

APS Exec/FAC Conference Call Minutes
September 12, 2007
10 AM EDT; 9 AM CDT; 8 AM MDT; 7 AM PDT

1. Roll call – M. Smith
 - a. Present: Ray M., Jan L., Barb C., John R., Danise B., Mike B., Jim M., Steve N., Barb M., Michelle B., Amy H.
 - b. Absent: Margery D., Wayne W., Randy R.
2. Approval of 8-14-07 call minutes: One edit under #10 (ICPP meeting in 07, not 08): **Motion to approve as amended; passed unanimously**
3. Informational items
 - a. Florence Wambugu confirmed as additional plenary speaker for centennial. Still waiting to hear from Eline Boelee. Seeking speaker on topic of safe water for public health and agriculture
 - b. All ad hoc committees reappointed except for two (Culture Collections and Leadership Development.)
 - c. New ad hoc committee on collaboration with ISF confirmed and appointed (Phyllis Himmel, chair)
 - d. Congratulatory letter sent to ASA and ISPP
 - e. Contact made with APS Foundation and OIP about sponsoring travel award(s) to Torino meeting: Ann will pursue this further with possible partnership including OIP and Council to fund multiple travel awards.
 - f. 2007-08 APS Officer's travel schedule: **Marci will forward to Exec/FAC**
 - g. 2007-08 Important Dates – M. Smith: As edits are made and posted, notices will be sent to the leadership.
 - h. Contact matrix – please make contact with your assigned committee/representative
 - i. APS booth at ICPP, Glasgow, Scotland (Oct 14-19, 2007) – Staff: Sharon Burtman is coordinating this shipment
Action: Will have Sharon send an update to Ray.
 - j. Officer's Retreat agenda has been sent to the participants: please note your area(s) assigned for preparation.
 - k. Copus update: Coalition on Public Understanding of Science: Amy H. is looking at this further and Kellye Eversole has signed on.
4. Bid for the 10th ICPP – 2013. Due October 31, 2007
 - Do we want to partner with other societies to host jointly (CSPP, CPS, etc.)?
 - Would this be separate from or in place of the APS annual meeting?
 - Does this fit with our overall international vision? This will be addressed at the officer retreat.**Action: Barb C. will contact Wayne W. and Gary M. involve councilor's forum in this discussion and respond to Exec/FAC with their input**
5. Distribution of 'experts list' on proposed APHIS Select Agent List: John Sherwood's committee has assisted APHIS in developing a list of experts. Doug Luster has circulated an instruction letter for responses.
Action: Michelle will send the instruction letter along with a cover letter (Ray M.) to the experts inviting their "science-based" response to these select agents and to cc: APS with their response.
-Ray M. will notify John of APS action
6. Tentative agreement between APS / ASA/ CSSA on PMN "ownership" and financial and content contribution – R. Martyn

Background: The Agronomy and Crop Science societies have been strategically involved with PMN since its inception. We have been working more recently to gain stronger commitments to PMN from these societies. An intersocietal committee was formed following the first inter-society summit and the subsequent summit resulted in a consensus to develop an ownership agreement and also form an Executive Advisory committee and secondary partnerships with other participating societies. This agreement would include ASA and CSSA providing significant contributions to PMN, specifically in terms of content and would allow them re-use of any materials they provide with the copyright remaining in PMN.

Further, there will be an additional financial commitment from each of the two societies (\$15,000 from CSSA; \$50,000 from ASA) over the next 3 years so that each society will have contributed a total of \$55,000. This would be re-evaluated after the initial 3-year commitment. Any financial incentives/royalties will be discussed as to how distribution of funds will be allocated. Miles W. is working on an MOU for review of the societies' leadership.

7. Centennial meeting update – J. Moyer

SPB is well on their way in programming and have set their Fall meeting for November 16-18, 2007 at which they plan on finalizing the program.

Do we wish to encourage Departmental Displays in the exhibit hall which would open at the Welcome Reception and stay through the meeting?

Action: Jim M. will send an invitation to the Department Heads

8. Other: U of MN Centennial: Does APS wish to acknowledge this celebration in some manner?

Action: Staff will order a special plaque to commemorate this milestone and Barb C. will present it on behalf of APS.