

APS Council Minutes Mid-Year Meeting 2007

Note: Items in orange are for “information only” and not for discussion at this meeting

Friday, February 23

- 8:00 AM Call to Order (Leach)
Welcome and Introductions
Appointment of Parliamentarian (Leach): John Andrews
Review of Meeting Procedures and Motion Forms (Beadle)
Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting (Beadle): **Accepted as drafted by consensus**
- 8:15 AM Introduction of Meeting Agenda / Overview (Leach)

GOAL 1 – Promote Highest Quality Research and Professional Standards

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- 8:30 AM **Dialog:** Future of Plant Pathogen Culture Collections (Jeff Jones – *see attachment*)
Committee recommends workshop to:
- Develop a strategy for handling existing collections including accessible databases for cultures or strains, mechanisms for dissemination of cultures or strains.
 - Brainstorm on developing a national culture collection or alternative plan for maintenance of cultures.
 - Develop an APS permanent committee which would serve in an advisory capacity for various aspects of culture collections including recommendations as to isolates and strains that should be under permanent storage.
- Logistics: Possible funding from ARS and APHIS. Need to recruit an APHIS representative.
Need central, readily accessible location
Outcome: Develop whitepaper describing the value and need

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Motion: Council approve the endorsement to organize a workshop on maintaining and preserving culture collections of Plant Pathology.

Action: Jeff Jones will develop a proposal for funding from government agencies (NSF, USDA, ARS, APHIS...); prepare white paper for PPB to help stimulate interest in Wash DC; contact group at Penn State who published in Phytopathology (Sept 2006) for participation and insights; contact other societies (ASM, MSA, etc.) to bring into discussions and garner support/collaboration on the effort; involve international community, particularly Canada and Europe, as they have gone through the exercise of planning what to do with national culture collections.

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Update from Pubs Board (Margo Daub) and review and discussion of proposed motions for MPMI access changes; see Saturday for motions as passed.
Digitation Project: Plant Disease down to last 5 years of back issues for completion, MPMI all digitized, Phytopathology 5 additional years have been digitized.
Pubs Board in processing of developing an ethics statement for authors to sign.

Review of APS project status (Margery Daughtrey) see handout.

Other 06/07 Priorities:

Journal Initiatives

APS PRESS Business Plan

Co-sponsorship of AAAS Study: Underrepresentation of women in Ag sciences (*see attachment*)

GOAL 2 – Maintain a Strong, Proactive and United Professional Organization

- 10:30 AM **Dialog:** Strategic Financial Planning (Rowe -*attachments: budget, Fin. Strat Plan, and pwpt*)
Review of budget and plan plus PowerPoint. Discussion resulted in suggested edit of St Fin Plan to include percentages of the total budget as well as dollar amounts

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Motion to table budget approval until Saturday; approved by consensus

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1:00 PM **Dialog: Governance (Nominations)** (Jan Leach)
Please read "Powerful Possibilities" by J. B. Cufaude ([see attachment](#))

Recognize and recruit:

Advertise for specific need/Internship on council/re-institute leadership workshop (less frequent)/
Query Dept. Heads of up and coming faculty and/or students, Possibly seek candidates from Committee Chairs as well as asking Division Councilors of possible talent within their division.

Action: Develop a taskforce with the objectives of identifying, recruiting and training talent for leadership in APS, and developing a mechanism to engage talent in appropriate committees or boards

2:00 PM **Dialog: Member Survey** (Dick Rodgers, Readex Research - [see attachment](#))
Review of results and some recommendations. Keep an eye on the early career builders

Other 06/07 Priorities:
New Sustaining Associate Program

GOAL 3 – Be the Premiere Resource for Plant Health Information and Knowledge Dissemination

3:00 PM **Dialog: Technology Vision** (Darin Eastburn)
OEC desires to hire a consultant: review system, needs, make recommendations. Approximate cost \$30-40,000

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Motion: OEC hire a consultant up to \$30,000 (FY07); to review infrastructure needed for next generation of APSnet; determine if a patch is best or if a new system is best; examine in-house vs. outsourcing. Move to table, second, unanimous to table.

