

Draft Minutes
APS Council Meeting
Quebec City, July/Aug 2006

Saturday 29 July 8:00-12:00

Present: John A., Jan L., Danise B., Marci S., Erik S., Tom E., Rob W., Ray M., Kira B., Randy R., Barb C., Allison T., Ray H., Jonathan W., Margo D., Margery D., Ann C., Gary G., Meg M., Miles W., Jim Moyer, Jim MacDonald, Steve N., Michelle B., Amy H., Barb M., Wayne W., Rose G., Lee C.,

Guests: Jeff Jones, Darin E., Kellye E., Stella C., Jacque F., Scott A.

Absent: Bob G.,

I. Call to order (8:00-8:30): *Moved to committee of the whole*

- A. 8:00-8:10 Welcome and introductions (Andrews)
Appointment of parliamentarian: Jim MacDonald appointed by consensus
Approval of agenda: by consensus
Approval of minutes: by consensus

B. 8:10-8:30 Report from president/execVP (Andrews/Nelson)

John briefly touched on highlights since the Austin meeting.

- Need a solid, exciting profession to offer the brightest and best young students
- Past President's will engage in a strategic discussion on Int'l initiatives
- We need to position ourselves soon in this arena

Steve N. further expanded on the successes of the year which he will expand on at the business meeting.

- A suggestion was made to invite one or two young members to annual council meetings; mentoring them for leadership in the society; a more formalized internship program.

II. Recommendations/Reports from standing committees, boards/offices, and adhoc committees (8:30-9:50)

- A. 8:30-8:50 Discussion with Kellye Eversole: Kellye provided an overview of the objectives in the public policy arena for APS; the emphasis and efforts this year as well as the accomplishments. For 2006-2007 recommend continued enhancement of APS relationship with APHIS and EPA, and further develop the major education initiative. (see .ppt report_attachment)
-Should we continue the Center initiative; progress has been made – we need to be poised to act should the opportunity arise: She recommended the appropriation of resources for this effort not be as high as in the past

Input from Council:

- One suggestion was a desire to see PPB focus on increased funding in Int'l agriculture

- B. 8:50-9:20 Progress Report from Jeff Jones (see_attachment) – ad hoc plant path culture collections: Jeff presented the report of the committee on their efforts.
-ATCC does not have the facilities and funds to maintain these collections; not the place for extensive diverse collections.

-The permitting issue needs to be included in these conversations.

-Have an overall strategy at the institutional level.

-To date conversation with ATCC has been limited with no formal responses.

Questions from Council – Would APS act as a clearinghouse to preempt lost culture collections?

What are sister societies doing? Need to look at storage of anti-sera as well.

They meet again Monday morning to evaluate alternative, long term funding possibilities. PPB has this on their to-do list and request to be appraised of the results of this group's efforts; need something before January to move forward this year for FY09 budget.

- C. 9:20-9:50 Progress Report from Brad Hillman – ad hoc PP profession comm. Did not come to Council to present report.

9:50-10:00 break

Reports cont'd (10:00 am – Noon)

- D. 10:00-10:30 Report from Darin Eastburn – OEC activities/link with HOC initiatives
OEC's role currently is more oversight of APSnet and its functionality, what new features to incorporate, and updating the site
Based on the focus of their midyear meeting and an HOC initiative they are pursuing the use of portals, wiki's (specifically for use with Common Names of Plant Diseases), blogs, podcasts, online symposia, etc. And with OPAE considering the "public face"; a more public site for APS
Need more direction from Council on their role outside of "Advisory" responsibilities and how to pursue initiatives they see valuable for APS in respect to technology (Budget, working with staff, etc. – what type of investment needs to be made?). **Steve Kronmiller has been charged with reformatting APSnet – bring to OEC recommended format and navigation tools. OEC will be involved with hardware upgrade selections.**
- E. 10:30-11:00 Report from Dennis Gross (Wimer) – PMN strategic advisory group
PMN needs to communicate more with practitioners; certification, other programs. Working with ASA (Jerry Hatfield) to investigate these programs
-How and what priority to engage the international agricultural community?
-How to engage other disciplines and societies. Whose responsibility is it to address them?
-How can PMN be utilized for other forums within APS and other societies? (i.e. Soybean Rust)
Journal on Tropical Agriculture; not on immediate list of priorities. Need to concentrate on expanding the content currently delivered; sufficient and relevant enough to attract more traffic and support.
- F. 11:00-11:30 Report from Martyn/Roskopf (Adkins) – Centennial planning
Torino issue (tabled motion): Opened for discussion and additional questions.
Centennial Coordinating Committee: Reviewed the evolution of events leading up to the present (see .ppt "CMCC (7-06)").
-CPC currently has committed \$133,000 toward the meeting
-Council has committed \$30,000 and agreed to absorb cost of the party (\$20,000) = 50,000 (**delay motion for 09 budget**)
-Continue to gain additional sponsorships
Tentative Theme (Plenary): Agriculture, Food Security, and Public Health: Global Issues – Global Solutions
Anticipate the format of the meeting to be adjusted to allow for special centennial programming/events.
- G. 11:30-12:00 Report from Treasurer/FAC – Stromberg
Review of the FY 06 finance/current surplus. Projecting a deficit on the 07 meeting due to buy-down of room costs. The overall 07 budget is very conservative.
Discussion ensued around the costs of annual meeting attendance. Concerns over increasing cost specifically in funding students to attend.
-consider change in format so one could opt to only come for a few days?
Councilor's Forum has discussed these issues and is considering a survey around meeting costs.
FAC introduced their motion: **Motion: We transfer \$200 thousand of operating cash to the Operating Reserve.**
Jan introduced a motion regarding Asian initiative (funding for travel of a small delegation to China to establish inter-society collaborations):
Moved to table both motions; seconded; passed unanimously.
- Noon Lunch and Adjourn

