

## **Minutes of the Executive Meeting, APS Pacific Division, June 21, 2010, on UBC Campus, Vancouver, BC.**

The breakfast meeting was called to order by the current Pacific Division (PD) President, Walt Mahafee, Oregon State University, who introduced the 2010-2011 PD President-elect, Jay Pscheidt, Oregon State University. Those in attendance included Juliet Marshall Windes, University of Idaho, PD Secretary/Treasurer; Debra Inglis, Washington State University, PD President-elect for 2011-2012; Barb Christ, Penn State University, APS President; Jim Adaskaveg, University of California Riverside, PD Division Councilor; and Dennis Johnson, University of Washington, Immediate Past President of the Pacific Division.

We discussed the current financial situation within the division, and thought we could increase the number or amount of student travel awards for the upcoming meetings. Dennis suggested keeping the amount and number the same, and use some of the reserve funds to bring in a speaker for the 2012 meeting. (The 2011 meeting will be held in conjunction with the National meeting in Hawai'i. The 2012 National APS meeting will be in Rhode Island.) Walt said profits from the current Vancouver meeting will go to supporting the graduate student social. We discussed increasing the travel awards to six to encourage student participation, and to require that those students receiving their awards attend the business meeting to receive and acknowledge those travel awards. It was decided to increase the travel award number to eight and increase the amount awarded for the Hawai'i meeting, but for the 2012 meeting, we will keep the amount to current level (\$500 per travel award) and allow six travel awards, and put "extra" money toward a guest speaker. It was then decided that all future awards should take into account the cost of the meeting location. Thus awards for travel to Hawaii should be increased and then decreased when we come back to CA (or wherever). For this meeting in Vancouver, Walt asked for additional help with judging student presentations. Jay and Juliet volunteered to judge.

Site locations for future meetings were discussed. UC Davis near Sacramento, Corvallis, or Pullman, WA, were considered with the various associated host institutions. Dorm rooms may be available for meetings held at university locations and may reduce costs, increasing student participation. The difficulty in getting nominations submitted for national and division awards results in less visibility of the PD at national meetings was discussed. There was discussion of implementing a new "distinguished service" award. Walt was unable to get nominations for the early career and lifetime achievement awards. Walt tried to get Melodie Putnum nominated but everyone thought the lifetime achievement award was for end of career. A mid-career award would give us a chance to recognize outstanding individuals with significant contributions to APS and PD without the restrictions of only two categories – early career and lifetime achievement.

Jim Adaskaveg discussed the governance changes that were voted upon and approved by membership. The result will be fewer APS council members, and hopefully a more nimble council. There is an initiative to create a divisional forum, with divisional forum representatives instead of at-large councilors. There was discussion on the plan to increase international participation by creating international divisions. An international

meeting is in the planning stages, with suggested sites including Puerto Rico and Mexico. Mexico was not favored by the attendees.

We discussed the need to amend our constitution to specifically allow on-line voting. We decided that since the constitution didn't specify HOW the voting should proceed, that on-line voting should be acceptable without constitutional amendment.

The meeting was adjourned by Walt Mahafee in order to attend meeting sessions.

### **Business Meeting of the Pacific Division, June 22, 2010, Vancouver, BC, on UBC Campus**

Walt Mahafee called the lunch meeting to order, and introduced the PD officers (Jay Pscheidt, the 2010-2011 President-elect, Oregon State University; Juliet Marshall Windes, University of Idaho, PD Secretary/Treasurer; Debra Inglis, Washington State University, PD President-elect for 2011-2012; Barb Christ, Penn State University, APS President; Jim Adaskaveg, University of California Riverside, PD Division Councilor; and Dennis Johnson, University of Washington, Immediate Past President of the Pacific Division. There were 21 divisional member attendees, 17 regular members and 4 students.

Walt introduced Barb Christ to discuss the governance changes and council reorganization now in effect following approval by the voting membership. There will be a leadership retreat for council to institute changes associated with the reorganization. Barb also discussed the change in venue of the upcoming meeting to Charlotte, NC, due to flooding in Memphis, TN. Meeting organizers have been working overtime and site organizers in Charlotte have been very accommodating. APS staff deserve recognition for the hard work during this unforeseen transition of sites. Barb also mentioned that there will be a change in public access to one free year for the journal *Phytopathology*.

Walt introduced Juliet to quickly review minutes of the previous meeting held in Portland, OR, in conjunction with the annual APS meeting. It was moved by Lindsay DuToit and seconded by Jim Adaskaveg to approve the meeting minutes as read. Juliet presented the financial summary for the 2009-2010 fiscal year. The beginning balance for FY10 was \$23,900.48. Income included those from dues at \$2,585, and from the annual meeting, \$2,026. Expenditures included TIAA-CREF associated interest, unrealized gains and losses, and 2009 Student Travel and Paper Awards to total \$5,914.15. Final balance as of 7/14/10 was \$25,347.61. It was moved and seconded to approve the financial report as read.

Walt discussed upcoming PD meetings and possible locations. The 2011 meeting will be held in Hawai'i in conjunction with the annual APS meeting. The 2012 meeting may be held in Sacramento, CA, while the 2012 meeting may be in Corvallis, OR. Walt mentioned the difficulty in getting nominations of PD members for national awards. It was moved, seconded and approved to add a distinguished service award in order to

recognize members that are mid-career in addition to having early-career and lifetime achievement awards. All awards for this current meeting will be presented on the dinner cruise instead of at this business meeting. The awards were presented as follows: **Ebrahiem M. Babiker** (Washington State University), **Jeremiah K. Dung** (Washington State University), **Jessica A. Gigot** (Washington State University), **Emily W. Gatch** (Washington State University) each received a \$500 travel award to attend the meeting. Additionally, the following members were recipients of Student Paper Competition Awards: **Jeremiah K. Dung** (First place, Washington State University), **Jessica A. Gigot** (Second place, Washington State University) **Alejandro Ortega-Beltran** (Third place, University of Arizona) and received cash awards of \$500, \$300, and \$200 respectively.

Jim Adaskaveg, current PD Councilor-at-Large, discussed the impacts of the constitutional changes approved by APS membership, including the reorganization of APS council, the creation of a divisional forum, with divisional forum representatives instead of at-large councilors.

Walt discussed the use of reserve divisional funds to increase the number of travel awards for the 2011 APS annual meeting to be held in Hawai'i. There was a motion made, seconded and passed to support the increase in number of travel awards to eight from six.

Other Business. Announcements were solicited. Gary Grove is to receive an Excellence in Extension award at the national meeting in Charlotte, NC. Walt reminded the membership that we need to nominate deserving individuals for national awards.

Barb Christ, our APS President, reminded the membership of the changes in venue of the 2010 Annual APS meeting due to flooding in Memphis, TN, and of the other changes taking effect at that meeting. The opening ceremonies are scheduled for Sunday morning, August 8, 2010, and awards will be presented at that time. The Plenary session will be held Monday morning. There will be a Leadership Workshop presented by Monsanto.

At that time, the PD meeting closed with the gavel being past from the now Immediate Past-president, Walt Mahafee, to the current President, Jay Pscheidt. The meeting was then adjourned by Jay.

Respectfully submitted,  
Juliet Marshall Windes  
Pacific Division Secretary /Treasurer