

Minutes

FAC/Exec Conference Call

Wednesday, June 13, 7 AM PST, 8 AM MST, 9 AM CST, 10 AM EST

A. Information only

1. **SPB Workshop Chair** is James Buck (UGA). He has agreed to accept the position.

2. **Background information on China interaction** building trip occurred May 28-June 1 (**Will discuss below**). Attended by Ray Martyn, Steve Nelson, Randy Ploetz, and Jan Leach. We were joined by Tom Mew (retired, IRR) and Jenifer McBeath (U. Alaska, who were in Beijing on other business). Discussion items included:

- organize a Sino-American Plant Pathology symposium series on topics of common interest.
 - Network on specific research topics, such as rice blast, soybean rust, etc. (just mentioned a few).
 - Training on special topics of plant pathology research (CSPP would like to request APS offers special training to its members on certain area of plant pathology research during summer time).
 - Compilation of data, and development of database on (field or horticultural) major crop diseases existing or non-existing in both countries.
 - Shared publications (perhaps co-publishing papers?)
 - Enhancement of the Wiki-type media (perhaps they would be interested in co-development?). Perhaps a Wiki-Piki?
 - Sister societies
- Signed a letter of agreement to further the interactions and a few short term objectives. A Chinese delegation will come to San Diego to continue the discussions.

3. **Strategic Plan Update:** Publication in newsletter prior to meeting – this will be in the July issue.

4. Progress on New Taskforce(S)

a. **Crop Biosecurity:** John Sherwood chair: received comments from John Andrews on members and am contacting now.

b. **Leadership Recruitment and Development Task Force:** **No progress on establishing committee.** Suggestions for membership/chair being solicited. So far, James Starr TX A&M, Stewart Gray, Cornell; Mary Hausbeck, MSU; Bob Seem Cornell; Charlie Woloshuk Purdue; Gerald Holmes, NCSU; George Hudler Cornell; Joyce Loper (USDA-ARS); Larry Madden, Ohio State; Tim Murray WSU; Mike Davis UC Davis; Mike Stanghellini UCR; Carol Ishimaru U of Minn; Gary Payne NCSU; Gary Moorman Penn State; Jim Schultz, U of Missouri.

5. Information for SanDiego meeting:

a. MOA-'10 luncheon update (**Marci**)

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b. Chinese delegation breakfast at San Diego, Wednesday AM breakfast Attendees

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Chenggui	Han	Secretary-General	CSPP		
Gary	Bergstrom				
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Note: Randy Rowe leaving meeting Tues afternoon – not available for CSPP Breakfast

B. Draft Discussion Agenda for June Call:

1. Attendance (Marci): Present: Jan Leach, Danise Beadle, Randy Rowe, Ray Martyn, John Andrews, Barb Christ, Margery Daughtrey, Tom Evans, Steve Nelson, Marci Smith, Michelle Bjerkness, Amy Hope, and Barb Mock

Absent: Wayne Wilcox and Jim Moyer

2. Approval minutes from May, 2007 call: No changes or additions; **vote called to approved; passed unanimously**

3. Vote on PPB nomination to fill ex-Leach position: Of three candidates, they have ranked Scot Hulbert as the top (other two candidates, Tom Mitchell and Ralph Dean): No further discussion; **vote called to approve Scot Hulbert for PPB position; passed unanimously**

4. Meeting of the Americas. Lee Calvert and Jan had talked on Tuesday June 12. This meeting in 2010 will be in conjunction with the Caribbean Division meeting that year; Lee could not get a consensus from the (Latin American Association for **Plant Pathology (ALF)** involvement. Lee and Jan will work together to get the agenda ready for the MOA luncheon at APS.

5. San Diego –mtgs update: (Ray M.)

a. Business meeting update (Jan) Handouts will be provided. Talks will be reduced; Jan will include the secretary's report in her presentation and Randy will give a brief treasurer's report (approx 10 minutes)

6. Results of elections and congratulations. Barb Christ; Vice President and Mike Boehm; Councilor-at-Large

7. Updates on Centennial (Jim Moyer): Postpone in Jim's absence

8. Updates on Calling list responses (see below) (All); June updates are in blue.

9. Update on Chinese Society of Plant Pathology interactions (Jan, Steve, Ray): see notes in section A

10. Update on HOC (John): This meeting was May 21-23 at headquarters in St. Paul and covered many topics: Two points to mention are:

1. Discussion of IT operations and initiatives involving portals and the web audit of APSnet by Delcor. Results of their assessment will be available soon. HOC also requested they include a more comprehensive review of the entire IT operation at HQ and provide recommendations.

2. How can we work more closely together (AACC/APS; and the client societies?) Keep in mind possible synergies; no immediate venture concluded from this discussion but we need to keep each other informed on topical meetings, etc., also in joint leverage on international opportunities.