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Other 06/07 Priorities:
Small Meetings (Soybean Rust, Other Emerging Issues): several opportunities have been brought forward. We now need to explore how to handle these; suggestion that we use the model of APS Press, i.e., proposals submitted and reviewed, then recommended for action.
Technology Vision
International Vision: described international ad hoc committee chaired by Randy Ploetz
Meeting of the Americas '09 (Sat 2/24/07): propose date change; possibly April 2010. Will be the Caribbean meeting that year

GOAL 5 –Promote Understanding/Increase Awareness of Plant Pathology and the Practice of Plant Pathology

3:45 PM **Dialog: PPB Strategies** (Jacque Fletcher – ([attachment and pwpt](#))
Jacque summarized PPB recent activities and their current strategies. New intern – Kimberly Webb

Dialog: Biosecurity Taskforce (motion presented and summarized by Leach – [see attachment](#)):

Postponed to Saturday

Other 06/07 Priorities:
PMN Vision: Leach described outcome of Intersocietal summit, and the possibilities for more buy-in from the other societies. An Intersocietal Strategic Planning Board has been set up for PMN. Membership was described.

GOAL 4 – Foster Professional Growth and Development

4:30 PM **Dialog: Centennial** (Jim Moyer and Cleo D'Arcy) ([attached schedule and project updates](#))
They are looking for feedback from Council on the proposed schedule: Is there a balance between the 100 year celebration and a compelling scientific program?

Other 06/07 Priorities:
Education Initiative: will have update at Annual Meeting
Profession of Plant Pathology Study: will have update at Annual Meeting

5:30 PM Council Adjourns

Saturday 24 February

Move to Committee of the whole Opened the Biosecurity proposal for further discussion.
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From Friday: Biosecurity Taskforce: **Motion presented: Council create an Advisory Committee on Threatening Plant Diseases [a Council Special Committee] (see motion form for structural specific): Vote called, seconded, approved unanimously**

Jan will be sending a copy of the revised motion to Council. This special committee is seen as overarching the Emerging Diseases and Pathogens special committee.

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8:00 AM **Dialog: Strategic Plan Review** (John Andrews – *see attachment*)

Reviewed the proposed plan changes and BAGs (Big Audacious Goals)

Two proposed BAGs from Council for discussion:

- o Plant pathosystems are recognized by the broader scientific community as central components of fundamental biological knowledge
- o APS is the international source of information on plant health and plant microbe interactions for both professionals and the lay person

Action: Recommendation to develop a taskforce to revisit the strategic plan: John will lead and recommend members; Jan will appoint.

9:00 AM **Recommendations/Strategic Issues from Standing Committees and Boards**

9:00-9:30 Councilors' Forum Report (Barb Christ/Wayne Wilcox)

2011 meeting proposal for Honolulu HI from councilor's forum: Will this be joint with ICPP?

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Motion: to approve Hawaii as the site for the 2011 annual meeting; seconded, passed with 1 negative vote

Action: Staff (Amy, Betty) to enter agreement with Hawaii

Negotiations with ICPP: Need to proceed with the understanding that APS will run the meeting

Action: Staff (Amy, Betty, Steve) work with Bill Tweedy to develop a signed contract with ICPP

Motion from Councilor's Forum: APS Council suspend (abolish) the Private Practice committee; passed unanimously

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Membership Report: Emeritus; how to stay connected with those individuals?

Single or two-day registration with applicable socials (seating area/tables-designated area) for them to interact.

Incorporate a session similar to speed dating where first timers are matched up with emeriti: have them come to the first timer's orientation

Barb Christ has a list of the few emeriti that would like to play a more active role.

Action: Jan and Ray will work to implement items into the 2007 meeting and identify an individual to write phyto news articles to keep this member group engaged

9:30-9:50 San Diego APS/SON meeting plans (Ray Martyn)

Reviewed program schedule for this year's meeting (attached PowerPoint). Council and the leadership forum will meet prior to the meeting (Friday and Saturday) with no meeting on Wednesday.

