

One Hundredth Annual Report Of the American Phytopathological Society

Annual Meeting

The 100th Annual Meeting of the American Phytopathological Society was held at the Minneapolis Convention Center in Minneapolis, Minnesota, July 26-30, 2008. Over 1800 participants from more than 42 countries attended the centennial spectacular. President Ray Martin welcomed participants to the meeting featuring an expanded plenary session over the course of two days addressing the topics of “Agriculture, Food Security, and Public Health: Global Issues – Global Solutions.” The sessions featured eight renowned speakers highlighting the importance of agriculture and its critical tie to global public health by securing an efficient food system. Speakers and their topics were:

Dr. Peter Raven – Biodiversity and Agriculture

- President, Missouri Botanical Garden and the Engelmann Professor of Botany, Washington University in St. Louis

Dr. Chris Field – Agriculture in a Changing Environment

- Director, Department of Global Ecology, Carnegie Institution for Science and Professor of Biology, Stanford University

Ms. Shiney Varghese – The Global Water Crisis: Balancing Water for Agriculture and Public Health

- Senior Policy Analyst, Institute for Agriculture and Trade Policy
- Project Leader on Global Water Policy
- Co-chair, Freshwater Caucus at the United Nations Commission on Sustainable Development

Dr. Rob Horsch – Revitalizing Support For, and Impact of, Plant and Agriculture Sciences

- Senior Program Officer, Science and Technology, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation
- Former Vice President for International Development Partnerships, Monsanto Co.

Dr. Florence M. Wambugu – The Role of the Africa Biofortified Sorghum (ABS) Project in Tackling Micronutrient Deficiency

- Chief Executive Officer, A Harvest Biotech Foundation International, Nairobi, Kenya

Dr. Charles Arntzen – Biopharming and Plant-Derived Pharmaceuticals

- Regent’s Professor and F.E. Nelson Presidential Chair, Arizona State University

Dr. Roger Beachy – Plant Biotechnology and Agriculture: Is there a Role for Public Sector Scientists?

- President and Director, The Donald Danforth Plant Science Center, St. Louis

Dr. Gilbert Omenn – The Interface of Science and Policy: The Crucial Roles of Food and Health in Economic Development

- Director, Center for Computational Medicine and Biology and Professor of Internal Medicine, Genetics and Public Health, University of Michigan

In addition to the expanded sessions, the final day of the meeting held a closing plenary presentation by **Dr. Lowell Catlett**, Regent’s Professor, New Mexico State University and Dean of the College of Agriculture and Home Economics. He offered his entertaining and insightful view of **Tomorrow’s Agriculture – Six Trends You Can’t Afford to Miss**.

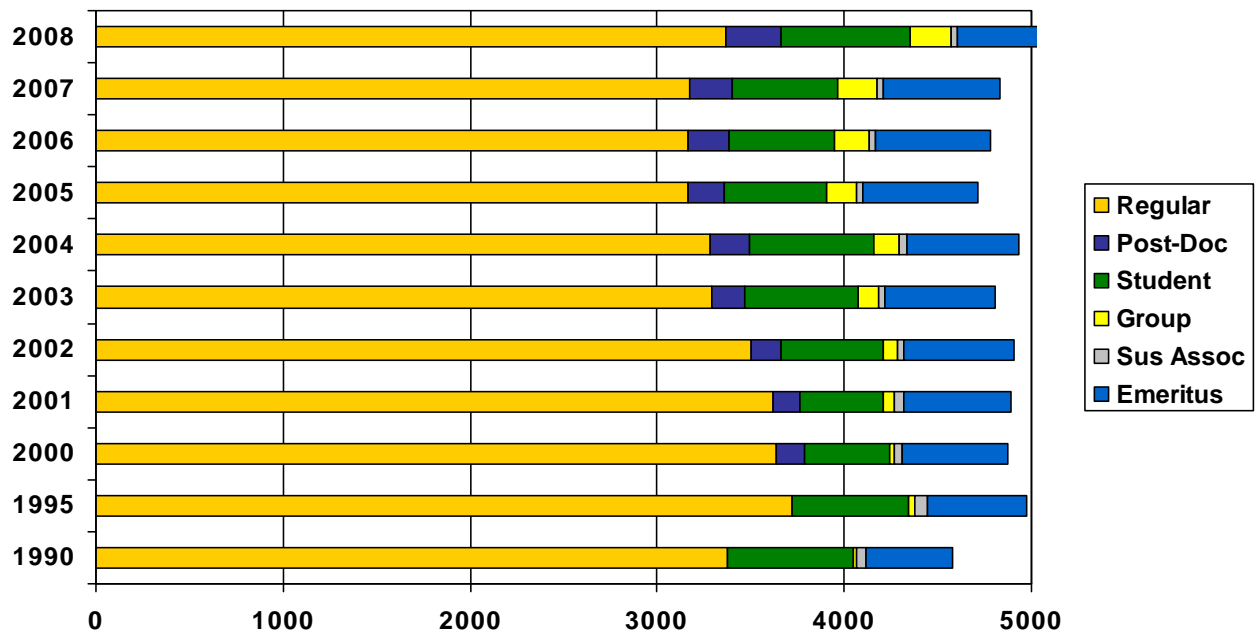
Society Affairs

Membership

APS membership as of June 30, 2008 was 5232, an increase of over 400 members from 2007.

- The percent of membership residing outside the United States was 35%, with 11% of the international members being from Canada.
- Examination of APS’ future showed an increase in both student membership and post doc membership with 687 students and 291 post docs. Together, they represent 19% of membership.

APS Membership Count by Type 1990-2008



Membership by Category:

Regular members - 3370,

- An increase of 196 from 2007.

Student members - 687,

- An increase of 114, over 50% increase from membership in 2001.

Post-doctoral members – 291,

- An increase of 67, the highest number recorded for this category.

Groups - 224

- An increase of 18, group memberships have continued to rise since 2000.

Sustaining associates - 36,

- An increase of 1 associate.

