

## Exec/FAC Conference Call

November 10, 2004, 10 AM Eastern Time

Present: Jim M., Steve N. John A., Erik S., Gary B., Ray M., Mike E., Rose G., Jan L., Amy H., Marci

Absent: Danise

- 1) Approval of minutes from the last conference call  
No discussion - approved
- 2) Minutes from Annual Meeting (any discussion or comments?)
  - Draft minutes should be sent to the Secretary and President as soon as possible following a call/meeting. Following their response and necessary updates, forwarded to full council and those outside of council who made motions or have action items.
- 3) Coverage of divisional meetings (who can make it to which meeting)\
  - Jim reporting receiving invites from the NC and Caribbean Divisions so far.
  - **Action: The issue of overlapping dates needs to be addressed and a protocol set. Councilor's forum will address this issue.**

Division Meetings will be attended as follows:

  - Caribbean -Jim MacDonald
  - North Central -Jan Leach (**Action: Ray M. will verify dates for the business meeting/dinner**)
  - Pacific -Gary Bergstrom
  - Potomac -John Andrews
  - Southern -Jim MacDonald
- 4) Report on USDA meeting (bring people up to date on officer meeting with USDA re: NPDRS)  
Jacque F., Jim M., Gary B., Kellye E., and Beth Carroll were present at a meeting in DC with Al Jennings, Kent Smith and Tueng Chin. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss our proposed National Center for Plant Biosecurity, and the National Plant Disease Recovery System that USDA is charged with carrying out. This meeting was extremely positive. The USDA group was very understanding and receptive to our proposed model which follows the model they are already using in the Office of Pest Management Policy.
  - Kellye will work to keep this momentum going and enforce the connection we've made.
- 5) Update on Austin meeting and changes in meeting format (Andrews)  
The SPB met in St Paul this September and agreed on the following changes for Anaheim.  
Sunday:
  - Move the business meeting to follow the plenary (move plenary a bit earlier?); making it shorter (1 hour) with a boxed lunch. Hope is that attendance at the plenary will flow over to the business meeting. This affects several lunches (Division Officers, Foundation, and Sr. Editors).
  - Change format of the welcome reception. The goal is to get people into the hall with the posters (authors present); offering light appetizers. This will open the meeting with a scientific emphasis and also engage them in networking. Timing approx 5:30 – 7:30.
    - This will be ticketed but at a lower cost than the previous opening receptions.  
Tuesday:
  - A closing event is planned following the official award ceremony and will include the passing of the gavel to the new administration and an introduction to the 06 meeting.
  - This will affect the Industry social, typically on Tuesday evening. Industry leaders need to be contacted. **Action: B. Ford will be working with the organizer of this event for 06.**
  - **Action: Will begin early in 05 advertising the changes via news capsule and Phyto News.**

These changes are implemented to open and close the meeting on a high note. John A. to move ahead with these plans

  
Early Career Professionals Social:  
The SPB has removed this funding request (\$500) from it's budget for special sessions. This will move to member services as it was last year.

### Historical Sessions:

There is not enough in the session budget to publish the historical sessions leading up to the Centennial meeting.

- **Motion:** APS will fund publication of proceedings of the special historical sessions leading up to the 2008 Centennial at a limit of up to \$2500 per session and no more than 2 sessions per year. Vote called, Seconded. Unanimously approved.
  - Further, this was approved with the following understanding: (1) it would include \$2500 support for publication of the Fisher/Smith debate session from the Anaheim meeting and (2) that the funds for this initiative in supporting the historical sessions would come from the general annual meeting budget, NOT from the special session allocation (currently \$35000) assigned to the SPB/ann mtg comm to invest in the special session program. Action: John A. will work out the details with Betty Ford.

Will let publications department work on details of review process and publication venue

6) Recommendation from Chris Mundt that Kira Bowen be appointed chair of Pub Board

Action: Jim will go back to Chris to discuss this further, expressing concerns regarding the workload on Editor's in Chief (EIC'S) and volunteers in general. Our recommendation is that the pub chair not be a current EIC and possibly serve a longer term.

This position could serve as the EIC's representation to council, helping to resolve part of the governance issues and reduce the budget for full council meetings.

7) Review of action list items (urgent items needing attention before the holidays (Beadle)

8) Update on discussion with Joyce Loper re: her ad hoc committee

9) 2007 joint meeting with SON

Added:

10) Meeting with tri-societies (Jan 05)

\*\*Gary received an email during the call that soybean rust was found in the US (Louisiana). Action: Staff will get a news capsule to our membership. Gary will forward the email he received to staff and the full Exec/Fac group and comments for the notice to include with the USDA press release  
-Those interested should call back on this same number at Noon CT to discuss the issue further.

Call Adjourned

We did not get to items 7-10. Will address by email or on a future call.

The next call is December 9, 2004 at 9 am CT.