

ANNUAL REPORT

Ninety-Third Annual Report of the American Phytopathological Society

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Annual Meeting Overview

The 93rd Annual Meeting of the American Phytopathological Society was held at the Salt Palace Convention Center in Salt Lake City, Utah, August 25–29, 2001, jointly with the Mycological Society of America and the Society of Nematologists. Attendees included 2,007 plant pathologists, nematologists, mycologists, and experts in related fields from more than 30 countries.

President **Steven A. Slack** welcomed participants to the APS Plenary Session, the theme of which was “Intersociety Cooperation and Collaboration.” He emphasized that the central issue for scientific societies like APS, SON, and MSA is survival, and two themes are its core: funding for research and electronic journals. He explained that the charge given to the plenary speakers was to present a futuristic view for scientific societies in the next decade. He then introduced **Mary Clutter**, program director of Developmental Biology, National Science Foundation, who spoke on “Funding Outlook and Priorities: An NSF Perspective.” She framed her remarks around three topics: the “new biology” developed over the past 10 years and greatly influenced by genomics and bioinformatics, opportunities for research funding for plant-health related programs at NSF, and challenges faced by scientific societies, funding agencies, and institutes of higher education. She explained that we are in a new era of biology, where science is multidisciplinary, multidimensional, informational, and increasingly virtual. Reductive research is moving toward a systematic reconstructive biology, and while hypothesis-driven research remains of vital importance, data-driven research is becoming more widely accepted and encouraged. She summarized steps NSF is taking to meet the changing face of research, including the formation of cross-directorate priority areas. She emphasized that some of the NSF programmatic changes are providing additional funding opportunities for plant and microbial biologists, especially in the area of genome research. One of the major funding challenges to overcome in the 21st century is a pervasive scientific boundary she described as “boxology,” in which the USDA, historically a major source of funding for plant health research, is still not viewed as a science or research agency. She presented the need for sustained and enhanced investments in science with an appropriate investment balance between infrastructure and research and between initiatives and core programs. She reiterated the need for members of scientific societies to communicate the value and contributions of science to the public. Other challenges mentioned were the issues of intellectual property rights, education of scientists and engineers at all levels, strengthening of K-16 math and science programs, and tapping into the diversity of human resources in the United States. She concluded by stressing that meeting these challenges would require new and strengthened partnerships between federal agencies, industry, and private organizations.

James D. MacDonald, University of California-Davis, made a presentation on “Electronic Journals: Issues and Implications for Professional Societies.” He reminded us that APS is a self-contained publisher, and 80% of the society’s revenues are publication driven. Membership dues contribute a much smaller percentage and do not cover the costs of membership services. He summarized the issues facing scholarly societies in the age of electronic publishing according to the “five C’s,” cost, convenience, control, collections, and credit. He presented statistics demonstrating current impacts of electronic publications on APS revenues. The number of printed subscriptions is decreasing, while the number of electronic subscriptions is increasing, but not at the same pace as the decrease in printed publications. As the number of subscriptions decreases and costs of publishing increase, he projected that the costs of individual and library subscriptions must increase. Movement toward the convenience of freely available literature has important implications for APS. Another major issue is the general acceptance of electronic journals like *Plant Health Progress*. Will these receive the same level of credit and acceptance as traditional printed journals? In closing, he suggested moving to fully electronic journal formats so the society doesn’t pay for both electronic and printed formats. Finally, APS needs to develop economic strategies that do not depend entirely on publications.

Orson K. Miller, president of the Mycological Society of America, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, Blacksburg, presented “A Perspective of the Future: Mycological Society of America.” He reflected on the past era of electron microscopy, which had a dramatic impact on mycology studies and suggested the era of molecular biology would have an even greater impact. Fundamental questions in molecular systematics, applied mycology, and pathogenicity are being examined at the molecular level with astonishing results. One of the offshoots is a revitalized interest in the taxonomy of fungi. He ended by cautioning that in embracing the molecular era we ought not to overlook the continued need for highly trained systematic mycologists and by advocating undergraduate education in mycology at the freshman and sophomore levels.

