

APS Exec / FAC Conference Call Minutes
Nov 14 , 2007 - 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM, EDT

Carry-Over Action Items from Oct 22 Exec/FAC Conference Call:

1. Ray will draft letter to CSPP and notify Tom Evans (lead Rep to ISPP) of our intent to support the Chinese bid for the 2013 Congress and drop APS bid. (Completed)
2. Review and move on the draft membership and publication agreements with the Chinese Society of Plant Pathology (CSPP) -Forward agreement proposal to Pubs board (Margo Daub) first (Ray); indicating there will be a council call to discuss the agreement soon. Proposal sent to M. Daub / forwarded to Pub Board members. Comments solicited. Daub not able to participate in conference call on Nov 14.
3. Officer's Retreat update -need to follow-up on action items
4. Exec/FAC encouraged to review timeline on APSnet and submit suggestions/comments
-need more images; Kurt Schroeder putting these together
-Special, personal, communication campaign to Emeritus group; encouraging their attendance and conveying what will be offered (Steve N.)
5. CSREES Plant and Pest Biology Stakeholders Workshop (Washington DC, Nov 20). Martyn to attend and present APS' research and education priorities. Ray will send draft to Michelle for formatting. (Completed)
6. USDA Citrus Greening workshop, Washington DC (December). - Ray will let Jacque Fletcher know of this invitation.
7. Leadership Development ad hoc committee – committee members selected, need formal charge letter (A. Tally, J. Ristaino, J. Starr, T. Mitchell, P. Harmon, N. Russo). (Charge letter completed and sent)

Working Agenda:

1. Roll call (M. Smith). All present except Mike Boehm who sent word of his absence in advance
2. Approval of October call minutes. Approved with no corrections.
3. Support letter to ISPP for CSPP bid to host ICPP-2013 and KSPP bid. Completed. Ray received a thank you from the CSPP and an acknowledgment from ISPP. Staff will receive copy of Korean package bid from John Andrews.
4. Brief comment on Univ. Minnesota plant pathology centennial (Christ). Barb attended one day and presented the plaque from APS.
5. Cornell plant pathology centennial – plaque? Cornell's ceremony was last weekend. APS will prepare a commemorative plaque and letter and decide how best to present it 'after the fact'.

Action: Staff to develop a list of Departments with pertinent dates such as Centennials.

6. Brief comment about CAST meeting (Martyn). This was their 35th Anniversary meeting. They held a reception at their headquarters where they ceremoniously burned their mortgage. Anticipate white papers on biofuels, resistance management in GMO crops (i.e. Roundup) and edeengered species -pesticide usage.
7. Brief comment about ASA Centennial meeting (Martyn): Ray will relate some of the impressive aspects of their centennial with the SPB at their meeting this week. Norman Borlaug and the President of Bangladesh were both present at the ASA meeting.

8. Brief comment on upcoming CSREES Stakeholders Workshop, Nov 20 (Martyn): Ray will attend; we have submitted our one page research priorities summary to them.
9. PPB / CC ad hoc cmt. Culture Collection Workshop: Beltsville, Nov 13 &14
10. PMN MOU not ready to sign yet – CSSA still wavering. Ray M. will meet with Miles W. this week to forge next step.
11. Request from Japanese Society of Plant Pathology (Leach) – See J. Leach email **Jan will respond back to JSPP indicating a commemorative plaque and/or ‘congratulatory letter’ would be appropriate. Invite the president or president-elect to the APS meeting where he could present the plaque at the presidential reception.**
12. Auxiliary meeting ad hoc conference call to discuss international meeting (Nov 20, 11 AM EST). Barb and Jim will join the call.
13. Request from National Plant Pathology Chairs/Heads meeting to support a speaker, Dr. Marla McIntosh, University of Maryland. Chair of the AAAS committee – ‘Aiming Higher – Advancing Woman in the Agricultural Sciences’. Consensus to offer \$750 for travel as part of APS’ support for the joint AAAS/APS/ASA committee. Request that her presentation be recorded and posted on the PMN site along with her ppt as part of the ‘seminar series’.
14. Brief discussion on publishing the reports from the two “education-related” ad hoc committees (Martyn / MacDonald). Issue decided. Brief summary of both committees’ findings to be published in Phyto News. Separate, more detailed reports of each committee to be prepared for co-publishing as potential feature articles in Plant Disease.
15. Centennial meeting update (Moyer): Session schedules are almost final. There may not be a need for competing sessions during the centennial sessions.
16. Brief discussion on requests to ‘sign onto support letters’ for various federal initiatives (Martyn) **PPB was supposed to be sending these requests to Exec as well as PPB. Any letter or ‘sign on’ would be from the president, not PPB.**
Action: Ray will notify Jacque of this protocol
17. Discussion of publication proposal to the CSPP for 5 ‘free’ articles. (See email from M. Daub) **Exec will continue to work with Pub Board to try to resolve this issue and come to an acceptable resolution. Hopefully this can be accomplished before the midyear council meeting.** This will be an agenda item at midyear and by then it will hopefully be resolved amicably. In the meantime, **Ray M. will send the one page summary of the basic proposal, minus the ‘5 free articles’ issue to Council indicating that we are going forward with the ‘experiment’.**
18. Randy will send out request again for response on FAC restructure – please respond asap.

Aside: How will we handle request of support letters for our centennial and where and how will these be displayed at the meeting.

Plaques from other societies, etc. will be presented at the President’s reception: need to include the appropriate individuals on that invitation list.