

Exec / FAC Conference Call Minutes
February 13, 2008 - 10:00 AM EST

I. Roll call (M. Smith): Ray M, Jan L, Jim M, Wayne W, Randy R, John R, Danise B, Barb C, Margery D, Steve N, Amy H, Barb M, Michelle B, and Marci S
Absent: Mike B.

II. Approval of minutes of January call: **Motion to approve; no comments, vote called; passed unanimously**

III. Carryover items from January call

1. RDM contacted the various office / board directors whose terms are expiring this year. Waiting confirmation from some. Pubs board will bring theirs forward at Midyear after they meet.
2. PMN MOU final draft has been sent to ASA and CSSA for signatures. Anticipate APS signature by midyear. **Provide MoU to council in advance with brief overview.**

IV. Information Items

1. FAC strategic visioning meeting - Jan 11, 2008 (Rowe)
2. Application to participate in the 2008 AIBS/AAAS Education Summit submitted for approval awaiting approval. Jim MacDonald and Caitilyn Allen would attend May 12/13, 2008
3. SDAPS meeting (Feb. 3-5); rec'd notice they will sponsor the centennial meeting also
4. AAAS meeting - Professional Organizations in the Ag Sciences (Feb 14)
5. Letter from Gale Buchanan (attached)
6. Southern Division sponsorship for centennial

V. Discussion Items

1. Midyear council agenda / meeting format
Michelle will forward the CMS technology report to Exec/FAC today. Will need a motion from Exec for council
2. Discussion of proposal form from Bud Crouch, Tecker Consultants; Bud to provide a presentation for the governance discussion at midyear
3. Centennial Update - Moyer
4. PPB Resolution for APS to Support National "One Health" Initiative (attached): this requires no commitment financially or otherwise by APS. **Motion to approve resolution; passed unanimously**
5. PPB Nomination of Maryanna Henkart for the "Friend of APS Award" 2008 (attached)
6. Discussion of additional collaborations with other international societies (Japan, etc). See email from Jan Leach – attached. Japan would like to bring something before their council in April. What is our criteria for accepting or rejecting these requests? We have also been contacted by the Korean and Netherland societies for similar collaborations. What are their visions for an agreement; need to look at the common threads. **Staff to pull together ideas for the Exec meeting at midyear.**
7. Discussion of CPS sponsorship of a centennial speaker- see email from Jim Menizes (attached): **Consensus to accept sponsorship; Ray will respond to Jim**
8. Discussion of Distinguished Service Award for Jim MacDonald (attached): **Motion to bring recommendation to council at midyear; passed unanimously. Jan will present to council on Saturday of the council meetings. Post nomination for review by council.**

Attachments

V.4 The American Phytopathological Society **Resolution to Support “One Health” Initiative**

Introduced by: APS Public Policy Board

Subject: APS Support of National “One Health” Initiative

Justification:

- All emerging infectious diseases, including those caused by naturally occurring novel pathogens, those introduced by bioterrorists or as bioweapons, or emerging in other ways, share common elements and require similar preparations and responses.
- Emerging infectious diseases affect plants as well as humans and animals.
- By their nature, the fields of human medicine, veterinary medicine and plant pathology are complementary and synergistic. Each deals with confronting, controlling, and preventing pathogens from infecting across species. Each relies upon the development of reasonable and effective National laws and policies.
- Collaboration and communication between human medicine, veterinary medicine and plant pathology have been limited in recent decades.
- A “One Health” initiative has been established to improve the lives of all species—human, animal and plant -- through the integration of human and veterinary medicine and plant pathology.
- “One Health” is intended to promote and provide opportunities for close, meaningful collaboration/communication between practitioners of human medicine, veterinary medicine, and plant pathology, with the goal of hastening efficacy in each, as well as advanced health care options for humans, animals and plants via complementary research efforts.
- The challenges of the 21st century demand that our professions work together.
- The goals and concepts of “One Health” are consistent with and supportive of many of the priorities of the American Phytopathological Society’s Strategic Plan.

Resolutions

- The American Phytopathological Society (APS) supports the “One Health” initiative as a means to promote collaboration between human, veterinary, and plant disease practitioners and researchers.
- APS supports the “One Health” promotion of collaboration between plant pathology and human and veterinary medicine.
- APS supports potential joint educational efforts between plant, human, and veterinary pathology.
- APS encourages joint efforts to assess, treat, and prevent cross-species pathogen transmission.
- APS supports cross-species disease surveillance and control efforts in public health.
- APS supports joint efforts in the development and evaluation of new diagnostic methods, medicines, and treatments for the prevention and control of diseases of humans, animals and plants.

APS will interact, as opportunities emerge, with other proponents of the One Health initiative to discuss strategies for enhancing collaboration between the plant, human and veterinary medical professions in education, disease prevention and management, and research.