Robert I. Bolla, president of the Society of Nematologists, Saint Louis University, St. Louis, MO, spoke on “A Perspective of the Future: Society of Nematologists,” in which he explained that nematologists historically received broad training in identification, biology, detection, and cell biology of nematodes. The number of faculty positions in nematology has declined steadily in recent years, and few nematology programs remain in the United States. He also noted a dramatic decline in the number of nematology proposals funded through the USDA in recent years. While support for nematology has declined, the worldwide impact of nematodes on human, animal, and plant health remains high. He described several situations that may promote new interest and funding in nematology. Demands for crops with nematode resistance together with federally mandated reductions in chemicals available for nematode control may potentially drive increases in funding for research and education in nematology. He encouraged nematologists to become proactive in promoting their science. New sources of funding should be sought that emphasize interdisciplinary studies and nontraditional partnerships. While acknowledging the contribution of the *Caenorhabditis elegans* genome project to nematology, he stated there is a continued need for biologists educated in all aspects of nematology.

The Plenary Session was concluded by an address from President Steve Slack titled “A Perspective of the Future: American Phytopathological Society.” He began by reviewing current trends in membership, noting that growth continued until the last decade, when it reached a plateau. International membership during that same time increased somewhat. In contemplating possible future directions for APS, he stated that APS must continue to be a source of premier journals, must facilitate information exchange and networking through the annual meeting, and must reach a broader audience through its electronic journals and publications. APS must also support and influence federal competitive research funding. Slack presented specific issues that must be addressed to ensure the sustainability of APS. He proposed, first of all, that APS move as quickly as possible to electronic publications without losing a revenue stream. Second, APS must protect the intellectual property rights of its journals, while continuing to serve customers as well as members of APS. APS Press plays a critical role in this because many of our customers are not members. Third, APS must continue leveraging its assets, including its headquarters building and outstanding staff. He gave successful examples of APS partnerships with the International Society for Molecular Plant Microbe Interactions and the American Society of Brewing Chemists. Slack discussed the critical role alliances and partnerships will play in the future of APS. He encouraged continued communication with like-minded societies through, for example, joint meetings with SON and MSA and participation in appropriate coalitions, such as CAST, AIBS, and CoFarm. He challenged APS to be proactive in meeting the need for doubling funding for agricultural research and encouraged continued evaluation of our representative governance. APS must continue to be an advocate for our science through the activities of the Public Policy Board in particular. He concluded by stating the survival of APS depends on strategic planning at the level of APS Council, Headquarters Operations Committee (HOC), and the Executive Vice President (**Steve Nelson**).

There were more than 1,300 presentations, including 39 symposia, 387 contributed oral papers, and 656 contributed posters, 4 discussions, 6 workshops, 1 town meeting, 1 teach-in, 1 premeeting short course, and 2 field trips at the meeting. Thirty-five exhibits and APS Press were popular for many of the attendees, as were guest tours.

Program chairs **Noel Keen** (APS), **James Anderson** (MSA), and **Andy Nyczepir** (SON) worked with section chairs and session organizers to ensure that the sessions represented a cross-section of interest, expertise, and program balance. The three societies and several sponsors provided funding for the sessions. Thirteen joint sessions contributed to the breadth of topics covered. All sessions were well attended and well organized. Topics included methods for plant pest risk analysis, plant pathology in global trade, genomics of plant pathogens, suppressors of gene silencing, biotechnology, GIS and GPS precision agriculture technologies, nematicides, resistance crashes, nematode resistance genes, antibiotic resistance, molecular mechanisms of fungal pathogenesis and mycoviruses. In addition several sessions dealt with teaching and public service.

Premeeting events included a short course titled “Catching Up on Mycology: What Modern Plant Scientists Should Know About Fungi,” a workshop on “Diagnosis of Vegetable Diseases,” and a town meeting on “Ask the Plant Doctor About Your Ornamental Plants.” One of the many successful sessions was the timely and jointly organized APS/MSA session on “Fungi and Indoor Air Quality,” which drew a capacity crowd. The 9th annual First-Timers Orientation was held on Saturday. President-Elect N. T. Keen and several members of Council welcomed newcomers to the meeting and answered attendee questions.