Emeritus/life members - 624,

- An increase of 3; emeritus/life memberships have also steadily increased, 11% since 2000.

Deceased Members – June 14, 2007 -June 25, 2008

Robert E. Baldwin
Robert F. Bozarth, Jr.
Eileen Brennan
Kenneth R. Bromfield
Lloyd C. Cochran
George Cummins
John H. Davidson
Richard S. Davidson

John Dueck, PhD
Robert A. Flock
Arlo H. Hagge
Ernest P. Imle
James G. Kantzes
Jennifer E. Kraus
Columbus Christopher Litton
Charles E. Logsdon

William F. Mai
Ralph L. Nicholson
William C. Paddock
Nathaniel (Dick) T. Powell
Albert Siegel
Ivan J. Thomason
William Willis

Financial

The APS Report of the Treasurer for 2008 can be found at <http://apsjournals.apsnet.org/doi/pdf/10.1094/PHYTO-99-1-0017>.

Reports of Offices, Boards, Committees, and Divisions

Consolidated report:

2008 APS Council - Annual Reports

Office/ Board/ Committee/ Division	Highlights	Actions of reporting "committee"	Issues Requiring Council Response/Action
APS Foundation - A. Chase	a. Completed vision and strategic plan for the APS Foundation "Second Century Campaign" b. Schroth Endowment description nearing completion. Connected to the Early Career professionals committee and the Faces of the Future Symposium Series. c. Tarleton Fellowship d. Schaefer Student travel award started. e. H. J. Dubin Student travel award in honor of the Peace Corps started.	None	None
Office of Electronic Communications - D. Eastburn	a. Continuing to oversee the redesign of APSnet and the conversion to a CMS system b. OEC members provided an initial taxonomy to use for organizing the information on the CMS system c. OEC will set priorities for adding new items to the current version of APSnet or deciding if the addition should be postponed until the new system is online	None	None
Office of International Programs – S. Miller	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The OIP Library Assistance web page (http://www.apsnet.org/members/oip/library.asp) was updated to include a 5-year report of Library Assistance activities between 2003 and April 2008. During this time the program has distributed 265 copies of books and compendia, 1,726 journal issues, and many plant pathology slides. These materials were donated from 35 individuals, primarily from the U.S. Recipients were libraries in 31 countries. Shipping fees continue to increase dramatically, which may hamper activities in the future. So far, shipping fees have been covered by companies, foundations, individuals and institutes in the U.S and internationally. The Library Assistance Program is managed by Dr. Mohammad Babadoost, University of Illinois. • A Call for Proposals for the "OIP Global Experience", a program aimed at helping plant pathologists work with scientists and extension personnel in developing countries in training and outreach efforts is being finalized and will be available at the Centennial Meeting in Minneapolis. Funds will be used to support APS members in conducting short courses, workshops or training programs in collaboration with a host country cooperating institution. Development of outreach materials as well as diagnostic tools will also be supported by this program. During 2008 one award of up to \$3,000 will be available. Dr. Annemiek Schilder, Michigan State University, is leading this effort. • A Call for Proposals for the next round of the JANE Award and International Travel Award will be published in the August Issue of Phytopathology News. • The OIP brochure was updated and will be available for distribution at the Centennial meeting and the International Plant Pathology Congress in Turin, Italy later this summer. A poster on OIP history and activities was also prepared. Dr. Randy Ploetz, University of Florida, prepared these materials with input from the OIP Board and assistance of Michelle Bjerkness. • The 4th Annual OIP Silent Auction will be held during the opening Centennial celebration (6-8 pm). To date, over 100 items have been donated. These include international arts and crafts, local interest items, photographs, and vintage items in recognition of the APS Centennial. We anticipate additional donations between now and the deadline for submission. Proceeds from the Silent Auction will be used to fund the OIP Global Experience and other OIP activities. The Silent Auction activities are led by Sally Miller and Annemiek Schilder, with assistance from Karen Deuschle. • Nominations for two new OIP Board members have been made: Jim Steadman, University of Nebraska, and Talo Pastor-Corrales, USDA ARS. 	None	None

Office of Industry Relations - B. Olsen	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Completion of the disease crop protectant timeline. This will be featured at the OIR display booth and the special session Wednesday morning, "What Was, Is and Could be, Contributions of Industry and Partners to Plant Disease Management" • The OIR helped coordinate the special session Wednesday morning, "What Was, Is and Could be, Contributions of Industry and Partners to Plant Disease Management". 	None.	None
Office of Public Relations and Outreach- D. Jardine	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Awarded the APS Journalism Award to Pam Golden, Southern Farmer magazine * Made student awards at the International Science and Engineering Fair held in Atlanta, GA * Received two entries for the APS "Dirtiest Jobs" contest * Provided funding to the Public Policy Board to help them get their Office of Science and Technology Policy internship established * Continued working with Standing Partnership on the implementation of the centennial meeting publicity plan 	None	None
Public Policy Board - J. Fletcher	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Education – the increasing need for broadly trained plant pathologists; survey to stakeholders, proposal to USDA and NSF for a national workshop to determine priorities for funding initiatives focused on increasing the number of broadly trained plant pathologist • Genomics – advocacy for sequencing plant associated microbial genomes and agriculturally relevant plant genomes, expanding funding programs to include functional genomics including host-pathogen studies; prioritizing lists of plant associated microbes for sequencing; and organizing a workshop in 2009 to review the state of the plant associated microbial genomics, need for additional sequences of crops and associated microbes, and opportunities for accelerated studies. • Permitting – expediting widely prevalent and/or low risk pathogen movement between states, publishing summary of APS survey on member satisfaction with APHIS permitting process, provide input for 2001 proposed APHIS rule changes, test Risk Assessment Analysis. • Industry issues – identification of high priority issues for industry as a whole and in particular develop enhanced relationship with EPA through annual meeting with leadership and development of an APS-EPA roundtable 	None	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please provide Council's guidance/input on the focus areas listed in the highlights for 2008-09; a priority ranking from Council would be extremely helpful to the Board • Please consider the potential impact of an APS Fellow at OSTP and possible funding options • What public policy issues, not now on the list, would Council like PPB to address? • What should be the role of PPB in new APS initiatives related to international relationships?
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plant biosecurity – partnerships with USDA's NPDRS and NPDN, microbial forensics, interactions with the APS Threatening Pathogens Advisory Committee and the Department of Homeland Security, and monitoring legislative and regulatory activities. • Food safety – the role of plant pathology in understanding the interactions of human pathogens and plant hosts; providing information and resources to FDA, CDC and USDA food safety initiatives; added food safety specialist to PPB membership; work with APS Food Safety Interest Group; will co-host (with Co. State U.) a national workshop in October 2008; monitor Congressional initiatives. • Culture collections – addressing the critical condition and need for a multi-faceted microbial culture resource; with financial support from ARS and APHIS, a national workshop was held Fall 2007; a larger, expanded workshop is planned for Spring 2009 • PPB Early Career Internship – PPB's second intern, Angela Records, worked with PPB in 2007-08; our third intern, Maritza Abril, has just been selected • USDA research agency reorganization – monitoring implementation of the 2008 farm bill provisions that will restructure USDA and its research programs, monitoring congressional activities related to the further restructuring of USDA. 		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Research funding – advocacy for increased funding for programs to which APS members can apply • APS-OSTP Fellowship – discussions are ongoing with OSTP staff about the possibility of entering into a Memorandum of Understanding whereby an APS Fellow would work directly within the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP), providing an opportunity for an APS member to spend several months at OSTP each year to advise and inform policy on plant science issues; funding possibilities are being explored as well as opportunities for similar fellowships at other Federal agencies 		