Wednesday 2 August 8:00-1:00

Present: Lee C., Allison T., Barb C., Rose G., Margery D., Jan L., John A., Rob W., Gary M., Jim Moyer, Ray H., Ray M., Erik S., Kira B., Jim MacDonald, Randy R., Wayne W., Steve N., Amy H., Barb M., Marci S., Danise B., Gerald H., Meg M.

Guests: Cleo D'Arcy, Anton Baudoin, Greg G., Steve K.

Absent: Tom E., Gary G., Bob G., Ann C.

I. 8:00-9:45 - Motions & Council actions from Sat/Wed business

A. Exec/FAC Motions

Motion to untable FAC motion from Sat council, seconded; passed:

Motion: We transfer \$200 thousand of operating cash to the Operating Reserve.

Moved to committee of the whole.

Discussed the importance of informing members the circumstances leading to the surplus.

Moved from committee of the whole

Vote called; Motion passed unanimously

Moved to committee of the whole

Discussed the financial aspects of the centennial program as presented Saturday to council. Council recognizes that consideration of the centennial "celebration party" will be included in the FY09 budget.

Chinese Delegation: Jan reviewed the motion from Saturday

Moved from committee of the whole

Motion: APS will provide up to \$10,000 for travel of a delegation to China: This delegation will formalize discussions for collaboration to further international efforts. Vote called, seconded; passed unanimously

Moved to committee of the whole

Annual CPI increase for membership dues discussed. CPI is at 4.6% as of June 30, 2006 which would affect the budget at an additional \$1 per member.

Moved from committee of the whole

Motion from FAC: We increase dues by the CPI that rounds down to a \$2 increase as follows:

Vote called; one opposed: motion passed.

Regular	\$72 (current \$70)
PostDoc \$50	(current \$48)
Student	\$28 (current \$26)
Group	\$72 (current \$70)
SA1	\$550 (current \$535, not controlled by CPI)
SA2	\$750 (current \$740, not controlled by CPI)

B. Motions from standing committees, boards/offices:

Moved to committee of the whole

Discussion: to identify first timers more prominently (ribbon/sticker or different colored badge?). Also remove "nonmember" as a designation from the badge.

SPB issues: The determination is to not add additional members to this board (industry, int'l, OP&E and Early Career Professionals) but to include these groups in approval of the final program schedule. Also discussing changes to MoO structure related to the workshops chair and how to handle those proposals for meetings outside the annual meeting program.

C. Tabled Centennial Committee motion from Midyear: APS will offer support in the amount of \$2000 to each of the committees' chosen speakers for the APS Plenary Session at the 2008 ICPP upon the recommendations of the Centennial Committee and the Scientific Program Board via the plenary session developed by the "pathogen group" Subject Matter Committees (bacteriology, mycology, nematology, virology), for a total of \$8,000, expenses for this are anticipated to be incurred partially in FY08 and FY09. The Centennial Committee will check with ISPP to see if there is a possibility for complimentary registration fees, or possibly comp hotel rooms for these speakers to share in the expense (untable at Quebec)

Moved from committee of the whole

Motion to untable Torino motion, seconded: passed – friendly amendment to remove “Plenary”; Vote Called; motion passed unanimously

II. Committee updates: (Those not reported on Saturday)

Moved to committee of the whole

D. 9:45-10:15 - Report from Anton Baudoin – APSnet Education Center

Reviewed the current structure of the Ed Center and statistics on user traffic. Interest has been expressed recently for Portuguese translations. Are there foundations that support the translation of educational materials? Would FAO support a multi-lingual wiki type glossary of terminology? Working on an example of educational/teaching components for research grants to publish on APSnet Ed Center. The Ed Center would allow for continual posting, unlike Project postings which terminate at the end of a project.

