

MINUTES OF APS FAC/EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Conference Call

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Attendance

Present: J. Fletcher, G. Bergstrom, J. Andrews, J. Sherwood J. MacDonald, E. Stromberg, S. Slack, R. Ploetz

Staff: S. Nelson, M. Smith

Absent: M. Matheron, C. Ishimaru

Call to Order

President J. Fletcher called the meeting to order

Agenda was distributed electronically (**attachment 1**).

Not all agenda items were discussed in detail or in order

Agenda

1. AHC Report

The report of the Awards and Honors Committee included a proposal and suggestions for altering some awards as described in the MoO. They expressed concern about the overall award situation and lack of nominations.

-It was suggested that an AHC member attend the Dept Head function during the annual meeting to address nominations.

-An ad hoc committee was proposed and names for consideration included: Bob Zeigler, Charles Mims, Jim MacDonald and Randy Ploetz

10. Steve Johnston/Phyto News

This item came to the forefront as several on the call received email that Steve had passed the evening prior.

-APS has sent flowers to the family

-We will run notice in the May issue of Phyto News with a full write-up in June.

-Jacque will communicate with Bob Mulrooney about the family's preference to a memorial or flowers for the funeral

-Randy will get in touch with Alan Biggs about a formal replacement for Phyto News Editor. Gail Schumann has already stepped in on the current (May) issue and John Andrews volunteered for the short term.

2. Biosecurity Workshop, white paper, etc.

The workshop was well received and was well represented by agencies. We are currently reviewing the document prepared by the science writer to break it down into a few paragraphs for dissemination. John Sherwood has forwarded the copy for comments to the participants. He hopes to have a summary out by the 18th to PPB members, then final copy with the PowerPoint presentations to the presenters by May 1.

We discussed the need to maintain the momentum of this meeting and decide what actions APS will take based on the near and short-term priorities that resulted from this effort and our available resources. Also, what our involvement might be regarding APHIS and a National Center. APS should take a proactive approach, considering what we can do as a society and what are our resources.

12. NRC/CDC review

This process is scheduled to begin sometime late summer. Jacque will send the url to everyone for review. Some questions that arose from discussion are: Where do we want Plant Pathology listed and how do we state our case? Where do we send our questions? What is the deadline for comment? Steve Slack will report back from the meeting at OSU in this regard. He is not sure if OSU is a pilot group. There should be a write-up in Phyto News.

3. USDA Promotion – PMN Development Chair

There is an opportunity to have conversation regarding PMN at the PPB meetings in DC next week. It was suggested that this could be added to discussion as long as it is not a primary focus. Miles will supply the appropriate documentation.

PMN Development Chair – This would be a volunteer position; someone with access to meetings and personnel. They could coordinate efforts to build the network. Recommended were: Jim Cook, Sue Tolin, Luis Sequiera. More discussion will take place after PPB meetings.

6. Governance Survey

Marci hopes to have a .pdf to the committee next week.

11. MPMI Replacement

Alan Biggs wrote to the President of ISMPMI, Ben Lugtenberg and received the name of Jens Stougaard whom is supported by both him and Herman Spaink, the current MPMI Editor-in-Chief. Jacque will ask Alan for background information on J. Stougaard

16. Council of Science Editors

Jacque requested that S. Nelson, G. Bergstrom, and J. MacDonald receive information from this group. The name was changed in 2000 from “Council of Biology Editors”. Greg Shaner may have connections with this group.

J. Fletcher asked for input on upcoming meetings and reviewed attendance, etc.

Adjourn

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

Next conference call

The next call is scheduled for May 8, 2003, at 9:00 am Central.

Respectfully submitted,

Marci Smith

Attachments

1. Agenda