Scientific Programs Board- S. Adkins	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Experiment with “virtual” Flash and Dash presentations unveiled online in advance of Centennial meeting and showcased in exhibition area of Centennial meeting; Ten volunteers were recruited from Flash and Dash poster presentations to try this new format • Expansion of “live” Flash and Dash presentations/sessions at Centennial meeting moderated by SPB Section Chairs • Continued SPB involvement in “ad hoc” Auxiliary Meeting committee 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continued improvement of electronic submission portion of annual meeting planning process and Tuesday afternoon annual meeting planning session • Consideration of continued expansion of “live” and “virtual” Flash and Dash presentations for 2009 annual meeting 	None
Publications			
Publications Board - M. Daub (consolidation of MPMI, Phytopathology, Plant Disease, Plant Health Progress, PHI/APSnet Ed Center, PDMR, Phytopathology News, APS Press)	Molecular Plant-Microbe Interactions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The most recent ISI impact factor for MPMI has risen to 4.275. This increase is particularly notable as some institutions use an impact factor of 4 and above as a quality indicator for a journal. MPMI ranks 12th overall in the "Plant Sciences" category, and ranks 6th among plant science journals, excluding review journals. • In the prior 12 months, 249 papers were submitted and 140 accepted (56.2% acceptance rate). • Average time from submission to first decision was 33 days. Average time from submission to final decision was 58 days. • Thanks to Reviews Editor Pietro Spanu, MPMI published 10 mini-reviews in the past year. 	None	None
	Phytopathology: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In 07, a total of 338 manuscripts were submitted (~28/month) and 60% were international. To date, the acceptance rate for these manuscripts has been 60%. For the first half of 08, 155 manuscripts have been submitted (~26/month) and the acceptance rate has been 59%. Overall, these numbers are in-line for previous years and suggest a strong continued interest in publishing in the journal, both for U.S. and international authors. • A number of ethical issues have arisen that may justify having Pub Board look at adopting a standard policy for certain situations or forming an ethics committee to handle such issues. 		None
	Plant Disease: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The number of manuscripts submitted increased by 13% and number of Notes decreased by 11% compared with 2007 (based on 50% of 2007 yearly totals). • Five Feature Articles were published; 4 were in the list of most frequently downloaded articles in June 2008. Generally, 50% of the “most-frequent” list is Feature Articles. • Median time in review for manuscripts was 55 days, compared with 53 days for all of 2007, still less than the target time of 60 days. 		None
	Phytopathology News: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council approved funds for digitizing all back issues of Phytopathology News. • The APS centennial has been well covered in Phytopathology News, with articles featuring the centennial meeting and other centennial activities and Phytopathology News retrospective articles. • Interest in advertising has increased, especially for the June issue, with 7 ads placed. Plant Disease Management Reports: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • While the number of reports for PDMR volume 2 will be very similar to volume 1, the number of reports in the first submission period decreased 9% from volume 1 to volume 2 and the number of reports in the second submission period almost doubled over the two years. • A feature article written by the EIC discusses the history of PDMR in commemoration of the 100th anniversary of APS. Plant Health Progress: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The number of manuscripts submitted from January to July in 2008 was almost identical to the amount submitted during the same time period in 2007, with 66% as plant health research and 28% as plant health brief manuscripts. • Timely industry news articles covering all aspects of plant health were published in the 		