Council encouraged collaborations with other groups and also occasional Phyto News articles from the Ed Center.

10:15-10:30 – break

E. 10:30-11:15 - Report from Pub Board & APS pub staff – Grahek/Bowen

Survey results are available online. The on-line only journal issue needs to be addressed regularly as an option for all journals. Pubs board is defining an ethics statement for our journals.

Moved from committee of the whole

Motion: the requirement for all Senior Editors to be members of APS (or APS/ISMPMI for MPMI) be waived under justifiable circumstances;

-The Manual of Operations be changed to reflect this new procedure;

-Justifiable circumstances include but are not limited to international scientists that are members of international societies and scientists that are members of other societies relevant to disciplines appropriate to the editor's discipline;

-Publications Board will consider waivers at the time the nomination is submitted for approval.

Vote called, passed unanimously

Moved to committee of the whole

Reviewed Manuscript Central submission data: Increase in international submissions up dramatically for both *Phytopathology* and Plant Disease. Based on submissions, one additional senior editor, for a total of 13, has been added to Plant Disease editorial board.

Moved from committee of the whole

Motion: Approve slate of Sr. Editors for Plant Disease as proposed by Pubs Board; passed unanimously

Motion: Approve slate of Sr. Editors for MPMI as proposed by Pubs Board; passed unanimously

Motion: Approve slate of Sr. Editors for PHP as proposed by Pubs Board; passed unanimously

Motion: Approve APS Press Sr. Editors as proposed by Pubs Board; passed unanimously

Motion: Approve APSnet Ed Center/plant health instructor Sr. Editors as proposed by pubs board; passed unanimously

Moved to committee of the whole

Future council agenda: How important is it for “council” to approve editors for journals (requires a constitutional amendment)

Staff (Steve K.) provided update on online journal status (see_Attachment): Issues from 1999-2006 for all 3 journals will be online by November 2006 with back issues to follow.

S. Kronmiller – provide update on back issue status for publication in Phyto News

F. 11:15-11:45 - Report from APS Foundation – D’Arcy for Chase

-31 student travel grants awarded in 2006; an all-time high: some will be highlighted this year in Phyto News articles

-The midyear foundation meeting is on February 24, 2007 focusing on formalizing procedures manual for the Foundation

-100 for 100 continued and have now raised about \$2700.

Council suggestion for undergraduate travel award fund

Need correct listings for donors in publications

III. Appreciation to outgoing Council members (Andrews): Jim MacDonald, Erik Stromberg, Allison Tally, Meg McGrath, Gary Grove, Kira Bowen, and Jens Stougaard

IV. Items for new APS Council (Leach)

A. Welcome to new members: Jim Moyer (VP), Gary Moorman (Jr. CAL), Lee Calvert (Carib. Div. Councilor), and Robert Wick (NE Div. Councilor). *Not in attendance: Anthony Keinath (PD EIC), Jonathan Walton (MPMI EIC), Pacific Div councilor not yet elected*

B. Reappointment of ad hoc or special committees (Leach)

Culture Collections: Re-appoint with renewed charge: Need a more thorough assessment from this group with a plan for Council to act upon. **Jan will contact Jeff Jones**

Prof. of Plant Pathology: taking under advisement - Brad Hillman requested to step down as chair- no activity reported all year

08 Cent. Coordinating Committee: Re-appoint with consideration for who will chair (Marty or Moyer)

Special Committees: **Jan will contact Jim Stack to discuss this committees endeavors and progress as no formal report or committee list (structure) has been provided to date.**

MS – be sure “special” committees are listed in the program book and other publications

C. Appointments; review grid (Leach, Beadle)

Moved from committee of the whole

Secretary: Motion to re-appoint Danise Beadle as secretary; vote called: Passed unanimously

Moved to committee of the whole

Other appointments postponed for future discussion

D. Review of action items (Beadle): updated status of open items on grid

E. Planning for 2007 Midyear Council meeting (February 21-24, 2007)

Agenda will include looking at the strategic plan

Other: provide information to members on meeting costs with or before survey or an article along with the survey results

Noon - Lunch – adjourn those not involved in the orientation

V. Brief orientation for incoming council members (Andrews) Noon – 1 PM