

**Minutes of the Executive Meeting
APS Pacific Division
The Embassy Suites, Sacramento, CA
June 29, 2012**

A brief breakfast meeting was held by Debra Inglis, the current Pacific Division (PD) President; Akif Eskalen, University of California Riverside, PD Secretary/Treasurer; Themis Michailides, University of California Kearney, PD President-elect for 2012-2013; Jim Adaskaveg, University of California Riverside, PD-Counselor/Divisional Forum Representative; and Doug Gubler University of California Davis, local host for the APS-PD 2012 meeting in Sacramento, California. The discussion centered on coordinating possible locations for the 2014 APS-PD meeting. Seven potential locations (Bozeman, Montana; Reno, Nevada; Denver, Colorado; Seattle, Spokane and Mount Vernon, Washington) were discussed, and it was decided to present them during the business meeting.

Jim suggested changing the business meeting time from 3:30 to noon to make it more convenient for those attendees who were planning to leave early in the afternoon. Debra proposed to move the business meeting to lunchtime, and the committee members accepted it. Debra also brought up some details on the duties of the officers listed on the PD web site that need to be revised or updated to make them easier to read. Akif gave a brief account on the Treasurer's Report 2011. Jim then gave a brief update on the report from the Divisional Forum Representative Meeting 2012. Jim also gave a brief update on the report from the Divisional Forum Representative meeting 2012. He emphasized that the award-winning students from each divisional meeting could be invited to attend the following APS meeting as part of their award. The amount of the award was discussed and it was decided that it would cover expenses up to \$1000. It was agreed that this idea would be presented for a vote during the business meeting.

**Business Meeting of the Pacific Division
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Over 130 people (undergraduate and graduate students, extension and research plant pathologists, industry members, and government officials) participated in the 2012 meeting of the APS Pacific Division at The Embassy Suites in Sacramento, June 27-29. Debra Inglis welcomed the members for APS-PD meeting. She introduced the PD officers: Themis Michailides, University of California Kearney, PD President-elect for 2012-2013; Jim Adaskaveg, University of California Riverside, PD-Counselor/Divisional Forum Representative; Akif Eskalen, University of California Riverside, PD Secretary / Treasurer; and Doug Gubler University of California Davis, local host for the APS-PD 2012 meeting in Sacramento, California.

Debra invited Secretary/Treasurer Akif Eskalen to present the minutes of the previous meetings and the Treasurer's report. It was moved by Juliet Marshall and seconded by Rick Bostock to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the 2012 meeting in

Honolulu, Hawaii. The minutes are posted on the PD website for future reference. Akif discussed the finances associated with PD activities. The finances are held and managed at APS headquarters by Kathy Guderjahn. It was moved that the Treasurer's report be accepted. Doug Gubler moved that the Treasurer's report be accepted, Themis Michailides seconded it, and it was passed by a majority voice vote.

Debra introduced Jim Adaskaveg, PD Counselor/Divisional Forum Rep, to present the Councilor's report. Jim reported on the engagement plan that was discussed at the other divisional meeting(s) in APS, details of which are on the APS web site.

He also talked about the idea of granting travel awards to the award-winning students from PD. The travel awards would be used to travel to the following APS meeting and would cover expenses up to \$1000.

Jim made a motion to accept the travel awards for these students, and it was seconded by Debra Ingles. The motion passed with a majority voice vote. Jim talked about the quality of the abstracts that are presented at the PD meetings. He mentioned that other divisional groups want to set up a reviewer system to increase the quality of abstracts. He raised the question about whether our group wanted to do the same. Many comments were made in favor of PD updating the divisional system to enhance the quality of abstracts.

Jim talked about the educational and engagement plan that was held this year with the help of the Department of Plant Pathology at University of California, Davis. The engagement plan is on the APS Committee's website, with the objective to engage high school students in APS through the Divisions.

Debra then discussed future meeting locations. She presented possible locations that were discussed in previous meetings. Debra asked PD members for suggestions, and Reno, Nevada was suggested by a PD member. Debra asked for a vote, but there were only three "yes" votes for it. So the motion wasn't accepted. Debra asked for a vote for Bozeman, Montana, and it was accepted by a majority voice vote. It was moved by Melody Putnam, and seconded by Doug Gubler.

Debra announced Dr. Gubler as the winner of the Distinguished Service Award of APS-Pacific Division. She mentioned that this was only the second time this award has been given. Debra also announced the winners of the annual Graduate Student Oral Paper Competition: Mathew Pye (UC-Davis), Third Place; Kaitlyn Bissonnette (Univ. of Idaho), Second Place; and Cassandra Swett and Brittany Pierce (UC-Davis), tied for First Place. She thanked key meeting organizers including Doug Gubler (Local Arrangements chair), Jim Adaskaveg (Divisional Forum Representative), Akif Eskalen (Secretary-Treasurer), Themis Michailides (President), and Debbie Inglis (Past President).

She advised the attendees that the next APS PD meeting will be held jointly with the APS Caribbean Division and the APS Divisional Forum in Tucson, AZ, June 16-19, 2013.

Debra then concluded the 2012 meeting, and invited participants to attend the 2013 meeting to be held in Tucson, Arizona.

Respectfully submitted,
Akif Eskalen