	<p>“News and Opinions” section of the journal.</p> <p>Plant Health Instructor:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New publications in The Plant Health Instructor include 6 new Disease Lessons, 6 Advanced Topics articles, 1 collection of lab exercises for K-12 audiences, 2 Instructor Communication articles, 1 Case Study, and 1 Portuguese and 4 Spanish translations. 										
	<p>APS Press</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Compendium of Onion and Garlic Diseases, 2nd edition, edited by Howard Schwartz and Krishna Mohan, has been published. • Phytophthora: Identifying Species by Morphology and DNA Fingerprints by Mannon Gallegly and Chuanxue Hong has been published. • The 2nd edition of ACCESS Quantitative Disease Analysis software is being released with a special training session to be held at the Centennial meeting. • Three compendia (on sugar beet, hop, and wheat diseases), a book on bark-infecting and tree killing fungi in the Cryphonectriaceae, and a CD-Rom entitled Plant Virus Image Collection and Teaching Resource are currently in production. • Chase Horticultural Research has been designated an APS PRESS representative for marketing to ornamental growers at trade shows, beginning with the Ohio Short Course this month. • Co-marketing mycology titles with Centraalbureau voor Schimmelcultures (CBS) and other publishers is adding more titles for APS members and increasing efficiency for APS PRESS. • APS PRESS will have a booth at the International Congress for Plant Pathology. • Essential Plant Pathology textbook adopters are being surveyed for feedback about how they use the first edition. • APS PRESS will exceed budget expectations for FY08. 		None								
PMN - M. Wimer	<p>Strategic Developments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MOU with American Society of Agronomy and Crop Science Society of America. The written Memorandum of Understanding for shared management of PMN is complete. As specified in the MOU, the PMN Joint Executive Committee, with representation from all three societies, has been formed and has had its first two conference calls. The APS reps are Brian Olson, Dow AgroSciences, and Dennis Gross, Texas A&M University. A face-to-face meeting is scheduled for August in St. Paul. The ASA contribution of \$20,000 in support of PMN for FY'08 has been received. Desired Outcomes: acquisition of additional content, access to increased audiences for new subscribers and financial partners, and input for purposes of strategic planning. • Focus on Soybean (FOS). Launched in December 2007, FOS has now published over a dozen educational/training webcasts covering various aspects of soybean production and pest management with others scheduled. The site also now includes RSS feeds to keep users apprised of new content. The idea of focus topics was developed to provide a means of deliberately acquiring content of interest to targeted audiences. Desired Outcomes: added revenue from new subscribers and from financial partners who have direct relationships to the subject matter. <p>Site Traffic: The number of PMN site visitors continues to grow from 194,289 in 2006 to 257,806 in 2007. There have been 151,139 visitors for the first half of 2008. Monthly increases in 2008 visitors have been significant, as follows:</p> <table> <tr> <td>25,414 – January</td> <td>27,959 – February</td> <td>31,017 – March</td> <td>35,294 – April</td> </tr> <tr> <td>36,343 – May</td> <td>48,426 – June</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </table>	25,414 – January	27,959 – February	31,017 – March	35,294 – April	36,343 – May	48,426 – June			None	None
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APS Historian - P. Peterson	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Help finalize projects and plans for the Centennial celebration of the APS this summer in Minneapolis. • Continue to coordinate with the staff the Special Collections Department of the Library of Iowa State University where the Society's historical records are deposited. I also work to promote an awareness of the history of APS and plant pathology for Society members, other scholarly communities, and the general public. This has been accomplished through historical publications and presentations directed to both scientific and historical communities as well as interacting with the general public. • I will present a paper on the formation of the APS at both the Minneapolis meeting in July and the International Congress of Plant Pathology in Turin, Italy this August. • I have worked over the past six months with Clay S. Griffith to complete the memoir of John S. Niederhauser for APS Press. • I am advising the volunteer staff of the Dassel Area Historical Museum (Dassel, Minnesota) on the development of a permanent exhibit "From Blight to Blessing: The Story of Ergot, " providing information and materials on the historical, social impact of ergot as well as the current scientific understanding of the disease. • Finally, another key role as APS Historian involves my answering queries and facilitating document requests on a routine basis from national and divisional APS officers, headquarters' staff, and Society members on matters related to the history of plant pathology and of the APS. Frequent questions also concern the appropriate storage and preservation of historical materials. Often, individuals are searching for biographical information, a particular historical document, or a unique historical photograph. Whenever possible, applicable materials are photocopied or photographic prints/negatives are either made or electronic images sent on to the APS member. 	None	None
Councilors Forum – G. Moorman	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Councilor's Form met via telephone conference on June 10, 2008. • There were not Volunteer Award nominations for 2008. Councilor's Forum members suggested that the Intermediate Councilor-at-Large contact Committee Chairs, Division Councilors, and Division Officers to encourage them to submit nominations for the 2009 award. • Northeastern, Potomac, Southern, and Pacific Divisions noted that things are going well and that Division meetings held in 2008 were moderately well attended and the upcoming meetings in 2008 are well planned. These Divisions expressed appreciation of the services Headquarters staff is providing the Divisions related to meeting registrations, etc. • Mike Boehm gave the group an update on the current activities of the ad hoc committee on governance. 	None	None
Division Counselors:			
Caribbean - L. Calvert	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The request to OFAC to hold a meeting in Cuba was denied. A document for institutional memory and the strategy needed to be successful with OFAC is being written. • The CD will not hold an annual meeting in 2008. A business meeting will be held during the Centennial APS meeting. • The CD 2009 meeting will be held with The Florida Phytopathology Society tentatively in Orlando during May 2009. • The CD 2010 meeting will be held together with the Meeting of the Americas. • An election was held for the Division Councilor and Maria Roca will start her term following the Centennial APS meeting. 	None	None
Northeast - R. Wick	Northeast Division will have their annual meeting at Goat Island, Newport R.I. this fall.	None	None