V.5 Date: January 21, 2008

To: APS Council Executive Committee

From: Jacque Fletcher, Director, PPB

Subject: Nomination of Maryanna Henkart for the “Friend of APS Award” 2008

The Public Policy Board of the American Phytopathological Society (APS) requests approval to award the "Friend of APS" Award to Dr. Maryanna Henkart. Dr. Henkart has just announced her retirement from the NSF, after 23 years of service, including 10 years as Division Director, Division of Molecular and Cellular Biosciences.

Dr. Henkart was a tremendous advocate for microbial genomics and microbial sciences broadly, working tirelessly for many years as an advocate for the inclusion of plant pathogens and other plant-associated microbes in genome sequencing programs funded by the NSF. In addition, her efforts were largely responsible for the 2001 establishment and subsequent success of the joint NSF-USDA Microbial Genome Sequencing Program and later the NSF-USDA Microbial Observatories program. These programs proved critical for advances in both fundamental and applied sciences, including whole genome studies, microbial ecology studies, host-pathogen interaction research, and metagenomic studies that explore the relationship between microbes and the environment. Her leadership paved the way for increased inter-agency collaborations that facilitated the movement of NSF funds toward initiatives of relevance to plant pathologists.

Dr. Henkart visited with members of the Public Policy Board on numerous occasions, both during the annual PPB Spring Meeting and when individual PPB members visited Washington, D.C. She is a life-long learner and provided creative and innovative suggestions for plant pathologists nationwide.

Dr. Henkart has chaired and served on a number of NSF and interagency task groups and committees related to multidisciplinary research, biotechnology and biosecurity, including the Biotechnology Research Working Group of the Subcommittee on Biotechnology of the National Science and Technology Council's Committee on Science. She was a founding member and the NSF representative to "The Microbe Project" Interagency Working Group and she represented the NSF on the National Science Advisory Board for Biosecurity (NSABB).

Dr. Henkart received her BA from Reed College, her Ph.D. in Biology from Harvard University, and did post-doctoral work at Scripps Institution of Oceanography and the University of California at Los Angeles. Prior to coming to the National Science Foundation, she was a senior investigator in the intramural research program at the National Institutes of Health where she studied the role of calcium in the function of a variety of cell types including cells of the nervous system and the immune system.

The PPB appreciates your consideration of the nomination of Maryanna Henkart as a Friend of APS. We will greatly miss her contributions and efforts on behalf of plant pathology at NSF. We would have liked to nominate her for this recognition earlier, but because NSF employees are unable to accept such awards her retirement makes this the right time to make the award. In fact, we would like to present the award to her during the PPB's Spring Meeting, March 2-7, so we look forward to your reply.

If you have any questions regarding this nomination please let me know. We look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

Jacqueline Fletcher
Director, APS Public Policy Board

V.6 From: "Leach,Jan" <Jan.Leach@ColoState.EDU>

Date: Wed, 6 Feb 2008 16:02:03 -0700

To: Ray Martyn <Rmartyn@purdue.edu>, Barbara Christ <ebf@psu.edu>, "James W.Moyer" <James_Moyer@ncsu.edu>, Steve Nelson <snelson@scisoc.org>, Marci Smith <msmith@scisoc.org>

Conversation: Agenda item for conference call next week?

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Ray:

Hope you are feeling better!!!

Hate to bother you with this when you're feeling ill, but I received the message below, and wanted to bring this to Exec. Shinji Tsuyumu will take over as President of the Japanese society of Plant Pathology (JSPP) in April. JSPP has long been a good collaborator with APS...there are many members of JSPP that are members (and Fellows) of APS, they try to attend APS Annual mtgs when they can, and they aspire to publish in our journals. The science coming out of Japan is high quality and very competitive.

My thinking is that we need to tackle the bigger question first, i.e., the question I would pose to Exec first is this: "Should we wait to see how the CSPP experiment plays out, or should we aggressively move down the road we have begun to pave, and look for the next best opportunities to continue what is on a track for success?"

My own thinking is that societies such as the Japanese and Korean societies (and likely some Latin American societies) are good associations for us to link with because they are stable, have the same (or greater) pressure as the

CSPP to publish in international journals, and they are in parts of the world that we know to have high growth potential. Each association has its unique traits/advantages/disadvantages, and the 'packages' would need to be tailored to bring the best benefit to all. Are we ready yet? I would argue that we are in a great position to build, we have one experimental plot out, and that to evaluate how it would benefit all members, we might need to have a few other test plots out to draw good conclusions in the end. I also think that the cost to APS (in \$\$ outlaid) shouldn't be that great, as we now have one model (with some lessons learned) to build on.

Worth a good discussion.

