

**Minutes - Exec Meeting**  
**6:30-10 PM, Thursday, July 26, 2007**  
**Rice Restaurant**

1. Call to Order (Leach)
2. **HOC update** (Nelson): Have had a recent staff termination. The client societies are very happy and various cultures falling into place as staff is learning about these new societies.  
  
For officers retreat:
  - What are the benefits to APS and AACC outside of monetary gains?
  - What is the long-term vision/strategy for client societies?
3. **APS budget update/discussion** (Rowe/Mock): We have a positive \$210.00 budget. APS Press and MPMI both doing well. Need to continue looking at trends; specifically decreases in Plant Disease and Phytopathology  
  
PMN is still an unknown; need to see how agreements with ASA and others end up. How do we evaluate the focus of PMN; are we providing what is desired?
  - Need to develop a measure for value on PMN?
  - Need to follow-up from summit on commitments from earlier this year
4. **Financial Items for review / Action:** (Rowe/Mock): will discuss at full council
5. **Financial Strategic Plan: are we being strategic?** (Rowe/Mock): will discuss at full council
6. **New Issues:**
  - Should Scientific Planning Board Director be on Council? (Leach)
    - Inclusion – need to call in pertinent players on specific issues for discussions
  - ISPP membership dues (Rowe)
    - Foundation: request they report at midyear – what is their vision? Need strategic decisions for their future and program structuring
    - Need a mechanism for accepting funds: are we willing to invest in a staff position to solicit future potential donors

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7. **Appointments to Boards and Offices** (Leach)
8. **Status on Ad Hoc Committees and Taskforces** (Leach)
  - Advisory Committee on Threatening Plant Diseases (John Sherwood chair)
  - Culture Collections (Jeff Jones chair): Workshops in Development
  - Co-sponsorship of AAAS Study: Underrepresentation of women in Ag sciences: Symposium at AAAS 2008 (Boston)**
  - Profession of Plant Pathology Ad Hoc (David Gadoury, chair, will present at Leadership Forum)
  - Education Ad Hoc (Jim MacDonald, chair, will present at Leadership Forum)
  - International (Randy Ploetz, chair, will present at Leadership Forum)
    - CSPP delegation will have breakfast on Wed AM; see agenda
    - MOA luncheon on Tuesday; see agenda
    - **DISCUSS plans for CSPP collaborations: (Need plans from HQ)**

- Auxilliary meetings Taskforce established (Gary Bergstrom, Chair)
  - Soybean Rust, Other Emerging Issues
- OEC will present findings of Technology Assessment Friday to Council (8:20-10:15 AM)
  - Dave Coriale (Delcor), Darin Eastburn, and staff team (Steve Kronmiller, Doug Vukson-VanBeek, Amy Hope and Michelle Bjerkness)
- Centennial: Jim Moyer

## **9. Adjourn**

Dear Jan, Ray, and Jim-The recent confusion concerning the publication of SPB-supported symposia and the even more recent confusion concerning the communication on the changed meeting planning process encourages me to make a final plea to the Presidential Lineage to include the Director of the SPB as a member of Council. In looking back at my tenure in this position (six years as Director and two years as Section Chair before there was an SPB), I think that the one thing that would have increased the ease of service would have been having a better idea of what was happening on Council. Each incoming President and Vice-President has had a different level of communication with the SPB and priorities and directions have been influenced by their individual frames of reference. The position of Director of the SPB would be more effective if the information was first-hand. I know that it is not standard for the directors of boards to be members and maybe the SPB is not as unique in its function as I think it is, but as I am "heading out the door" I thought that I would share this request one more time. Erin