Pacific - M. Putnam	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Pacific Division held their 93rd annual meeting in Jackson Hole, WY June 24-27th. Two symposia were held: A Consortium Approach in Advancing the use of Weather Information in IPM: The Western IPM Weather Workgroup and Using Molecular Techniques to Solve Preactical Problems in Plant Pathology. Forty two papers were presented, including 10 student papers. The Early Career Award was given to David Gent, USDA,ARS Corvallis, OR; student travel awards were given to four students; two students were awarded 1st place (a tie) in the student paper competition: J. Urbez-Torres and F. Trouillas, both of UC-Davis, and third place went to J.K. Dung of WSU, Pullman, WA. • Juliet Windes (Univ. Idaho, Idaho Falls) was appointed Secretary-Treasurer, and Walt Mahaffee (USDA, ARS Corvallis, OR) was appointed President-elect. Outgoing President Doug Gubler (UC-Davis) turned the gavel over to incoming President Dennis Johnson (WSU, Pullman, WA). 	<p>Scientific Programs Board: The Pacific Division's annual meeting will be held in conjunction with the national meeting in Portland in 2009. We request that the student papers in the PD student paper competition be scheduled together as a block to allow the judges to be able to attend all the sessions. We also request that these papers be scheduled the first day, after the Plenary Session.</p> <p>Scientific Programs Board: The Pacific Division would like to request that the PD business meeting be scheduled after the student papers on Monday, as a luncheon.</p>	None
Potomac - : K. L. Everts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 64th meeting of the Potomac Division was held March 26-28 in Morgantown WV (estimated attendance 73). • Robert Davis gave the keynote address "Phytoplasmas and Spiroplasmas – shrinking genome in an expanding Universe." • Ten students participated in the Graduate Student Competition. First Place was awarded to Jeneylyne Colcol, VPI&SU. Honorable Mentions were Huo Hu, Christine M. Coyle, and Shawn C. Keneley. • Nine companies sponsored our social, a dramatic increase from past participation. • A symposium, a workshop, and a tour on Friday focused on organic agriculture. • The Memorial Fund Student Travel Award went to Hannah Schrum, West Virginia University. • Mary Ann Hansen was elected Secretary-Treasurer in the Presidential sequence. • Chris Dardick was elected Vice President in the Presidential sequence to replace Inga Zasada, who relocated. • Potomac Division contributed \$3000 to the APS Centennial Fund. 	None	None
Southern – J. Rupe	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Our 85th annual meeting met Feb. 3-4 in conjunction with the Southern Association of Agricultural Scientists meeting in Dallas, TX. • There were 51 attendees, 13 student papers, 14 regular papers, and 4 symposium papers. The symposium, Kenny Seebold presiding, was "Extension and Research in the 21st Century - Modern Approaches to New Challenges" The symposium speakers were: Paul Vincelli, David Langston, Guido Schnabel, and Karl Steddom. • Tim Brenneman was awarded the Southern Division Outstanding Plant Pathologist. • Student Paper awards went to James Kerns, NCSU (1st), Brooke Edmunds, NCSU (2nd), and Cruz Torres, TAMU (3rd). • Student Travel Awards went to Dina Gutierrez (LSU), S-Y Park (TAMU), R. Donahoo (UT), Brooke Edmunds (NCSU), and Cruz Torres (TAMU). • Our sponsors were: Chemtura, Valent, United Phosphorus Inc., Bayer CropScience, and BASF Corp. • The meeting concluded with a banquet and had 6 teams playing in our DeBary Bowl. • Boyd Padgett, LSU was elected vice president of SDAPS 	None	None
Special Committees:			
Emerging Diseases and Pathogens - D. Luster	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Committee is developing methods for prioritizing emerging pathogens and workshop program for 2008 USDA National Plant Disease Recovery System Workshop, Oct 28-29, San Antonio TX. 	None	None

Advisory Committee on Threatening Plant Diseases- J. Sherwood	Tentative contacts provided to Council on possible "Food Shield" initiative in Dept. Homeland Security	None	None
Meeting of the Americas – L. Calvert	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Mexican Phytopathology Society (MFS) proposed Mexico as the site of the MOA. • In a conference call questions concerning the purpose of the MOA, the logistics and the scientific program were discussed between MFS and APS. There were general agreements in most areas, and MFS will be sending a more detailed proposal to APS in July or August. • The date of MOA will be in 2010 (probably May) and the tentative site is the Mayan Riviera, which is south of Cancun. • Upon acceptance of the MFS proposal, the MOA committee will need to be expanded as the Organizing Committee. This should include member from as many countries as possible. The other committee will be the Program Committee. 	None	None
Committees:			
Financial Advisory - R. Rowe	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •FAC membership has been reorganized, as approved by Council, and has developed a transitional rotation plan for the reorganized membership. •FAC met at Headquarters in January, 2008, and developed a set of recommendation to the President regarding pressing financial issues. 	None	None
Ad Hoc Committees:			
Profession of Plant Pathology: Status & Future Prospects – D. Goudry	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continued meetings of committee through conference calls • Presented results to plant pathology department chairs retreat in Feb 2008 • Additional demographic data collected from California Association of Crop Advisors • Census of plant pathology at US universities completed for all 50 states • Additional data on disciplinary balance from 1978 to 2008 collected from APS Forest Pathology Committee and Society of Nematology • Poster prepared on committee finding for presentation at Centennial Meeting of APS • Feature article for Plant Disease in preparation 	None	None

the Future of Education in Plant Pathology- J. MacDonald	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In February, I was invited to attend the Plant Pathology Department Heads meeting in Dallas, TX, where I presented the full PowerPoint of the education survey results. This was the same presentation made to Council last summer in San Diego. Following the meeting, I was contacted by several department chairs who wished to have copies of the data to assist their faculty discussions of curricular revisions. • The grant proposal I submitted to CSREES to support our workshop was approved and fully funded (\$20,000) in late May. The feedback from the review panel was quite positive and the proposal received high marks. Since the announcement, I have since filled out the requisite forms to get the award into the Federal CRIS system and the funds will be disbursed to APS (as the recipient agency) soon. With this foundation, the workshop has become a reality and Marci Smith is presently trying to identify a suitable meeting site and the dates of availability. When this information is nailed down, we can begin the announcement/invitation process. • In March, in conjunction with the APS PPB, Barb Christ and I met with individuals at the NSF education directorate. These meetings, especially the meeting with Penny Firth, who heads the Division of Environmental Biology, were extremely helpful in shaping our thinking with regard to the scale and objectives of our workshop. As a result, I arranged one evening meeting while we were in DC to discuss with the chair of PPB and the APS officers possible modifications to the workshop agenda based on the NSF advice. The changes would scale it down to a smaller meeting and focus it on questions that will lead logically to a later and larger meeting. There was strong agreement with this approach, and I have subsequently modified the agenda to reflect these changes. • Several people we met with during the PPB meetings expressed strong interest in the findings of the education survey. As a result, I prepared a narrated version of the survey PowerPoint, which was placed on APSnet. Colien Hefferan (CSREES) and Toni Betschart (ARS) both downloaded and listened to the PowerPoint, and used information from it at a USDA meeting (held last April) addressing USDA's future staffing concerns across a range of disciplinary areas. • The narrated PowerPoint was subsequently divided into three more bite-sized pieces (approximately 25-35 minutes each), and has now been made broadly available through APSnet. • In late May, Caitilyn Allen and I represented APS at an AIBS-sponsored summit on the future of undergraduate biology education in America. AIBS invited many professional societies to send representatives and the meeting was held at the AAAS headquarters in Washington, DC. One of the topics dealt with the potential role(s) of professional societies in biology education. This experience was very helpful in thinking through details, topics, and potential participants in our own workshop. • Since that workshop was held, I have been contacted by Susan Musante (AIBS Senior Education Program Associate) who sought permission to publish the web address for the narrated PowerPoint in an upcoming AIBS newsletter. • Kellye Eversole arranged for me to meet with Colien Hefferan at the USDA offices immediately following the AIBS workshop. I discussed with Colien the fact that our workshop had been funded, but that we needed additional support to really deliver the kind of workshop that is needed. I gave her a copy of the proposed workshop schedule and she indicated that she would contact the heads of ARS, APHIS and the Forest Service on our behalf. • In addition to a revised workshop agenda, I have developed a tentative invitation list so that we can better plan the meeting location and logistics. We will be striving to keep the number participants in the range of 50-60 people...about the size of the NPDRS meetings APS has organized. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review proposed meeting agenda and invitation list and provide any desired feedback. <p>Ad hoc committee: The primary activities planned over the next six months are focused on planning and delivery of the APS workshop. These include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Working with motels to identify the exact workshop location and dates. 2. Issuing invitations to participants and initiating the student participant competition 3. Fundraising and a "bazillion" details to make a quality meeting. 	None
Working Group on Culture Collections – J. Jones	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See The Draft Plan for National Plant Microbial Germplasm System 	None	None

