

Exec/FAC Conference Call
December 9, 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., Danise B., and Marci

1. Review of action list (Danise B.)

-Danise will track these through the agenda and update any not addressed at the end of the call

- Danise will follow-up with Marci on action list next week
- Marci will send out updated action list next week

2. Update on Plant Path Priorities adhoc (discussion w/Joyce Loper-MacDonald)

-Jim has had two discussions with Joyce since the annual meeting.

- **Action:** This effort is being revitalized and they plan to have a report by the annual meeting in Austin.

3. 2007 joint meeting with SON (Nelson)

-We need to address issues that resulted from our joint meeting in Salt Lake City; specifically those concerns voiced by the SON members.

- **Action:** Amy H and Betty F will work on the issues related to space and housing.
- The new vp elected in 05 will have responsibility for the program and will be encouraged to address related issues specific to this meeting as soon as possible.

4. Vote on untabled motion from John Sherwood 2003

-**Action #73:** Exec/Fac addressed this on behalf of council so that planning could move ahead for the 05 midyear meeting.

-After review and open discussion this was called for a vote;defeated unanimously.

- Danise will communicate this to full council immediately
- Marci will send reminder notification with preliminary planning details to full council and the EIC's of PHP and the Ed Center for Midyear.
- Move to completed tab of action list

5. Update on changes in annual meeting schedule (Andrews)

-John recapped the changes and relayed some feedback received from industry as it affects their social. (Jim Frank will be in charge of the industry social.)

-OIR was to discuss this on a conference call this past Monday as well and Mike Schwarz to follow-up with John.

-would like to have the business luncheon ticketed with a nominal fee (possibly \$5) or could this be included in the reg fee with an increase to that (reg fees for 05 to be discussed at midyear). Could be left open to everyone and ticketed separately, in advance, for a boxed lunch

-will continue review of this at midyear

- **Action:** Look at the financial model for meetings as a future agenda item

-Given recent events, should we bring Soybean Rust into the program as a hot topic?

- **Action:** John A. will contact Vince Morton, possibly pulling people together on this issue and will follow-up with the program committee. Economics needs to be a component of this topic.

-Note: there is an online symposium next Wednesday by the American Soybean Assoc.

6. Recap of Pub board chair issues discussions with Chris Mundt and succession planning for EIC of Phytopathology (MacDonald)

-Relates to **Action #55**

-Jim recapped his discussions with Chris and will continue that dialogue as it pertains to the future role of the Pub Board Editor-in-Chief (EIC);

-would like to have a consensus on this and that person in place for Calendar 05 by annual meeting 05. Note: possible extended term for this position (3 year) and as EIC rep on council

Tabled Pub Board Motion: Vote called for approval of Kira Bowen as EIC of Pub Board for the calendar year 05. Unanimously approved
-Jim will notify Chris and Kira
-Chris also mention considerations for his replacement as EIC on Phytopathology beginning 06; Jim will continue dialogue with Chris in this regard.

7. Microbial Forensics adhoc (MacDonald) **Action #70**

Jacque sent a list of about 15 suggested members with some suggested charges to the ad hoc. Jim responded with his recommendations and Jacque will be sending him a revised list of about 6. The question was raised as to whether this might be a good example of where the group's interests could be served through an e-community rather than an ad hoc. A larger group could be set up as an e-community or interest group.

- Jim will set up a conference call with Steve N, Jacque F. and Marci to discuss this further.

8. NPDRS reviews (MacDonald)

-We have been asked by Al Jennings, the head of the NPDRS in USDA, to review drafts of informational articles covering diseases on the "Select Agent List". Jim followed up with Doug Luster, who will coordinate the review, and forwarded the documentation to him. Doug has formed a slate of reviewers (including international representation) and is in the process of getting these reviewed.
-They have been requested to respond by the end of the 1st week in January 2005.

9. NCWSS meeting (MacDonald)

Jim is attending this meeting next Mon and Tuesday in Ohio to discuss governance and how we have worked to implement change and to engage various segments of our society

10. CSSP recap (Andrews)

-John reported on his attendance at this meeting; specifically the session on Journals and scholarly society publications with library speakers. CSSP is just getting launched in their discussions on this topic. There was also coverage of funding and statistics related to public education; impacting future capabilities. Research and development is being outsourced heavily by the US. It was strongly felt that societies should be working together as advocates of science rather than approaching public policy issues with their specific agenda; more collaboration – group advocacy of science.
-Sarbanes Oxley was discussed and it's future impact with regard to non profit associations.
-It is important for us to continue representation from the presidential lineage at this meeting.

11. Ambassador Program (Martyn) **Action # 64:**

-Further discussion of this proposal resulted in more questions. Inquiries did not find that other societies have a similar program in place.

- As proposed this is probably not the correct model and the formation of an adhoc as proposed in Anaheim is not necessary.\
- Jim will touch base with Randy (OIP) to see where they are going with this in relation to their current charge. Apart from that, no specific action necessary at this time.

12. Emeritus committee (MacDonald) **Action #71:**

-What would the charge be to this group?

- Charge CF to discuss this further. Jim will email Mike and Allison to facilitate midyear discussion: How can we serve them? How do they wish to be involved? Identify who.

Call Adjourned

The next call is January 11, 2005 at 9 am CT.