

## Exec/FAC Conference Call Minutes

August 14, 2007

10:00 AM EDT

1. Roll call and welcome new members of FAC

Present: Ray, Jan, Jim, Barb C., Randy, Wayne, Danise, Steve, John R., Margery, Marci, Michelle

Absent: Mike B.

- a. John Rupe, Southern Division Councilor
- b. Mike Boehm, Junior CAL

2. Approve Minutes from July call: no changes or further discussion – **vote called to approve; passed unanimously**

3. Congratulations to staff for another great annual meeting: attendance was just under 1700 and the overall response to the meeting and venue was very positive.

Jim would like to see the comments from the meeting; staff to forward.

SPB is fleshing out details of the sessions for the 08 meeting following planning sessions in San Diego

4. Potential Officer's Retreat agenda topics (Sep 16-19):

-International (final report of adhoc with recommendations)

Specific focus on Chinese initiatives

-IT infrastructure: preliminary plan from staff

-Financial Strategic Planning; looking at trends (Randy and Barb M. will develop background materials for retreat preparation)

-Educational adhoc; what's next

-Specialty Meetings

-Governance: look at constitution (possible adhoc)

Please forward any other ideas to Ray as soon as possible

5. Pub board nominations – D. Beadle: Nominees are enthusiastic. No further discussion.

(attachments) **Motion to approve the nominations from pubs board as listed: passed unanimously**

Mary Palm      Sr. Editor      APS Press

Judith Brown      Sr. Editor      APS Press

Howard Schwartz      Sr. Editor      APS Press

Mark Windham      Sr. Editor      Ed. Center/Plant Health Instructor

Larry Madden      Acquisitions Editor      APS Press

6. Update on ISPP (Meeting with Maria Lodovica): Jim, Ray and others met with her in San Diego

a. APS Historical session – Wed afternoon; no concurrent sessions

b. Scientific Publication – Bob Gilbertson is a speaker

c. Travel awards to Turin / APS Foundation: Gov't support for travel as applied for in the past is no longer available.

**-Steve N. will contact Tom Evans regarding possible funding mechanisms**

**-Ray will contact foundation and OIP to ascertain if they have an interest in pursuing this request**

d. Presence of APS Press: We will have a presence in the 2 complimentary booths per our agreement and press will be represented there in some capacity

**-Have APS Press staff provide something for the September call**

e. Congratulatory letter: This is appropriate; **Ray will write the letter referencing our participation in the program**

f. Tom Evans (standing for Treasurer and/or Editor of SPP newsletter)

7. ASA Centennial meeting – Nov 4-8, 2007 (New Orleans)

a. Congratulatory letter: **Ray will write a letter**

b. PMN initiatives with ASA and CSSA: Initiatives are at a stand still. **Ray will communicate with these presidents and is planning a call with them for next week**

8. APS – ISF ad hoc committee (Phyllis Himmel, Chair): Ray is in the process of appointing this adhoc and also reappointing adhoc from Jan's administration.

9. Bringing others into Exec/FAC calls: This should be facilitated based on the agenda topics. We need input on our calls from affected boards/offices/committee leaders on pertinent issues: Also, to improve these communications:

**-notification will go to all council and volunteer board/office leaders when minutes are posted from Exec and ExecFAC calls.**

**-Danise will provide a summary on relevant topics to the relevant volunteer leader and also cc: the appropriate officer liaison for that group.**

**Marci will update and send out the matrix to the Officers**

10. International Congress of Plant Protection joint meeting – 2011 (Invitation and booth): There is a meeting in Scotland for 07. Ray will man the APS booth and present an official APS welcome for the 2011 joint meeting in Hawaii at the closing session.. Staff is working on a cross-section of materials for that meeting specifically promoting the 2011 joint meeting.

11. Centennial plenary session: Additional invitations extended, waiting to hear from potential plenary speakers. The plan is to add one additional speaker to each session which will extend each up to 30 minutes. Staff is holding the reprint of the mailing until all speakers are identified

12. Copus – Coalition on Public Understanding of Science: Ray will forward the invitation message from AIBS in regard to registering with them to Michelle: **Michelle will follow-up and report back to Exec/FAC**