

Minutes - Exec / FAC Conference Call

January 9, 2008 – 10:00 AM EST

I. Roll call

- Present: Randy R., Danise B., Wayne W., Ray M., Jan L., John R., Margery D., Steve N., Marci S.
- Absent: Jim M., Barb C., Mike B.

II. Approval of minutes of December call: No additions or changes; Motion to approve; vote called: passed unanimously.

III. Carryover items from December call

1. RDM contacted the various office / board directors whose terms are expiring this year. Waiting confirmation from some.
2. RDM has tried to contact Sally Miller, (OIP) several times via phone and email about OIP's interest in sponsoring the Multicultural Agricultural Research and Development meeting. OIP does not have an interest in pursuing this. Ray will reply to the request with this response.
3. RDM contacted Anton Baudoin (Ed. Center) and Doug Jardine (OPRO) about the invitation to participate in the "Planting Science" project proposed by the Botanical Society of America. Both expressed interest. Next step is to get them in touch with BSA project leader.
4. RDM sent email message to CSPP with the CSPP / APS pilot coop membership program and thanking them for the new CSPP/APS members (130+ from 20+ institutions) and also explaining that the 5 manuscript, no-page-charge publication issue is still under discussion by APS. RDM will meet with the Publications Board at midyear to discuss this further. There has been no response from CSPP regarding the publications aspect.
5. PMN MOU revised draft has been sent to Miles, still waiting some official movement from CSSA. PMN set another milestone in 2007 with 257,806 visits to the site.

IV. Information Items

1. Last plenary session speaker confirmed; Shinee Varghese, Senior Policy Analyst, Inst. for Agriculture and Trade Policy. *"The global water conflict between agriculture and public health: Can we have both?"* The registration materials are being finalized and will include the updated plenary speaker list.
2. APS proposal for a National Workshop on Education for the Future of Plant Pathology has been sent in to USDA. Tentative time line is December 2008.
3. FAC strategic visioning meeting - Jan 11, 2008 (Rowe)
4. Dues invoice from Council of Scientific Society Presidents: Ray will submit to HQ for payment.
5. USDA,APHIS Citrus Greening Summit (Dec 17-19)
6. Letter sent to USDA Acting Secretary Conner requesting support of the Chemical Usage Surveys (Dec 20).
7. The Southern Division Meeting will be attended by Ray. Jim MacDonald will also attend to give an update on the education initiative.
8. Meeting of Americas: No response yet to letters sent out society President's. The thinking is that APS will host the meeting but that it will be held outside the US with backing from that country/area society. **Ray will contact Lee Calvert to discuss next steps before moving ahead to contact presidents for follow-up.**

V. Discussion Items

1. Midyear council agenda / meeting format: the agenda will be designed to be more strategic with several big issues for dialogue including finances, APS Foundations strategic plan, governance, etc.

- a. How to introduce the concept of “reorganization”: There is precedent with the previous adhoc which led to the leadership forum which continues. What is the best approach? Need to explain the “why”; what is the problem with the current structure. Need to have a skeleton(s) to initiate discussions with possible randomly selected break-out groups at some point in the process at midyear.
-Bud Crouch (Tecker) has agreed to discuss our approach and how to present that to the leadership. **Steve will work with Bud to set up a call following more discussion by Exec; most likely the morning of January 25, 2008.**
Midyear Reports: Danise will begin requesting these soon and will include the adhocs.
2. Appointments/Reappointments. **Ray will insert contact updates into appointment sheet and send to Marci**