

MINUTES OF APS FAC/EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Conference Call

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Attendance

Present: J. Fletcher, G. Bergstrom, C. Ishimaru, J. Andrews, J. Sherwood J. MacDonald, E. Stromberg, A. Biggs, S. Slack

Staff: S. Nelson, M. Smith

Absent: M. Matheron, R. Ploetz

Call to Order

President J. Fletcher called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m. Central

Agenda was distributed electronically March 7, 2003 and updated on March 13, 2003 (**attachment 1**).

Items 1b and 8 were discussed out of order.

General Issues

1. Governance Questionnaire - Trial run

J. Lundquist submitted a draft of the governance questionnaire. M. Smith is working on an electronic version and plans to conduct a test run with Exec prior to sending it to membership.

2. Updates to Extended Council

J. Fletcher indicated progress had been made on the goal of bringing extended council up-to-date on strategic planning and other items from the MY03 Council meeting.

S. Nelson drafted a memo on updates to extended council and has sent it to J. Fletcher for review. Invitations will be sent to them to attend the Friday meeting of Council in Charlotte.

G. Bergstrom raised the issue that the term “extended council” might not be the best term to use in the annual meeting program. Exec discussed alternative names. J. Fletcher and G. Bergstrom will work on developing a new term.

3. APS Publication and National Security statement

J. Fletcher announced we have completed the process of getting ASM’s permission to adapt their statement on sensitive, non-classified materials in APS publications. A. Briggs and J. Fletcher have worked on the statement and a preamble that will be posted at *APSnet* along with other information to authors. There will also be a presentation on this topic made at the upcoming crop biosecurity workshop. A specific public release is not planned at this time. It was suggested that the *APSnet* release should include a statement indicating that it was adapted from ASM. Publication of an article in *Phytopathology News* and an alert in APS news online were also suggested.

4. Nominations for officers

J. Fletcher asked for input on progress on nominations. No discussion

5. Request to use APHIS funds

APHIS granted funds to APS several years ago for the purpose of getting a prioritized list and statement of emerging pathogens in this country. The original emerging pathogen committee by L. Madden did their work and then disbanded. The funds were not spent. D. Luster has taken over the new committee. D. Luster has put in a request to support travel of one of the subcommittee chairs to a meeting on emerging pathogens. At least one APHIS person has approved the use of the funds for this activity. S. Nelson described how the money would be dispensed from APS. M. Smith will check on the balance of the account.

6. Awards recipients

The Awards Committee met last week and completed their work. J. Fletcher is in process of contacting awardees.

7. PMN - forage journal

J. Fletcher reported that the tri-societies met a couple of weeks ago and committed funds for the “Forage and Grazing Lands Journal”. They are planning on getting it off the ground right away. M. Wimer will incorporate the new journal in advertising for PMN. G. Bergstrom and J. Fletcher have set up a meeting with the tri-societies to discuss further opportunities along these lines.

Appointments

8. APS Foundation Director appointment

At midyear, J. Fletcher was asked to contact D. Mathre about serving a second term as APS Foundation Director, and she did. He indicated he is willing to serve again. Exec approved the appointment. J. Fletcher will let him know that Exec, on behalf of Council, approved his re-appointment.

9. Appointment of Young Professionals Committee

M. Smith helped J. Fletcher accumulate a list of members under the age of 35 or with post doctorate status. These were contacted and J. Fletcher received at least 30 emails indicating their willingness to volunteer in APS. She was very pleased with the response.

Exec discussed the idea of establishing an e-community for young professionals. The Senior CAL could also use the list of volunteers for nominations to other committees.

The suggestion was made to extend the Young Professionals committee composition to 5-9 members from the list of young professionals. These would be in addition to J. Andrews, C. D'Arcy, and C. Bull. The other people on the list could be part of an extended committee or part of other committees.

J. Andrews will coordinate with M. Smith to develop a roster of members for the committee.

10. ISPP rep replacement

J. Fletcher reported that P. Teng has been active in ISPP and that we now have his email address. J. Fletcher will send him an email asking if he plans to continue his involvement in ISPP and continue as the ISPP rep.

11. ISPP vice president

J. Fletcher was asked by ISPP to appoint an APS member as a vice-president on the 2008 ICPP meeting planning committee. C. D'Arcy is willing to do this and has been effective in communicating with ISPP. She could also bring information from the APS centennial planning committee to the ISPP committee. J. Fletcher suggested we appoint C. D'Arcy to the committee. J. Sherwood suggested C. D'Arcy develop a budget to cover her costs to participate in the ISPP planning committee.

C. D'Arcy and the lead person on the Italian proposal for the ICPP (not involved in ISPP governance) will meet in Charlotte 2003. The centennial planning committee will meet separately.

A concern was raised about a potential conflict of interest in having C. D'Arcy on the planning committees for both the ICPP and APS centennial. Exec discussed this issue at length. Issues raised were the potential conflict in competing for non-APS and international participation, and sharing of ideas of the APS meeting with ISPP. Perhaps a conflict of interest statement would be needed. S. Nelson will contact C. D'Arcy to discuss the possibilities of conflicts.

12. CAST

J. Fletcher is in process of making appointments from the list of four nominees ranked at the MY03 Council meeting.

Meetings

13. Biosecurity Workshop

J. Sherwood updated Exec on plans for the workshop. There were still a few openings in the agenda for speakers from APHIS and CDC. The agenda would be finalized during a conference call with PPB tomorrow. Overall there has been a good response, less so from APHIS. L. Dunkle has not responded to multiple invitations. J. Sherwood and J. Fletcher planned to contact other possible APHIS officials for participation in the program. S. Nelson and M. Smith plan to attend the workshop. J. Fletcher acknowledged J. Sherwood for his organizational efforts. The workshop will take place March 20-21, 2003 in Washington D.C.

14. NAS Symposium on Electronic Publishing

G. Grahek contacted J. Fletcher about a notification on an upcoming NAS Symposium on Electronic Publishing. This presents an opportunity for APS to be on the program as a non-profit publisher. J. MacDonald is considering J. Fletcher's invitation to speak on behalf of APS.

The NAS perspective is different than the one APS has taken. There was support from Exec on using the symposium as another venue for presenting the nonprofit scientific societal situation.

J. Fletcher was willing to contact the organizer and nominate J. MacDonald as a presenter. He would consider going even if he were not selected as a presenter. Exec felt this was a critical need and an opportunity for APS.

15. Request from Indonesian Society of Plant Pathology

The president of the Indonesian Society of Plant Pathology has sent a letter to APS requesting APS fund travel of two people to their meeting in August 3-5, 2203. The Ind. Soc. PP. meets every three years and invites perspectives from outside the Indonesian community. J. Fletcher asked M. Smith to forward this request to G. Abawi and OIP for the possibility of that board funding and participating in the meeting. If OIP does not support this effort, J. Fletcher will send a letter of regret.

16. CSSP meeting and Tri-Societies

J. Fletcher and G. Bergstrom will be going to the upcoming CSSP meeting and will meet with the officers of the tri-societies.

17. Potomac Division – Harrisburg

The Potomac Division will meet next week. J. Fletcher will attend and then go to the biosecurity workshop in D.C.

Adjourn

Call was adjourned at 10:06 a.m. Central.

Next conference call

The next call is scheduled for April 17, 2003, at 9:00 am Central.

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary, APS

Attachments

1. Agenda