The APS Awards & Honors ceremony was held on Sunday in a large ballroom and was followed by the Opening Reception in an adjoining ballroom. Participants enjoyed refreshments and hors d'oeuvres at the opening reception, which featured a new program whereby universities could have assigned tables at which their alumni could gather. This approach proved successful in giving participants a venue for reconnecting with friends and

colleagues early in the meeting. The reception was well attended and provided participants an opportunity to congratulate newly named APS Fellows and recipients of several prestigious awards. Eight APS members were honored as Fellows of the Society: **Joyce E. Loper, Christopher C. Mundt, David M. Weller, Jeffrey B. Jones, Lester W. Burgess, Noriyuki Doke, Gary C. Bergstrom, and James W. Moyer.** Election as a Fellow is a reflection of the high esteem in which his or her colleagues hold a member. The award is given in recognition of outstanding contributions in extension, research, teaching, or other activities related to the science of plant pathology, to the profession, or to the society. The Excellence in Extension Award was presented to **Patrick E. Lipps.** The Ruth Allen Award, for outstanding contributions to the science of plant pathology, was presented to **Robert E. Davis.** **Mark Mazzola** received the Lee M. Hutchins Award for the best contribution to basic or applied research on disease of perennial fruit plants. The Syngenta Award, recognizing significant contributions to the advancement of knowledge of plant disease or their control, was presented to **Eric L. Davis.** The Excellence in Industry Award was given to **Molly N. Cline** in recognition of her significant contribution to plant pathology through activities associated with employment in industry. The recipient of the John and Ann Niederhauser Fund cash prize for the APS International Service Award went to **Robert S. Ziegler.** The Lucy Hastings Gutierrez cash prize for the APS Excellence in Teaching was awarded to **William F. Zettler.**

Attendees met in the main exhibit hall with 33 exhibitors to find out about the latest industry products and services. In addition, attendees purchased the latest books, slide sets, memorabilia, and publications from APS Press and six other scientific publishers at the convenient and colorful book displays located next to the exhibits and food concessions. Technical and scientific posters were displayed in the same area, making this hall the center of activity for the entire meeting.

Tuesday, August 28, was designated as “APS Foundation Day,” and prizes and gifts donated by various companies and academic departments were given to thank members for their contributions to the Annual Giving and Endowment Fund, Named Student Travel Awards, and General Student Travel Grants. Nineteen graduate students were awarded Named Travel Grants of \$400 each in honor of **C. Lee Campbell, Eddie Echandi, Zahir Eyal, John F. Fulkerson, Raymond G. Grogan, Dennis H. Hall, Janell Stevens Johnk, Arthur Kelman, Tsune Kosuge, Stuart D. Lyda, Don E. Mathre, Larry W. Moore, John S. Niederhauser, Joseph M. Ogawa, Roger C. Pearson, Eugene S. Saari, Malcolm C. Shurtleff, the Caribbean Division, and Virology.** Five students were recipients of APS Council and Foundation travel awards.

The APS 2nd I.E. Melhus Graduate Student Symposium, coordinated by the APS Plant Disease Losses Committee, featured five graduate student speakers who were chosen competitively to present their thesis research. The awardees, **G. de Capdeville, P. D. Esker, A. Ficke, L. E. Hoffman, and K. H. Lamour** each received \$600 toward travel expenses for the annual meeting. The session topic was “New Frontiers in Plant Disease Losses and Disease Management.”

The 2001 Storkhan-Hanes Foundation Awards went to **P. Rauiyaree, A. Dyer, and K. Radewald.** Each student received \$5,000 for the award.

Once again the all-pro team of APS Council was no match for the five division teams in the deBary Bowl. The team of **J. Mickler, C. Nischwitz, L. Porter, Z. Kanaan-Atallah, E. Bentley, R. Bulluck, and N. Goldberg** continued the winning streak of the **Pacific Division.** The contest, fashioned after the College Bowl game, continues to be a fun and challenging opportunity for participants to show their knowledge of plant pathology.

The Diagnostics Committee held the first Diagnostic Jeopardy contest. The contest was well attended, and winners will receive an APS Press Compendium of their choice. The seventh annual Networking Breakfast and Business Meeting was held on Tuesday morning. Participants enjoyed a warm breakfast while seated at any of the 64 special topic tables (see **Report of the Business Meeting**).

No meeting of this size could possibly succeed without the intensive efforts and dedication of a local arrangement committee. Sincerest gratitude is extended to local arrangement committee cochairs **Anne Anderson** and **Gerald Griffin** for their many contributions to the success of the meeting.

Headquarters Report

The reorganization of headquarters staff, completed in 2000, decentralized many of the responsibilities of staff, allowing greater concentration on strategic planning and coordination of efforts with APS members toward completing objectives in the current strategic plan. Staff focused much effort on the Society’s electronic communications again this year. All aspects of the Society are being impacted by the advancement of services available through *APSnet*. Staff initiated several membership tracking and recruitment efforts and coordinated the

membership survey with Readex Research, Inc. via a web interface. A 38% response rate was achieved through this cost-effective method. The new online Job Placement Service site is now fully functional and income generating.

