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MINUTES OF APS FAC/EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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Attendance

Present: J. Fletcher, C. Ishimaru, J. MacDonald, E. Stromberg, J. Andrews, J. Sherwood, G. Bergstrom

Staff: S. Nelson, M. Smith

Absent: M. Matheron, S. Slack, A. Biggs, R. Ploetz

Call to Order

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

Agenda was distributed electronically June 12, 2003 (attachment 1). Agenda items presented in order discussed.

6. July Biosecurity workshop update

Pres. Fletcher reported she has not heard back from the Dept of Homeland Security regarding their decision on funding a biosecurity workshop. If a concrete commitment is not made in the next few days, the workshop may have to be postponed until September.

7. Appointment of new FAC member (Mike Matheron's term expires in August)

M. Matheron's term on FAC expires in August. Appointment is typically for two years. J. Brown or R. Martyn are potential candidates for this appointment. Exec supported their nominations. Pres. Fletcher will contact them before the annual meeting about their willingness to serve.

8. Citrus canker letter

Pres. Fletcher received a letter from someone with strong reactions to some of the actions taken in Florida regarding citrus canker. She is still gathering information and deciding on how best to respond. Exec was in favor of maintaining APS' stance as a publisher of high quality journals on the science impacting citrus canker issues. It did not favor a change toward providing input on other levels of the issue.

10. Meeting with SON.

Pres. Fletcher reported that A. Nyczepir and she have been in contact about holding a joint meeting between SON and APS. Meeting dates discussed include the 2005 meeting scheduled for APS in Austin. Exec was generally supportive of the idea of a joint meeting though details will need to be worked out by J. Andrews and J. MacDonald during their presidential terms. During the Salt Lake City meeting of APS-SON, the SON Executive Board indicated there were some issues of concern about the joint meeting conditions. Exec discussed some of the issues that might impact the format for the meeting. APS registration fees would probably be more than SON members are used to paying. SON may also be concerned about dilution of their meeting in the presence of the larger APS meeting. A back-to-back meeting could be held instead of a joint, integrated meeting. The TX location might also be a strong draw because of the importance of plant nematological issues in the South. Exec did not know what proportion of SON membership study plant-associated nematodes.

The President will wait to hear back from A. Nyczepir about the dates in Austin. If there is interest in the meeting, then a small ad hoc group with APS and SON members may be appointed. A joint or otherwise linked meeting would also require APS Council's vote. CF should probably develop the motion and bring it to Council. The timeframe for developing a motion for Council would probably be after the annual meeting in Charlotte but before the 2004 midyear meeting.

9. Annual meeting updates

a. APHIS list

Pres. Fletcher has been contacted by APHIS about gathering input on the current APHIS list of regulated plant pathogens. Mike Firco and Arnie Tschanz are partly responsible for the list. They intend for it to be reviewed periodically, and requested a session at the APS annual meeting to host a public forum for gathering stakeholder input. This forum is envisioned as the first of three such events. G. Bergstrom and K Aro have proposed a session on Tuesday evening at 5:30-8:30 pm, with food available for the dinner hour. APHIS would like to have about 300 people attend. A question was raised if the forum was intended to be "public" beyond APS meeting registrants. President-Elect Bergstrom will follow up on this.

b. Plenary.

Claire Frasier from TIGR was scheduled to speak at the plenary but will not be able to attend. Robin Buell, also from TIGR, has been identified as her replacement.

c. Other

G. Bergstrom reported progress has been made on the development of one-day special sessions for the Charlotte meeting. The intention of the sessions is to attract attendees from the surrounding tri-state area.

S. Nelson indicated that there are about 800 people registered for Charlotte, which is on track for reaching the final attendance estimate of 1,600.

1. Governance survey results and follow-up

In a preliminary report from J. Lundquist, the ad hoc Governance Questionnaire committee indicated there was a diversity of members opinions, but no clear mandate for specific changes at this time. The APS leadership could still suggest changes. The suggestion was made to have the Strategic Planning and Leadership Forum discuss the issue at the annual meeting

2. Focus topics for Strategic Planning and Leadership (SPL) Forum.

Possibilities provided by Pres. Fletcher in the agenda included:

1. Governance survey follow-up
2. Strategic financial plan
3. Top issues in Plant Pathology (survey results)
4. APS' international role and presence
5. Communication resources - e-communities, etc.

Pres. Fletcher reviewed that at last year's annual meeting with extended Council (SPLF) there were two break-out sessions. There were also focus topics presented by a person or a small group. Background information on the focus topics was made available online to SPLF prior to the meeting. She plans to use a similar format for the meeting in Charlotte.

Of the items listed, Exec considered all significant and appropriate for the meeting. Pres. Fletcher envisioned two break out sessions in Charlotte, one in the morning and one in the afternoon. She asked for input on which topics would be most amenable and appropriate for breakouts.

Exec discussed the five topics and what format would be best for each, i.e. breakout session or presentation. In summary, the governance survey and APS' international role were the two items chosen for break outs. The other three topics are candidates for focus topics with demonstrations or presentations.

Pres. Fletcher asked for additional topics. One possibility was a discussion on current priorities and directions in APS. Such a session could also provide opportunity for SPLF input.

J. Fletcher will continue to work with G. Bergstrom and others on the SPL agenda.

3. Focus topics for Business Meeting.

Possible topics provided by Pres. Fletcher in the agenda included:

1. PMN update
2. Journal marketing alliance.
3. New interactive activities: public policy workshops, online symposia and e-communities
4. Governance survey.

Pres. Fletcher opened discussion on ideas for the Business Meeting. Exec favored a presentation on PMN for the business meeting. M. Wimer was suggested as a possible presenter. For the Journal Marketing Alliance, G. Grahek was suggested as a presenter.

Exec's discussions led to an overall theme for the business meeting. The theme could be "how APS is conducting business". This could include the SPLF, how information is being brought into group discussions, how hot topics become incorporated into the meeting, etc. It didn't want to emphasize biosecurity at the business meeting, since this topic will be presented at several other venues during the annual meeting. It was decided that a presentation on the governance survey would be premature. Instead, the discussions with SPLF on the survey could be presented as an example of how membership input is being integrated and conveyed.

Another topic considered was the Young Professionals Survey. This group has already established an e-community. Its website could be used as demonstration of interactive committees and APS' attempts to involve specific groups in leadership.

4. "Mini-reports from ad hoc committees."

Pres. Fletcher indicated she had received four mini-reports so far, but the deadline is Friday. These will be forward to Exec. Some committees will have completed their work by August, others may be considered for re-appointment.

The Young Professionals and the Centennial Planning committees will be reappointed. The Public Image, Governance Questionnaire, Division Issues, Journals, New Products, and Private Practice Committees are being considered for reappointed but no decision has been made. The New Products committee will meet in Charlotte. The Awards Review committee was just appointed and will be reappointed at Charlotte.

5. Officer duties in Charlotte

M. Smith distributed an annual meeting calendar to Exec and FAC. Participation of officers at various designated events was discussed. J. Fletcher and G. Bergstrom will develop an agenda for the new Council meeting scheduled for Wednesday.

11. Additional item

M. Smith asked about when the request for annual reports would come out. There was a question about which format to use for the reports. It was decided to use the one developed at midyear. The Secretary will send out the request for reports along with a note indicating examples of previous reports posted on APSnet.

Adjourn

Call was adjourned at 10: 18 a.m. Central.

Next conference call

The next call is scheduled for July 10 at 9 am Central

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary, APS

Attachments

1. Agenda