Auxiliary Meetings and Workshops- G. Bergstrom	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recommendations submitted to President Martyn 22 April 08 <p>We recommend initially that the Board include an appointed director and six appointed Board members who would each have responsibilities for oversight of individual meeting projects approved by the Board and executed by APS staff and a designated program chair. In addition, we recommend that one ex officio Board member be appointed from SPB and one from PPB. They would participate in all Board discussions and votes, but would not be expected to oversee projects.</p> <p>The Auxiliary Meetings Board would also include at least one high-ranking APS staff member as a non-voting, ex officio member.</p> <p>We suggest that the director be appointed for a 3-year term and that the six regular Board members be appointed for staggered 3-year terms.</p>	Recommend formation of an Auxiliary Meetings Board whose charge would be to oversee the selection, investment, planning, delivery, and assessment of all scientific meetings of the society held apart from the Annual APS Meeting and Divisional Meetings	
International Societal Collaborations - J. Leach	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Drafted letter that Ray Martyn sent to societies expressing an interest to fulfill Charge 3 to the committee, “Develop an appropriate response / action to international societies that express interest in establishing collaborations with APS until such time as a formal evaluation protocol is in place.” •Organizing discussion sessions with Plant Pathology societies from Japan and the Netherlands at the APS meeting to gather information on what aspects of collaborations different societies deem as valuable for their memberships. 	None	None
APS Governance - M. Boehm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Task Force (TF) was appointed by President Martyn to conduct a comprehensive assessment of APS’ current governance structure and whether or not its structure is in alignment with and will allow APS to meet its future goals; •The Committee has had two teleconferences and several email-based brainstorming sessions; •Bud Crouch from Tecker Consultants has been retained by APS to work with the members of TF Gov – funding for this was approved by APS Treasurer; •TF Gov in conjunction with APS HQ Staff are in the process of conducting a fact-finding effort to collect information needed by the TF to complete our mission; •In an effort to reach out to the various facets of APS’ current governance structure, the TF will be reaching out to Council, Exec, FAC, and many of APS’ nine major Boards and will likely conduct focus group sessions with various sectors of APS membership; •Timeline – crudely speaking, this process is going to be ongoing for the next 12-18 months during which time TF Gov will provide periodic updates and communiqués with Council and members regarding our progress; and •At the conclusion of this process, TF Gov will be presenting its final report and recommendations to Council. 	None	None
Affiliate Reports:			
American Institute of Biological Sciences - B. Christ	<p>Some of the points picked up at this meeting included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NSF believes professional societies can play a major role in educational issues by providing a forum for discussion (e.g., hosting symposia at annual meetings). • The American Society of Microbiology was cited as having a very good educational component on their website, including announcements of society-sponsored workshops and institutes, model curricula for microbiology, etc. • APS could consider connecting with the National Association of Biology Teachers (Note: APS did this in the late 1950s, and published a teaching handbook that showed how to include plant pathology in biology instruction. Entomological examples are listed amongst their current instructional resources). • It was stated that much would be gained if disciplinary societies (like APS) engaged with societies that study pedagogy (like NABT) to learn new methods for teaching today’s students. It also was noted that faculty still teach in the manner in which they were taught, and we will not attract modern students unless we can modernize our teaching methods. It was suggested that much could be gained from creating symposium sessions at disciplinary society meetings that brought in experts on education. • It was suggested that an important role professional societies could play would be to 	None	None