Staff worked closely with APS committees and boards toward meeting objectives in the strategic plan and increasing members' web accessibility to committee and office membership and activities. Staff worked with the Office of Electronic Communications ad-hoc committee to develop standards for APS Committee Web Pages and with the Public Policy Board to ensure PPB initiatives were communicated to APS membership. The Office of International Programs newsletter was distributed electronically to the membership for the first time. Staff helped develop the charter and coordinate a working relationship with Sustaining Associate and Industry Committees for the new Office of Industry Relations. Headquarters also supported the efforts of the ad hoc Branding Committee and the ad hoc Volunteer Recognition committee.

The redesigned APSnet site of a year ago completed its first full year at the new address. Statistics on usage are beginning to be generated. The most popular pages include the three APS journals, careers and placement, annual meeting, APSnet front-page feature stories, education center, and searchable member directory. APSnet was rated the highest percentage as "valuable" among all APS programs in the recent member survey.

Promotion and development of *Plant Health Progress* continues to be a major focus. Participation in the partners program has increased over last year. Several types of promotional presentations were made in 2001, along with distribution of promotional literature. Current partners include The Ohio State University, University of California at Davis, Virginia Cooperative Extension, American Society of Agronomy, Council for Agricultural Science and Technology, Crop Science Society of America, International Society for Horticultural Science, PBI/Gordon Corporation, Syngenta and APS. One prospect through *PHP*'s relationship with the Crop Science Society of America under discussion is that of broadening the site to encompass crop management as well as plant health.

Although the number of pages printed was higher than last year for all APS journals, all three were published on schedule with help from a freelance editor and occasional help from book editors as schedules permitted. Online versions were posted approximately 10 days before the print versions were mailed.

The online workshop "Exotic Forest Pests and Their Impact on Trade" was held April 16-29, 2001 and was extended for an additional week by request. The over 40 papers and discussion sessions were archived on APSnet.

An online annual meeting evaluation was used instead of a printed version in 2001.

Several hardware and software upgrades were made in 2000-2001 at Headquarters in order to meet the demands associated with the Society's expansion into technology-related projects, such as e-commerce and online publications and databases.

Society Affairs

Membership counts for June by fiscal year end indicate a slight increase in members from 2000 to 2001 (4873 vs. 4887, an increase of 14 members). Membership by category was 3618 regular (a decrease of 20); 445 student (a decrease of 12); 146 post-doc (same); 60 group (an increase of 33); 45 sustaining associates (an increase of 2) and 571 emeritus/life (an increase of 11). When looking at the numbers by demographic location domestic members were down 13, Canada remained the same and International increased by 27. The percentage of members residing outside the U.S. remained constant at 31% for the fifth year in a row. For calendar year 2000 the member retention rate was up to a record 90%. The following members were reported as deceased at the Annual Meeting in Salt Lake City: **Wayne M. Bever, Lloyd A. Brinkerhoff, John P. Chilton, Vernon D. Churchill, John M. Ferris, Paul R. Fridlund, Albert C. Hildebrandt, Anne E. Jenns, Cedric W. Kuhn, Larry W. Moore, Merritt R. Nelson, Charles F. Pierson, and Paul W. Steiner.**

The Society completed fiscal year 2000-2001 with an operating loss of \$116,303 from income of \$3,952,592 and expenses of \$4,068,895. This compares to a budgeted income of \$4,037,125 and expenses totaling \$4,036,423. Actual income came in under budgeted revenue by \$84,533 (2.1%) and expenses were over budget by \$32,472 (0.8%) for the year. A complete report of the finances is available on request from APS Headquarters and the Treasurer's and Auditor's Reports will be published in the January 2002 issue of *Phytopathology* or at <http://apsjournals.apsnet.org/doi/pdf/10.1094/PHYTO.2002.92.1.15>.

