

APS Executive Committee Conference Call Meeting
August 16, 2001

Present: S. Slack, D. Jardine, J. Sherwood, R. Gergerich, N. Keen, Neal Van Alfen
Absent: J. Fletcher
Staff: S. Nelson, M. Smith, A. Hope, M. Bjerkness, G. Grahek

The meeting was called to order at 3:03 p.m. CDST by President S. Slack. The agenda was sent out previously by electronic mail (attachment #1).

1. Appointment of new OIP director

George Abawi was approved as the new OIP director on a 14 - 0 vote. We will proceed to move forward with his appointment.

2. Nominations for Office of Industry Relations

No new names were put forward and no objections were raised to the current names on the list. Council will discuss the OIR proposal on Friday.

3. Scientific Program Board

S. Slack reviewed the appointments of Erin Rosskopf as director and Mike Davis as shortcourse chair. J. Fletcher will be on the Tuesday breakfast program to make a report on the Scientific Program Board.

4. Logo

E. Stromberg will report on the new logo at the Tuesday breakfast.

5. Constitutional Amendment

The amendment passed 848 – 21. No other action is needed at this time.

6. Announcements of future meetings at breakfast

a. 2003 ICPP; XXVI International Horticulture Congress in August 2002. Noel will announce the upcoming ICPP meeting after the passing of the gavel along with the announcement for next year's Milwaukee meeting. There is an eleven-minute film on the ICPP meeting. We need to edit it down to about five minutes.

b. 2003 ICPP request for APS donation. No action

c. Invite Charles Delp to Wednesday AM Council? No action

d. Member recognition at breakfast. This refers to previously sent e-mail correspondence from S. Coakley. We will proceed as in the past to save time and be consistent. The PPB recognition is exceptional because of the 10 years of service of the retiring members.

7. Transgenic papayas at session

A speaker from Hawaii wants to bring samples for tasting. The hotel has no problem with this. Hotel security prefers that we not advertise this activity. They do not want to attract protestors.

8. Agendas for Council and Executive meetings in Salt Lake City

They have been sent by e-mail

9. Request for IUMS representation via Jacyn Baker

The proposed dues increase has been a concern. Apparently there is a way we can side step this. J. Fletcher has been charged with obtaining more information. S. Slack will meet with J. Baker and J. Fletcher and report on this during the Council meeting.

10. New Council Orientation

Staff is all set on this. The background manuals are ready. This has normally been done at midyear by the past president so S. Slack will be conducting the orientation.

11. Governance Committee Report

It will be discussed on Friday during the Executive Committee meeting and on Saturday from 3:00 to 4:00 p.m. with full Council. L. Madden will be present for the discussion. It is unclear how much progress will be made. It could be readily accepted or discussion may need to be deferred to midyear. Staff has made posters of the proposed outline. This is an opportunity for positively redefining the role of Councilor's Forum. We will need to work hard to educate the membership if Council approves the report.

12. APS 2001 Membership Survey results

Dick Rogers will be meeting with Council on Saturday morning from 10:15 to 11:00. The results this year are more interesting since we now have baseline data from 1998. There are some contradictions in the survey, for instance, members want lower costs but they do not want advertising. S. Slack will cover some summary statements at the Tuesday breakfast.

13. Journal pricing for electronic library subscriptions

G. Grahek reported that the Publishing Communications Group has looked at pricing and exposure. They have come up with a plan to put publications on-line but with an add-on price for the print journal. The price for the on-line option for libraries will be lowered from \$165 to \$125. They would like to increase the print price from the 9% approved at midyear to 10%. The libraries and agencies need the pricing quickly. We are already behind normal time lines. **MOTION.** All three of our print journals will increase prices from 9 to 10% with a price of \$125 for opting in for the on-line version by institutions. **SECONDED. DISCUSSION.** We are attempting to reduce the opt-in price to attract more subscribers. This motion would increase the nonmember prices for journals to \$425 for *Phytopathology* and *Plant Disease* and \$451 for *MPMI*. On-line subscriptions for companies will not be offered this year although there may be some selective participation. **MOTION CARRIED.** This recommendation will be made to Council and the results reported to Greg by Sunday so he can proceed assuming its passage.

There has been a letter received from *Science* proposing open access to journal articles one year after publication. The letter will be posted on the Council Corner.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:52 CDST.

Respectfully submitted,

Douglas J. Jardine
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