

Exec / FAC Conference Call Minutes

March 12, 2008 – 10:00 AM EST

I. Roll call (M. Smith)

Present: Randy R., Jan L., Danise B., Barb C., Ray M., Margery D., Steve N., Marci S., Amy H., Michelle B., Barb M.

Absent: Wayne W., John R., Jim M., Mike B.

II. Approval of minutes of February call; no edits. **Motion to approve, seconded; vote called: passed unanimously**

III. Information Items

- a. Foundation approved appointments (see attachment) Abawi –chair, Alvarez-member
- b. APS Foundation campaign – Council recommendations due 18 April.
- c. Foundation has requested in addition to the Treasurer a council liaison. **Ray will follow-up with Ann to clarify what she is looking for specifically.**
- d. Carolee Bull notified of discontinued affiliation with ATCC. IUMS feedback provided to Ray.

IV. Discussion Items

1. Recap of the Midyear Council meeting. Very pleased with the many accomplishments and decisions to move forward on the issues.
2. Leadership Forum at Centennial: Topics and invitations. The governance issue could be one topic as long as it focused on scientific issues and not structure or “how”. Need to discuss strategically where APS is headed, what issues lay ahead and how we will address them. This discussion should be facilitated. **Ray will continue to work with staff to develop topics and an invitation list.**
3. Invitation to society presidents to centennial and “congratulatory letters”. Exec decided at midyear that invites will be sent to Presidents and Vice Presidents of Plant Path societies offering them opportunity to present a poster which will be in a separate section from the others. **Staff is working on the list and the letter which will go to Ray for review.** Time is set aside on Tuesday for a luncheon if needed.
4. Formation of ad-hoc committees: Governance, International Collaborations. Mike Boehm has agreed to serve on the Governance adhoc. This needs to be grass roots with the bulk of members from current council. Also, the perspective of younger potential leaders is relevant. The new incoming VP should definitely be a member. **Please send your suggestions for members to this and the International adhoc to Ray. Ray will work on the charges within the next few weeks.**
5. Travel for Carolee Bull to Turkey for IUMS. **Danise will forward the letter and communication with Carolee.** In general council does not support travel for affiliate reps but can and will for specific initiatives. **Motion to waive any IUMS contribution but to offer Carolee \$500 toward her travel for this meeting in Turkey; seconded and passed unanimously.** We will wait until they reorganize to see if APS will continue or be asked to continue our affiliation with IUMS.

6. Centennial Update. Need some recognition of those who have worked for so many years in the planning of this meeting. **Staff will come up with ideas for a plaque or gift.** These could be presented at the business meeting during the final Wednesday luncheon. These individuals will be mentioned in many formats during and promoting the meeting.
7. Other
 - a. Awards – Ray has list of awardees from committee and should finish notifications this week.
 - b. NIH workshop: Ray attended. Much of the focus was on dual use research
 - c. PPB Meeting went very well. Presented the Friend of APS Award to M. Henkart