Geneticist, NAS member)
- Dr. Neal VanAlfen, UC Davis (Plant Pathologist, Ag Dean)
- Dr. Vicki Wilde, Program Leader of the CGIAR Gender & Diversity Program
- Dr. Ellen Bergfeld (Exec VP, Tri-Societies)
- Dr. Catherine Wotecki, Global Director of Scientific Affairs, Mars, Incorp
- Dr. Mary Clutter, recently retired from NSF

B. Agenda:

1. Attendance (Marci)

Present: Jan L., Tom E., John A., Rose G., Wayne W., Steve N., Marci S., Barb M., Miles W.

Absent: Ray M., Jim M., Randy R., Danise B.

2. Editorial Appointments

A. Editor in Chief of APS Press and other Pub Board Issues (Marci/Jan)

-proposed EIC for APS Press

Motion: approve appointment of Margery Daughtrey as EIC of APS Press. Vote called; passed unanimously. Note: Margery will continue in capacity of Phyto News EIC until that appt is confirmed.

-proposal to change structure to spread duties of EIC with a new position of Assoc. EIC, APS Press
The Assoc. EIC, APS Press will handle projects already in process. It is important to delineate this position from the EIC, so there is a clear understanding of the two roles. Staff is fully informed and supportive of this new position.

Rose will temporarily be the Assoc. EIC, APS Press until nominations are brought forward from Margery and the pubs board. It is desirable that this person have had experience on the APS Press editorial board and be approved by council upon the recommendation of Pubs Board.

Motion: approve the proposal as stated with the caveat that the appt process and description for this position be written up for the Manual of Operations and approved by council. Vote called; passed unanimously

-proposed EIC for Phytopathology Newsletter? No names brought forward at this time.

B. Sr. Editor for PD

Motion: approve appointment of Plant Disease Sr. Editor, Xianming Chen. Vote called; passed unanimously

C. Sr. Editor for Phytopathology)

Motion: approve appointment (replacement) Phytopathology Sr. Editor, Vivian Blok. Vote called; passed unanimously

3. Midyear agenda (Marci/Jan) - see draft from Michelle

Marci and Michelle will formulate an email to go to council with the new format.

4. Summit with Tri Societies: PMN focus (Jan)

Need to include books and other products as part of this discussion. Should ESA be included?

5. Crop Biosecurity "Special" Committee: vote required (Jan)

Proposal to Council:

1. Sunset the current Crop Biosecurity Committee
2. Create a new Plant Biosecurity Committee
 - a. Charge: To facilitate coordination of APS and government agency activities in plant biosecurity and to identify options and opportunities for APS in plant biosecurity
 - b. Possible activities: sponsor sessions at APS meetings on 'what is happening in plant biosecurity?'; serve as an information resource for APS and for government agencies
 - c. Membership **proposed**:
 - i. Chair: Gary Bergstrom (Cornell U)
Members: Kent Smith (APHIS), Jonathan Freidman (Customs & Borders), Doug Luster (ARS), Kitty Cardwell (USDA-CSREES), Jim Stack (KSU), Phil Berger (CPHST), NPDN hub directors, Ray Martyn (President Elect, APS), Jacque Fletcher (APS-PPB)

Vote called to approve this proposal; passed unanimously. **Jan will contact Gary**

6. SPB (Jim M)

- a. Chair nominations?
- b. Status of SPB planning?

Neither available for call; postpone discussion; see if we can send an update by email to Exec/FAC

7. Appointments to ISPP (Danise/Marci)

Ariena H. van Bruggen and Luis Sequeira to retire:

Nominees so far: John Andrews

John is willing to serve. Other names brought forward are Richard Hamelin, Lee Calvert and Sally Miller. **Marci will send an email to council for ranking these candidates.**

8. Other

The IAPPS has expressed interest in a joint meeting with APS in 2011. Steve will forward the email to Exec/FAC to evaluate and respond.

The next call is December 6 and the agenda will include a summary of the retreat and adhoc appointments

Jan and Marci will formulate an email to council on the actions taken on this call.