	<p>organize workshops that would engage educational experts to help faculty develop assessment criteria for their classes, because university accreditation now requires it and no one seems to know how to do it.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • APS could consider hosting local college-level (2-year and 4-year) biology instructors at APS meetings and having programs to introduce them to plant disease examples that could be used in class (Note: we used to have k-12 teacher workshops, but college-level might be more effective). • It was noted that MOST of the active biology teachers in colleges today no longer belong to their professional societies. • It was noted that disciplines spend too much time talking about specific courses that should make up the subject matter core. This is considered a very traditional approach. Instead, it was asked why not talk about desired outcomes and competencies? [i.e., could APS, using the employer survey, help to provoke discussion about core competencies in plant pathology?] • It was noted that a lot of good ideas could be generated if professional societies of similar interest could find ways to get their respective “education committees” together to exchange views on curricular issues. • The Association of College & University Biology Educators (http://acube.org/) focuses on undergraduate and graduate biology education. [Their journal (<i>Bioscene</i>) serves as a really good example of what could/should be happening in <i>Plant Health Instructor</i>, which seems to have stagnated]. • The fact that APS has a teaching committee, an on-line journal dedicated to teaching, and a Public Policy Board to educate lawmakers and policy-makers about the science behind issues puts us way ahead of many other professional societies, but there is a lot that still could be done. • NSF is planning another “conversation” meeting in the fall, this one to include the presidents of professional societies. [APS should seek to be engaged in this]. 		
Coalition on Funding Ag Research - J.L.Sherwood	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The previous twelve months have been a very interesting time for the future of funding agricultural research. Three different initiatives (Farm Bill, National Institute for Food and Agriculture, CREATE-21) have been introduced calling for a dramatic change in the structure of USDA and the funding of both base and competitive funding for agricultural research. CoFARM has provided written testimony to the Senate and House committees on Agricultural Appropriations on the need to support competitive research. CoFARM is now closely following the implementation of the recently passed Farm Bill on the transformation of USDA-CSREES into the National Institute for Food and Agriculture. 	None	None
Council for Agricultural Science & Technology - T. B. Sutton	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A significant change in the availability of publications that will affect APS members was proposed by the Budget, Finance and Investment Committee and approved by the Board. Beginning June 2, 2008, all CAST Issue Papers, formerly \$5.00 each, will be available FREE to anyone. The Issue Papers may be downloaded electronically from the CAST website (www.cast-science.org). 	None	None
International Society for Arboriculture - G. Hudler	<p>This is my first full year as the APS Rep to ISA and I have to admit that not much has happened. A major problem for me for as long as I can remember is that ISA and APS have their annual meetings on exactly the same dates every year. My dedication to APS (especially since I became chair of our department) is sufficiently high that non-attendance at APS in lieu of participation at the ISA meeting is simply not an option. And aside from the ISA annual meeting, there doesn't seem to be any predictable gathering of the governing board of the Society for me to meet personally with them to swap ideas. The best I can report to Council at this stage is the lines of communication between me and A.R.E.A. (Arboriculture Research and Education Academy) - representing research and education interests of ISA - are open. They have recently hired Andrew Koeser (B.S. Univ. Wisconsin - Stevens Point; M.S Univ. of Illinois) as their new Science and Research Manager. With a full time appointment to this important post, Koeser is likely to offer the best opportunity for APS and ISA to forge stronger ties. My task for the immediate future will be to establish some regular dialogue to explore opportunities that might be beneficial to both organizations.</p>	None	None

International Society for Plant Pathology - T.A.Evans	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • During 2007-2008 the ISPP has hired a business manager and webmaster. Interactions with this individual has just recently led to the development of dynamic links from ISSPweb.org to our current APS officers. This means that as long as APSnet.org maintains an up-to-date listing of our APS officers we will have the correct listing on ISSPweb.org. This means that we do not have to submit a list of officers as they change. • The Representative has been in conversation with Steve Kronmiller about having the listing of APS Councilors to ISPP on APSnet.org. When this is accomplished, the business manager of ISPP will link to that URL. This will mean that we no longer have to submit list of Councilors as they change. • APS is current with its dues (subscription) to ISPP. • APS Councilors to ISPP have been invited to the meeting of Councilors at the ICPP in Torino to discuss the business of the ISPP. • We request input by August 10th from APS for discussion at ICPP. • By a vote of the ISPP Councilors the ICPP Meeting in 2013 will be in Beijing, China. • Election results of ISPP officers for the term 2008-2013 are as follows: President: Dr. M. Lodovica Gullino, University of Torino First Vice President: Dr Wafa Khoury, FAO, Rome Second Vice President: Prof You-Liang Peng, Beijing Secretary General: Dr Greg Johnson, Australia Treasurer: Dr. Thomas Evans, Delaware 	None	We request input by August 10 from APS council if they have items for discussion at ICPP
International Union of Microbiological Societies - C. Bull	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In addition to its affiliation through the National Committee, APS is affiliated with the IUMS through the ISPP. We should determine if the IUMS is receiving dues through the ISPP on our behalf. Defer to Tom Evans as treasurer of ISPP • The APS is additionally affiliated with the IUMS through the APS delegate to the ICSP (International Committee on Systematics of Prokaryotes). There is currently no information about this representative in the MOO and this position is often forgotten about until the ICSP/IUMS sends a letter requesting representation. The APS Bacteriology Committee has nominated a representative to this committee in the past and I am currently serving in this position. I recommend that APS Council formalize the procedure for nomination and election of the representative to the ICSP/IUMS position and develop term limits to ensure that it is filled. • The nature of the role of the APS Affiliate to the USNC/IUMS is different than most APS Affiliates in that all members of the USNC must take an active role in developing programming, white papers, and workshops in order for the USNC to meet its goals. Additionally, the vast majority of the meetings for the IUMS are overseas. APS council voted to provide \$500.00 to help cover some travel costs for the APS Affiliate to attend the IUMS meeting in Istanbul this summer as the APS representative to the ICSP/IUMS and USNC/IUM (although the Affiliate was unable to attend due to time and financial constraints). Council should consider developing a plan to ensure greater participation in the ICSP and IUMS meetings by the Affiliate. One suggestion would be for council to work with the APS Bacteriology Committee to find funding for this travel. • After the restructuring of the USNC later this year, the APS should reevaluate the role of the IUMS affiliate. Review at midyear (or after restructuring of USNC) 	None	Action items for council: see text of Highlights
Mycological Society of America - C. Stiles	MSA has begun to schedule their meetings further in advance, and thus it may be difficult to schedule another joint meeting very soon. MSA past-president David McLaughlin and others have worked to ensure that the meetings are not scheduled to be in conflict: for instance, in 2009, APS will be in Portland, Oregon, and MSA will be in Snowbird, UT – the meetings are scheduled a week apart, so those wishing to travel in the western U.S. could attend both meetings.	None	None
National Council for Science and Environment - K. Pernezny	Report submitted by Jim Marois - The theme of this year's meeting was "Climate Change: Science and Solutions". There were approximately 900 attendees representing a wide diversity of disciplines, including a rather	None	None