11. FAC matter - from R. Rowe: “transfer of \$81K from APS to AACC to even up charges in overhead for staff time. This is due to an imbalance in use of staff by APS and AACC and has been worked out by Steve Nelson and Barb Mock. Barb thought that I should advise Exec/Fac that this has taken place and may be needed also in future budget years.”

This represents a more realistic allocation of overhead for each society. This will be reviewed regularly. A review of historical practices and verbiage from the original ownership agreement resulted in this audit.

12. Voting on Appointments: R. Martyn, Jan Leach

Discussions on (1) need for Council members to be informed (and to discuss) qualifications of nominees prior to voting, and (2) changing the MoO to reflect that if Council or FAC/Exec suggest an additional nominee, that this name go back to the Board or Office for discussion and comment prior to voting by Council or FAC/Exec. Danise will work on the wording for the next call.

13. Officer Schedule – San Diego (EXEC stay on line: Asked for any questions or changes; at this time none.

14. Next Call on July 11; 9 am Central

Board/Office	Officer Responsible	Comments on Progress to May, 2007
APS Foundation	Treasurer	
APS PRESS Board	Treasurer	Margery reports good progress on APS Press activities. She is focusing on obtaining new book submissions with two new titles obtained recently. The most daunting challenge is covering the large amount of overhead assigned to Press.
Councilor’s Forum	VP	
OEC: charge to look at future of APS internet	Pres elect	** see below
OIP	Pres	Sally Miller chair after July; Ploetz will present update on vision for Int Ag for society at Leadership Forum
OIR	VP	
OPRO	Immed Past Pres	Appear to be making progress; focusing on disease website (CDC model); instituted periodic conference calls
PPB	Pres	Wash DC visit highly productive; New format of having leaders of particular areas taking off; tracking of progress on issues implemented June update after conf call on June 11
Publications Board	Immed Past Pres	Margo reports progress is good. Keeping track of EICs with help from editorial staff
SPB	Pres Elect	Previous conf call with in-coming director, Scot Adkins, Jan Leach and R. Martyn: Discussion related to SPB taking on the new ‘small meetings’ agenda.
PMN & Inter-Societal Strategic Planning Board	VP	2 nd meeting held in May: CSSA and Agronomy Society have agreed to contributions over the next 3 years and to be responsible for content on PMN as well. Will respond once they have society approvals
Future of PP Profession	Pres	Will present report at Leadership Forum; communication with Education Ad Hoc good; surveys and data gathering in progress
Culture Collections	VP	June: A draft of a concept note for a workshop this fall has been finalized and forwarded to funding agencies
Advisory Committee on Threatening Plant Diseases	Immed Past Pres	(in progress)
International Efforts	Pres	Intersocietal planning mtg with CSSP 5/30-6/1; 2 nd call to develop agenda will be 5/10
Education of PP	VP	
Leadership recruitment and development Comm.	Immed Past Pres	(In progress)
AAAS collaboration on Women in Ag	Pres	Data gathered; analysis in progress. AAAS symposium submitted

Meeting of Americas Special Committ	Pres Elect	<p>Site proposals to come from Caribbean mtg next week. Special lunch for other society presidents at San Diego to continue discussions about the objectives and goals of the meeting.</p> <p>Lee Calvert has narrowed to about 3 sites for discussion at the San Diego luncheon. The meeting will be in collaboration with the Caribbean Division meeting. Jan and Lee will be working on the agenda for the luncheon.</p>
APS Auxiliary Meetings and Workshops Ad Hoc committee	Treasurer	<p>Gary is working on the cereal rust meeting idea now. He plans to first organize the committee at San Diego with major effort starting this fall.</p>

Update on Office of Electronic Communication (OEC) Activities (Tracked by R. Martyn): May 10, 2007

At Midyear Council meeting (Feb 2007), council approved “up to \$30,000” for OEC to hire a consulting firm to review APS’ current web-based communication system and make recommendations for improving it. Darin Eastburn, OEC chair has been leading this effort. They initiated a call for proposals to companies and received six. They interviewed four by teleconference and selected one, Delcor Technical Services. Cost was \$20,000. The charge to Delcor: make recommendations as to how our current website management can be revamped and improved or whether we should start over with a new content management platform.

Delcor began the process the first of May. They have begun reviewing the website and comparing it to industry standards. They have a site visit planned to APS headquarters in June. They are considering a ‘user survey’ to either the entire membership or a subset of the membership about their use and satisfaction with the current system. At the conclusion of their review, Delcor will provide a recommended course of action and an approximate cost of that action. They hope to have their report finished by the San Diego meeting, although Darin has told them that if this is too soon, he would rather have a more complete report later.

Darin will provide an update on this at council in San Diego. Delco will be available to come to midyear (Feb 2008) to give council a full report, if desired.