

Draft Minutes: FAC/Exec Conference Call
Wednesday, Jan 3, 7 AM PST, 8 AM MST, 9 AM CST, 10 AM EST

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

1. Discussion of Joint meeting with ICPP (Jan)

Had discussions with Bill Tweedy; he is agreeable to work within our system. Estimates between 500-600 foreign attendees, so site needs to have good airport access. Bill suggested Allison Talley or JR James of Syngenta as advocates who are members of both groups. Jan turned over to Wayne Wilcox for discussions with Councilor's Forum.

B. Agenda: Jan 3 Conference Call

1. Attendance (Marci): Present: Jan L., Barb C., Danise B., Tom E., Ray M., John A., Randy R., Marcy S., Amy H., Barb M., Wayne W.; Absent: Jim M., Margery D., Steve N.

2. Approval of Minutes (Dec 6 CC): Open for discussion. No changes suggested. **Moved to accept as written; seconded and passed unanimously.**

3. Plans for MidYear: suggestions for topics?: Opened for discussion of topics as listed below. The need for representation from the Centennial Planning Committee was stressed. **Please forward any other suggestions to Jan within the next few days.**

- a. Discussion: APS Governance: How to prepare people for and improve pools for committees: internships, establish a nominations committee, etc
- b. Discussion: Financial future of APS
- c. Report/Discussion: Ad Hoc Topic Culture Collection Committee
- d. Report/Discussion from Centennial Committee
- e. Strategic Plan from PPB: does it fit with Council's goals?
- f. Brief Reports/Discussions:
 - i. Intersocietal Summit: Future of Joint Publications
 - ii. Plant Biosecurity Committee: Concept
 - iii. 2007 meeting update/budget
 - iv. Councilor's Forum: shared meetings issues/plans
 - v. Meeting of the Americas 2009 (Lee Calvert)
- g. Written Updates/brief discussions if enough info available:
 - i. APS Press: consultant results?
 - ii. Education Ad Hoc
 - iii. Profession of Plant Pathology Ad Hoc
 - iv. OEC: future means of info delivery
- h. Other?

4. Division Meetings: Officer assignment (see attached): Jan will contact Jim Moyer to see if he is able to attend the Caribbean Division so there is no conflict with the HOC meeting and also the Southern Division Meeting.

Jan will attend the Potomac meeting; Ray plans to attend the N. Central meeting and Jan may attend as well; Ray will attend the N. Eastern meeting. **Marci: update grid and send out once Jan hears from Jim M.**

5. Centennial Coord. Committee Update (Jim): Jim M., Jan and Ray had a call on Jan 2 and plan to meet with Cleo just after the Midyear meeting. They will be at HQ to meet with staff on January 19th.

6. Revision of financial plan (Randy): Randy plans to update the strategic financial plan annually with input from staff and volunteer leaders on setting projections. There is a FAC call set for the 9th where this will be discussed further.

7. **Summit with Tri Societies update: PMN focus (Jan; see draft agenda below):** We have confirmed representation from Tri-Societies, ASA and CSSA. The agenda includes a review of current technologies and possible future mechanisms for disseminating information; specifically with regard to PMN. ESA is already considering hosting another summit in May of 07.
8. **Update on 2007 APS/SON meeting (Ray):** There are about 35 special sessions approved. A letter has been drafted to SON specifying arrangements (MOU – memorandum of understanding).
9. **Update on SPB (Ray):** It is believed they have 4 nominations but have extended the deadline to sometime this month. **Ray will follow-up with Erin to get nominations by next week so Council has time to review and have some input on this prior to midyear.** Also waiting for a response from OIP and OIR in regard to the directors positions; are they open to a second term.
10. **Update on OIP charge/change to Ad Hoc (Jan):** Jan is developing a new adhoc after discussion with Randy on addressing this issue. Randy will chair the adhoc: have requested recommendations by the San Diego meeting. **Attached is the charge for comment by Exec/FAC.**
11. **Update on CSSP (John):** James Hanson (physicist) who is well known for his publications on global warming was the standout at this meeting. He was awarded for outstanding contributions to science and gave a presentation on global warming.

Jan rec'd a request from CSSP on 12/26 for concurrence on a draft statement regarding Intelligent Design.but without the attachment. **John will forward that to Jan for review.**

Is there discussion on developing a statement on scientific censorship: **John will report back to Jan on this.** (who should lead? AIBS, CSSP?)

They have another meeting May 5-8, 2007: **Jan is able to attend.**
12. **Update on Biosecurity Special Committee (Jan):** A focus group will meet in Orlando prior to the NPDN meeting. Will report at midyear on the outcome of those discussions. **Attached is the charge for comment by Exec/FAC.**
13. **International Seed Federation (ISF) request: (any updates?):** no further update at this time.
14. Other?

Centennial Meeting: There is a futurist speaker who they'd like to include somewhere in the program; possibly at a lunch meeting right before or after the business meeting or in a general session. His fee is 10-12,000. Do we want this type of Ag forecast at that meeting. Will have a draft budget at midyear to include in the event the decision is made to move forward on this.

Future Calls: this same time, 1st wed of the month at 9 am CST, still works for most. **Marci will send out for comment from all.**

Call adjourned

DRAFT AGENDA: Inter-societal Summit on the Future of Joint Publications
January 8th, 2007

January 7: Arrivals

DINNER, Axels, 6:30 PM: **Hotel shuttle will depart for Axel's at 6:10 pm (meet in lobby)**

January 8, Monday, 8:00AM-5:00 PM: **Hotel shuttle will depart for office at 7:45 am**
8:00-8:30 AM Light Breakfast, APS

I. Looking at information development and delivery as a whole, how can we collectively provide the most comprehensive, up-to-date information to our stakeholders into the future?

A. How will we communicate information in the future?

1. novel/improved delivery mechanisms that may change the way we think about information delivery

B. What kinds of information will our future audience/stakeholder group want? What will this group look like?

1. Reaching a broader audience: going global, education, etc.

C. What are the obstacles we need to overcome?

1. How do we establish a collaborative structure that will survive 'when we are gone'
2. What about the collaborative approach is difficult for each group to swallow, and how do we resolve this?

***Possible outcome:** Appoint an inter-societal taskforce charged with developing a strategic plan that contains specific ideas for how our societies can work together to be the premiere source of information on plant science worldwide. This group would provide a vision and proposal to the society leaderships.

II. Focusing on PMN, how can APS-ASA-CSSA-SSSA more fully participate in and benefit strategically from partnership within PMN? PMN provides an example of a publication umbrella that is already collaborative, to a certain extent....but that needs to be expanded.

A. What are the advantages to the various societies to collaborating on PMN?

1. What will entice expanded participation in PMN?
2. How can we more effectively develop PMN to serve our mutual and individual needs?

B. What are new opportunities for improving/expanding the scope of PMN?

1. Increase official representation of partner societies on **PMN Strategic Planning Board:** needs to represent academia, industry, government, CCAs, research, education, extension, and international interests
2. Increase representation of various partners on key editorial boards
3. How can PMN help us all better serve practitioners, including CCAs?
 - i. Who will take the leadership on these efforts?
4. What joint activities/new resources can be cosponsored under the PMN umbrella?
 - Meetings
 - Publications
 - Outreach
 - Development of Focus Area Topics

C. What are obstacles to collaborating for improving/expanding the scope of PMN?

III. Relative to the above discussions, what will we accomplish in 2007? Who will take the lead on each?

5:00 PM Adjourn