

Exec/FAC Conference Call
January 11, 2005, 10 AM Eastern Time

Present: Jim M., John A., Erik S., Gary B., Ray M., Mike E., Rose G., Jan L., Danise B., and Marci

Absent: Amy H., Steve N., and John Sherwood (unable to join due to airline scheduling conflicts)

1. Minutes – Dec 9 conference call

- Request for discussion or edits. Motion to approve, second; call for vote unanimous

2. PPB-CSREES proposal

- The Sherwood proposal was discussed and the consensus was to support this effort.
- At mid-year we will discuss the question of proposal submission, and what sort of internal review/approval process we might wish to adopt. What should be the strategic objectives.
 - John A and Jim M will develop a strawman for review prior to midyear to help frame council discussion of this topic.
- Need to also discuss the latitude of directors of boards and offices in conducting business for APS; develop a protocol

Action: Jim will notify John S. that the current proposal is approved
Jim and John A. will develop a strawman describing a possible review and approval process.

3. Midyear agenda

- Focus Topic 1-Budget Basics:
 - Staff to provide historical summary, past 5 years, comparing budget to actual
 - Focus Topic 2 – Journals/Pubs:
 - Andrews report and updated version of Shaner report will be posted online.
 - Need to consider the niche of our journals and whether we need to shift the focus of some or all, specifically Phytopathology.
 - Pub Board leadership will be discussed under this focus topic
 - Consider moving B&C and F&N under pub board direction rather than APS Press
 - Focus Topic 3-PPB Budget: John S will provide background for posting online. This will be followed by a discussion of the strawman for future proposal review/approval.
 - Focus Topic 4-Meeting Strategies/Forum/Interest Groups:
 - Steve N. will present some ideas from other society models
- Action: Jim will contact Erin R. to get some initial thoughts from the SPB on this issue.
- Enhancing Member Value: Discuss Jacqué's Microbial Forensics group and plans for using it as a case study for consideration of how we facilitate various interest groups

4. Volunteer award

- Action: Jim will contact Allison to refine verbiage for consideration at midyear
- Include directors, etc.?
 - What will the physical award be?
 - When given; do we want to specify beyond the “annual meeting”

5. OIR comments

Action: Ray will contact Dan Egel (& R. Baird) as well as Miles and Steve K to work on the requests from OIR pertaining to F&N: specifically to begin with Soybean Rust
Do we want to take the same action with B&C Tests?

6. Action List

Marci will send updated list this week to Exec/Fac

Call Adjourned

The next call is.