

Exec/FAC Conference Call
June 17, 2004, 10 AM Eastern Time

Present: Gary B., Richard B., Ray M., John A., Jim M., Erik S., Danise, Jan L., Steve and Marci
Absent: Rose G., Carol I., Jacque F.

There is no formal agenda so a request was made for agenda items/topics.

Updates:

DHS Grant A trip to St. Louis is planned for July 16, 2004 to seek support on the center proposal from commodity (soybean) groups. Gary, Jacque and Kelley will attend their board meeting to discuss the proposal and their potential role. JF will give a presentation. We are optimistic that they will join us as co-authors of the proposal. ESA is already on the proposal and Tri-Societies is a potential co-author as well.

Voting: Constitution and Bylaws require a quorum but statues of incorporation may require all voting members to reply in order for an electronic vote to be legal (according to ASAE). **MS will check on DC statutes. MB and MS are looking into other options including the e-community as a means of facilitating votes between council meetings and discussion.**

PHP: EIC replancement for 05 (Tim stepping down). GB sent a message w/potential candidates. Other suggested replacements are Jean Ristaino, Alan Biggs, and Darin Eastburn.

Emeritus Members: Should we support them as presenters at annual meeting? Discussion resulted in a consensus that inactive EM's be supported. **RB will submit a detailed report to the Exec. Committee for further discussion. Please forward comments to Richard.**

Promotional Abstracts: These are not allowed per APS guidelines. **Danise will talk with the author.**

Future Calls: The next call is scheduled for July 14, 2004 at 9 AM central time. **MS will send out to participants.**