10:05-11:30 Council – Business Agenda (Motions, finances, appointments, etc.)

a. Executive Committee (Leach)

(1) Appointments

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OIR: Moved to appoint Brian Olson, OIR, Unanimous

OIP: Moved to appoint Sally Miller as new Director of OIP, Unanimous

SPB: Moved to appoint Scott Adkins as new Director of SPB, Unanimous

Amy Charkowski and Christina Cowger approved as Section Chairs

Workshops Chair: James Buck put forward by Council: await additional names/feedback from SPB on this position: Bring James Bucks name forward to SPB from council for consideration.

PHP: Moved to appoint Mike Matheron as new EIC of PHP, Unanimous

PDMR: Margo will discuss the terms with Dan and advise council of new or continuing term.

Phyto News: Dilantha Fernando's name put forward for consideration; postpone until SPB workshops chair is decided

Foundation: Moved to approve Mark Gleason for second term on Foundation, Unanimous

Affiliates:

NCSE: Moved to approve Ken Pernezny for second term, Unanimous

SETAC: Moved to approve Mike Simini for second term, Unanimous

Action: Jan will follow-up on:

CAST: reappoint Turner Sutton

ISA: reappoint Dan Neely (George Hudler if Dan unable)

SON: Contact in ranked order (Terry Niblack first)

(2) Other items coming out of Exec. meeting

b. Publications Board (Daub)

Motion to untable Open access motion (*Open access to MPMI will begin after one year instead of the current two years*); **vote called, passed unanimously: Vote called to pass the motion, passed unanimously**

Motion to untable Author-paid access option (*MPMI adopt an author-paid open access option. Immediate open access can be purchased for \$2400, reduced to \$1900 if the corresponding author's institution has an on-line subscription to MPMI. This discount provides impetus for on-line institutional subscriptions*); **vote called, passed unanimously: Vote called to pass the motion, passed unanimously**

c. FAC Motions (Rowe)

Motion to untable OEC consultant motion (*OEC hire a consultant up to \$30,000 (FY07); to review the next generation of APSnet system and examine in-house vs. outsourcing- FY08*), **vote called, passed unanimously: Vote called to pass the motion, passed unanimously**

OPAE: budget increase of 18,800 - friendly amendments (*OPAE assist the Centennial Planning Committee in implementing a strategic communications plan for the 2008 Centennial meeting to be held in Minneapolis. To do this, OPAE will require a one time budget increase of \$18,800 in FY08 for the purpose of hiring a public relations firm to develop and pitch stories to large market media outlets and to train 6-8 APS members to be the spokespersons for the developed stories*): **Vote called to pass the motion, passed unanimously**

OPAE: PlantDisease.org website – (*OPAE will begin development of a web site identified as PlantDisease.org with its introduction to occur by the beginning of the APS Centennial Meeting. To do so, an increase in the OPAE FY08 budget of \$35,000 is requested*) **Motion to table, vote called to pass the motion, passed with 1 negative vote**

Action: Jan will contact OPAE to review their intent on structure vs. content

FAC: FY08 Budget as modified by the OPAE and OEC motions: **Motion to untable; vote called, passed unanimously: Motion to approve the budget as modified: Vote called to pass the motion, passed unanimously**

Motion to untable transfer to Operating Reserve (*APS transfer \$200 thousand of operating cash to the Operating Reserve*); **vote called, passed unanimously: Vote called to pass the motion, passed unanimously**

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Centennial Budget (Moyer): Reviewed budget: CPC raised 100,000 and have commitments for \$30,000 additional which it is under their purview to expend.

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Motion to approve the CPC budget of 100,000 for the 100 year celebration from the monies raised by that committee and the additional \$30,000 that has been committed for this effort should that be received. vote called, passed unanimously

Action: Quarterly budget updates will be provided by Coordinating committee to the Exec/FAC committee and a full report to council at the annual meeting.

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11:30 AM Council Adjourned