

Minutes of APS FAC/Executive Committee

Conference Call
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Attendance

Present: Jacque Fletcher, Randy Ploetz, Erik Stromberg, Jim MacDonald, John Andrews, John Sherwood,

Staff: Steve Nelson and Marci Smith

Absent: Steve Slack, Gary Bergstrom, Carol Ishimaru, and Mike Matheron

Call to Order

President J. Fletcher called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. Central

Agenda was distributed electronically December 8, 2002 (see attachment 1).

Request for additional items.

J. Fletcher requested to discuss conference call schedule for 03.

1. Constitutional vote on Sr. Editor terms

J. Fletcher notified Council by email that this motion passed. M. Smith will forward the email to M. Bjerckness requesting a notice to the membership in Phyto News and via News capsule.

2. FAC items – follow-up discussion

J. Fletcher reported that the recent Exec/FAC meeting in St. Paul included discussion of the overall financial situation of APS and specifically the status of PMN. This is a critical time in its growth as many partners are due for renewal. There is a new partnership level. CSREES and ESA are showing interest in partnering.

We looked at reserve investments and received a review from a US Bank representative of how the funds are selected and watched for performance. Most of our funds are now functioning at least around the average.

A draft budget is prepared for FY04, which includes the annual meeting in Charlotte. Recommendations for an increased registration fee were discussed and it is tentatively set at \$350.00. This partly resulted from discussion about bringing technology to the meeting, including electronic posters and appropriate AV equipment. Further, an increase in the abstract fee from \$45 to \$55 was proposed which would replace the technology fee. John Sherwood will prepare a write up for membership once final decisions of the increases are approved.

3. APS Biosecurity Workshop

K. Eversole is expected to provide a report tomorrow on the status of the funding. Once we hear from her, J. Sherwood will contact the list of participants so they can mark their calendars.

4. HOC Update

J. Fletcher relayed updates from the recent HOC conference call in the absence of S. Slack. An increase in staff benefits, specifically vacation, was approved which now brings the societies benefit package to a comparable level for the area and industry. J. Fletcher had the privilege of making the announcement to staff when visiting headquarters for the recent Exec/FAC meeting and reports that it was very well received and morale appears to be very good.

Other discussion surrounded the need for building improvements including repaving the parking lot, which needs to be accomplished soon, and roof replacement in the near future.

S. Slack will take over as chair of HOC the beginning of January 03.

5. Annual Meeting

G. Bergstrom could not be on the call but has reported that programming is going well.

6. Midyear Meeting

A. Advance preparation for focus items needed

1. Strategic planning: An edited version of the SP will be dispersed to Council and the extended group prior to Midyear. We will continue to revise the plan based on response from these groups.

2. Current issues facing plant pathology: These will help us to know where to direct our strategic planning.

3. Governance: John Lundquist, chair of the adhoc committee on governance, is fine-tuning the survey with the help of outside sources.

4. Communication among governing groups: Amy Hope is setting up a presentation for the Exec. Cmte. Prior to midyear on the e-communities.

5. Journals: Greg Shaner is attending the Midyear meeting. An invitation also went out to Doug Luster and Larry Madden

B. Young professionals survey

J. Andrews is writing the report with a draft to the committee early in the new year. He expects they will make their recommendations at Midyear.

7. Other meetings

ESA: J. Fletcher attended this meeting in November and had the opportunity to meet with their presidential lineage. They appear comfortable with their current position and are moving forward.

CSSP: S. Slack reported to J. Fletcher that the meeting was very beneficial in some respects. He had the opportunity to meet with some members of the tri-societies and suggested that when J. Fletcher and G. Bergstrom attend in the spring, it will be a good time to meet with them again, specifically regarding bio security.

NAS: J. Fletcher reported the ASM is a major contributor in the planning of this workshop. J. MacDonald added that a related issue is the censorship affecting Grant Applications. He will provide J. Fletcher with specific examples.

8. 2003 Schedule

It was discussed and agreed that the same timeframe would be acceptable for the 03 calendar year, beginning with the third Thursday in January (16th) at 9:00 AM Central. M. Smith will send a notice to the entire committee for comment and a confirmation based on their replies.

Adjourn

Call was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Marci Smith

Attachments

1. Agenda