Report of the Business Meeting

The Eighth Annual Networking Breakfast and 93rd APS Business Meeting was held on Tuesday, August 28, 2001 in Salt Palace Convention Center. Attendees were able to select tables with or without designated table topics for discussion during the first hour of the session. Following breakfast, President S. Slack called the business meeting to order and welcomed the attendees. He noted that attendance at this annual meeting was the second largest in APS history. He outlined the objectives of the meeting and began by asking the past presidents to stand

and be recognized. The 24 Travel Grant Awardees were also asked to stand and be recognized. The nineteen recipients of named Foundation Awards were: **A. Collins, F. M. Ochoa, B. Edmunds, L. Leandro, L. Porter, E. P. Heist, A. Morse, J. Batzer, N. J. Catlin, D. Johnson, E. Wiggins, M. R. Guilhabert, C. Garzon, Y. Li, O. Kilic, R. Paul, S. -H. Lee, C. L. Lapaire, and P. Sforza**. The recipients of APS Council and Foundation Awards were **M. Brecht, J. Zhang, A. Wilke, C. Nischwitz, and J. Clifford**. He extended his appreciation to the over 500 members that volunteered in APS over the past year. The ad hoc Volunteerism Committee, chaired by **R. Gergerich** gave volunteers colored registration badges as part of the efforts. Secretary **D. Jardine** reported on the membership of the Society and gave the necrology report. He thanked the exhibitors, donors, and sustaining associates and APS headquarters staff for their outstanding support. Treasurer **J. Sherwood** gave a report of the financial status of the APS as summarized in the business meeting pamphlet.

President Slack reviewed the accomplishments of the past year in the context of the strategic plan. Under Goal 1 of the plan, an APS Meetings Board, established in 2000, continued its activities with responsibility for planning annual meetings, short courses, workshop, special conference and online forums. Accomplishments under Goal 2 included the filling of key positions in the governance, formation of a committee in Fall of 2000 to examine the governance structure of APS and make recommendations for possible changes, and completion of a 2001 membership survey. Through the significant efforts of **J. Sherwood** and APS staff, financial cost centers were developed in an effort to restructure evaluations of expenditures and income. A bylaws review committee chaired by Past President **C. Windels** recommended several changes to the bylaws, which were approved by an overwhelming majority of the membership (848-21). In relation to Goal 3, *APSnet* III was held up as an outstanding success story as it is one of the most visible and valuable aspects of membership services noted in the 2001 membership survey. The online journals *Plant Health Progress* and *Plant Health Instructor* are off to an excellent start and will require continued investment. Accomplishments under Goal 4 included a report from Councilor's Forum and recommended actions taken to recognize volunteers, and continued increase in the number of APS Foundation Student Travel Awards. Significant progress toward Goal 5 was achieved through the many and varied activities and recommendations of the Public Policy Board, including retaining Kellye Eversole, of Eversole Associates, to promote increased federal funding for agricultural and microbial genome research, and submitting written comments on several issues of consequence to APS. The Branding Committee, chaired by **E. Stromberg**, completed its work on developing a new logo for APS.

Slack asked **J. Fletcher**, APS vice president to give a report on the recently formed Scientific Program Board, whose mission is coordination of the planning of scientific programs offered by APS. The Program Board will think strategically about the programs for APS. It will be composed of four committees: Annual Meeting Planning, Annual Meeting Program, *APSnet* Education Center, and Short Courses and Workshops. **E. N. Rosskopf** was appointed director of the Scientific Program Board for a three-year term.

E. L. Stromberg, chair, APS Branding Committee, was introduced and revealed the new APS logo. He explained that the committee first developed an image statement for APS as a guide and then sought a brand that would convey that image. The new logo reflects the guide's criteria of directness, representative, reflective (innovative, professional, forward thinking, global, collaborative, dedicated, and nurturing), and reducibility. The new brand was received with much applause.

President Slack's last order of business was the recognition of awards and services. Plaques of appreciation were given to retiring members of Council: Past President **N. Van Alfen**, Secretary **D. Jardine**, Senior Councilor-at-Large **R. Gergerich**, Southern Division Councilor **D. Beadle**, Potomac Division Councilor **E. Stromberg**, Editor-in-Chief of *Phytopathology News* **R. Nyvall**, Foundation Chair **S. Coakley**, and Office of International Programs Director **R. Bennet**. **J. Cook** and **A. K. Vidaver** were presented plaques for their extraordinary efforts and extended service on the Public Policy Board and the former National Plant Pathology Board.

The gavel was turned over to incoming President **N. Keen** who extended his appreciation to S. Slack for his efforts on behalf of the Society during the past year. He announced that the International Society of Plant Pathology Congress Meeting will be held in 2003 in Christ Church, New Zealand, and that the International Horticultural Congress will be held in August 11-17, 2002 in Toronto, Ontario, Canada. The final announcement was that the 2002 Annual Meeting of APS would be held in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, July 27-31, which was followed by a short video on Milwaukee.