Jan

-----Original Message-----

From: Shinji Tsuyumu [<mailto:tsuyumu@agr.shizuoka.ac.jp>]

Sent: Sunday, February 03, 2008 10:11 PM

To: Leach,Jan

Subject: Possible association with APS

Hi Jan,

Before my visit to attend at the centennial celebration of APS, I would like to search the possible agreement between APS and Japanese society of Plant Pathology (JSPP). I understand APS and Chinese Society for Plant Pathology had set up the mutual agreement in last year. I would like to hear your thought on the possibility of the agreement with your society and our society. If you would agree with this, I would like to discuss this matter in the next council meeting in late April by introducing the possible form of the agreement.

I would appreciate you if you could send me your advice.

Shinji

(From April, I'll be the president of JSPP)

V. 7 Dear Jim: What a wonderful gesture of support to offer financial assistance for a special lecture under the banner of the Glenn Anderson Lectureship on World Food Security. I remember this being discussed at Quebec and San Diego. I am copying my response to Jim Moyer, APS president-elect and program chair for the centennial meeting and Scott Adkins, Director of the Scientific Program Board so they are in the loop. As I understand the situation, the offer is \$3,000 to support a lecture / symposium of mutual choice. As the special sessions for the meeting have already been finalized, this would have to support someone already scheduled. I don't see where this would be a problem. Secondly, the offer of \$3,000 would more than likely be in excess of most speakers expenses and certainly, more than APS program board offers to individual speakers. Again, not a problem, just an observation. On the other hand, there is another option you might consider and that is support of the special centennial plenary session. For the centennial, there will be a 2-day, 8-person session with the theme of "Agriculture, Food Security and Public Health: Global Issues – Global Solutions." The theme of this session is in line with the Anderson endowment for world food security. A world renowned list of speakers has been lined up for this very special session, including one coming in from Kenya. A list of the speakers and their topics will be on the centennial meeting website probably this week if you want to take a look at it. I also can send you a word.doc copy in the mean time if you want to see it. Perhaps the Glenn Anderson contribution could be used to offset some the expenses for this session or specifically for Dr. Wambugu coming in from Kenya. Recognition of this support could be made at the beginning of the plenary session (or in some other form). This is only one suggestion and perhaps Jim or Scott have others. I am sure that we will be able to identify an appropriate candidate for this generous offer.

Thanks again for this offer and for your warm wishes as APS celebrates its centennial. APS and CPS have enjoyed a very special and beneficial relationship for many years and I look forward to that continuing. I hope to see you in Minneapolis this summer. Best wishes, Ray

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From: "Menzies, Jim" <JMENZIES@AGR.GC.CA>

Date: Wed, 23 Jan 2008 10:44:13 -0500

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Conversation: The 100th Anniversary of the APS, and the Glen Anderson Lectureship

Subject: The 100th Anniversary of the APS, and the Glen Anderson Lectureship

Dear Ray

I would like to extend to you and the American Phytopathological Society, the best wishes of the Canadian Phytopathological Society on this occasion of the 100th anniversary of the APS. We hope that the APS will have a wonderful year of celebration and have continued success in the future.

As you may or may not know, the CPS holds funds in trust for the CPS and APS for a lectureship entitled "Glenn Anderson Lectureship on World Food Security". The by-laws governing this trust are as follows

To commemorate the contributions of an outstanding, internationally recognized plant scientist toward the security of world food supply. The award will sponsor lectures either at joint meetings of the Canadian and American Phytopathological Societies, at the International Congress of Plant Phytopathological Societies, or other special events as agreed to by both the Canadian and American Phytopathological Societies, as circumstances permit.

Selections of the lecturer(s) will be the responsibility of the organizing committee of the meeting or event. The fund is intended to be used for travel expenses and honoraria.

The terms of reference of the lectureship and the use of fund interest earnings will be reviewed at least every five years by the Board of both Societies.

A short history, as far as I understand it, is that money was raised for this award and it was decided that the CPS would hold it in trust for both societies.

The Executive Board of the CPS has decided that the 100th anniversary of the APS is a special event, and that money from the Glenn Anderson Lectureship should be provided to the APS to sponsor a Lecture at their 100th anniversary meeting. We hope that the board of the APS agrees. If so, I am offering \$3,000.00 US to sponsor this Lectureship.

If we are in agreement, would it be possible to forward this message to someone on the Symposium Committee of the APS for the 100th Anniversary Meeting? They can contact me directly with information on where to send the cheque. As trustees of the fund, we would ask that they send us a statement of how the money was spent after the meeting. We have to account for these things to our auditors.

To head off any issues, I don't believe the CPS need be acknowledged directly for this funding, since it is money we are holding in trust for both societies. Some statement before the lecture informing people that the Lectureship is a joint APS, CPS award might be appropriate. Another suggestion would be that the Lectureship be introduced by the CPS president, who will be Dr. Mary Leggett (CPS is sending our president at that time to the APS 100th Anniversary meeting).

If you have any questions or concerns about this issue, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely

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