Report of Council Meetings

President S. Slack presided at the midyear Council meeting held at APS headquarters February 23-25, 2001 and at the Council meeting held in Salt Lake City, August 25 and 29, 2001. President N. Keen presided at the meeting of the new Council on August 29, 2001. All Council members were present except N. Keen, A. Biggs, and H. Spaink at the mid-year meeting and A. Biggs and H. Spaink at the annual meeting. Persons completing terms on Council are listed in the Report of the Business Meeting. The new members of Council are Vice President, **G. C. Bergstrom**; Secretary, **C. A. Ishimaru**; Editor-in-Chief Elect, *Phytopathology News*, **S. A. Johnson**; Junior

Councilor-at-Large, **R. R. Bélanger**; Councilor of the Southern Division, **A. K. Culbreath**; and *Ex officio* APS Foundation Representative **D. E. Mathre**.

Customary reports were presented at both the midyear and annual Council meetings, including reports of the president, secretary, treasurer, the editor-in-chiefs of APS publications, the Councilor's Forum, the Financial Advisory Committee, APS Foundation, the Offices of Public Affairs and Education, Electronic Communications, and International Programs, the new Public Policy Board, several APS committees, representatives to APS affiliates, and APS headquarters. Four committees have completed their work: Public Policy Board, J. Sherwood, chair; Constitution and By-Laws Revision, C. Windels, chair; Scientific Programs Board, J. Fletcher, chair; and Branding, E. Stromberg, chair. Three other committees are still completing their tasks. They are the Governance Committee, **L. Madden**, chair; the Strategic Alliances (Linkages and Partnerships) Committee, C. Windels, chair; and Emerging Diseases Committee, L. Madden, chair. The Committee on Committees will continue development of orientation materials for incoming chairs. Reports can now be filed electronically. Council approved that chairs of subject matter and general policy committees begin their terms at the beginning of the committee meeting at the annual meeting. Some of the letters sent from APS during the year including one supporting Italian scientists involved in biotechnology research. President Slack also signed a letter opposing anti-evolution legislation sponsored by Representative Santorum.

Council continued efforts to reduce repetitiveness and increase efficiency of their meetings. More business was conducted by e-mail, conference calls, and joint meetings. Council streamlined many of its activities in the past two years, by delegating and acting on recommendations and findings of the Boards, Offices, HOC, and Executive Committee.

Several strategic issues were discussed during Council meetings in 2001 that will affect the future of APS. **N. Van Alfen** presented a proposal from Headquarters Operation Committee to begin looking at a partnership with the Master Brewers Association of America. Free access to journals through online repositories was another important item discussed. APS was asked by the Editor-in-chief of *Science* to participate in a PubMed Central program that would provide free access to APS journals 12 months after publication. S. Slack will write a letter declining the offer at this time because of the significant affects this would have on our Society. Council approved continued funding of Kellye Eversole Associates through June 30, 2002, viewing this as an investment in the Society. Council approved a motion to discontinue our affiliation with the Coalition for Education in the Life Sciences (CELS). This is based on the recommendation from our representative, M. Sulzinski. Council also approved the revised white paper on biotechnology prepared by the PPB.

A great deal of Council's discussions focused on the governance structure proposed by the ad hoc Governance Committee. An underlying principle of the proposed structure is to move away from geography as the basis of representation. From feedback of Division Councilors, Publications Board, Councilors Forum, OEC and OIR, there are clearly several issues that will need further refinement before a new governance structure can be adopted. Mechanisms for the selection of many positions are under discussion. There was general agreement that the goal should be to maximize the number of elected positions on Council. The major issues remaining to be resolved are representation of Publication Board and OEC, the need for a vice president, and the balance of representation by disciplinary councilors and divisional representatives. The Executive Committee was charged with developing a new iteration of the governance structure based on annual meeting feedback. **F. Nutter** will represent the Division Councilors in these meetings.

Future Meeting Dates

The 2002 Annual Meeting will be held in Milwaukee, WI. **G. Stanosz** has agreed to chair the Local Arrangements committee. The 2003 Annual Meeting will be in Charlotte, NC. The 2004 Annual Meeting will be in Anaheim, CA. July 30-August 3, 2004. The 2005 Annual Meeting will be held in Austin, Texas, July 30-August 3, 2005