	<p>large representation from the energy industry. The impact of many of the topics directly or indirectly involved plant production and plant pathology.</p> <p>The keynote address was presented by James E. Rogers, President and Chief Executive Office, Duke Energy Corporation. He presented his plans for how his company is going to achieve a 0 carbon footprint, where at present it has the largest carbon footprint of any company. Another presentation with a more scientific perspective was by John P. Holdren, President and Director, Woods Hole Research Center. He emphasized the necessity for all scientists to cooperate if the rapid progress needed is going to be achieved. There are a number of workshops and breakout sessions associated with the meeting. I attended sessions on minimizing agriculture's impact on climate change, minimizing climate change impact on agriculture, campus solutions to global warming, and how carbon offsets work.</p> <p>Overall the meeting served as an ideal venue for interaction with a diverse group of scientists, policy makers, politicians, business professionals, and the concerned public in an enlightened academic setting. Next year's topic (actually to be held in December, 2008) is "Biodiversity in a Rapidly Changing World." I am interested in attending this meeting and willing to serve as the APS representative if Ken can not make it.</p>		
Society of Environmental Toxicology and Chemistry - M. Simini	<p>I am a member of Steering Committee of the SETAC North America Soil Contamination Advisory Group (CSAG) and I am editor of the CSAG column in the SETAC Globe. Visit the Communities page that is accessible through the link in my article. I have been tossing around some ideas about joint meetings, symposia, online forums, etc. between APS and SETAC. Some ideas included biosecurity, pesticide fate, and climate change. I invite APS Council to suggest joint efforts. I will be happy to present these suggestions to the SETAC Board of Directors. My contact information is Michael Simini, PhD, AMSRD-ECB-RT-TE / E5641, 5183 Blackhawk Road, Aberdeen Proving Ground, MD 21010-5424, Tel. 410-436-4698, email: mike.simini@us.army.mil Complete report: SETAC08 Affiliates Report.rtf and TheGlobe-0902-Full.pdf</p>	None	None
Society of Nematologists - T. Niblack	<p>I attended the joint meeting of APS/SON last year and solicited feedback from SON members about the value of the joint meetings we have periodically. Every comment I got (about 23 emails) was positive and indicated a desire to continue the tradition of joint meetings.</p>	None	None

and general policy and subject matter committee information at:
<http://www.apsnet.org/members/apsleadership/comm/Pages/default.aspx>

Future Annual Meeting Sites

2009 Portland, OR, August 1-5, 2009
2010 Nashville, TN, August 7-11, 2010
2011 APS/IAPPS Joint Meeting, Honolulu, HI, August 6-10, 2011

Awards and Honors Ceremony

APS regularly honors individuals who have made significant contributions to the science of plant pathology. The awards were presented at the 2008 APS Annual Meeting in Minneapolis, MN, with details on the awardees available at <http://www.apsnet.org/members/awards/Pages/default.aspx> and <http://www.apsnet.org/members/foundation/awardees/Pages/2008Awardees.aspx>.

Recognitions included the APS Foundation International Travel Award, 8th I.E. Melhus Symposium Presenters, the APS Student Travel Awards, the APS Public Policy Early Career Internship, the APS Fellows, Excellence in Extension Award, Excellence in Industry Award, Excellence in Teaching Award, International Service Award, Ruth Allen Award, William Boright Hewitt and Maybelle Ellen Ball Hewitt Award, Noel T. Keen Award, Syngenta Award, and the prestigious Distinguished Service Award.

Report of the Business Meeting

The centennial APS Business Meeting was held on July 30, 2008, in the Minneapolis Convention Center in Minneapolis, Minnesota, preceding the closing plenary luncheon and Presidential Ceremony. President **Ray Martyn** began the ceremony by recognizing the five years of effort by the Centennial Planning Committee to ensure a truly spectacular Centennial celebration. Their countless hours along with those of hundreds of other APS volunteers and APS Staff culminated into an incredible APS meeting of the century! Recognition was also given to **Jan Leach** for her four years of dedicated service to the society with the presentation of the Past President's Scroll. The ceremony concluded with APS President Ray Martyn transferring the gavel to **James Moyer**. Pres. Moyer provided closing remarks and invited everyone to attend the 2009 annual meeting in Portland, Oregon, August 1-5, 2009, the theme being, *Expanding the Boundaries* (<http://www.apsnet.org/meetings/meetingarchives/2009Annual/Pages/default.aspx>)

At the President's reception, the following members were recognized for completing their terms in Council, Offices, Boards or Special Committees:

Caribbean Division Councilor: Lee Calvert
North Central Division Councilor: Ray Hammerschmidt
Senior Councilor-at-Large: Wayne Wilcox
Immediate Past President: Jan Leach
Phytopathology Editor-in-Chief: Robert Gilbertson
Foundation Chair: Ann Chase
Centennial Planning Committee Chair: Cleora J. D'Arcy

Additional recognitions made through the course of the Centennial Celebration included: lapel pins for Past Presidents in attendance, an Emeritus Members dinner and a 35 year service award to **Steve Nelson**, APS Executive Vice President.

An overview of the Centennial meeting was provided in *Phytopathology News*, October 2008, at <http://www.apsnet.org/publications/phytopathologynews/Pages/vol42iss10.aspx>.

Report of Council Meetings

Midyear. President **R. Martyn** presided at the 2008 Midyear Council Meeting held at APS headquarters on February 21-23, 2008. Pres. Martyn recapped the purpose and achievements of Council, ensuring alignment of our strategic compass to our societal vision, strategic plan and the impact they have on our current and future priorities. Council

then reviewed ways for APS to remain relevant, examining current changes in the environment, identifying the most important issues/problems facing plant pathology, and determining how APS can be more pro-active. From these ideas, Council examined the evolutionary development needed to ensure the society remains relevant and flexible, while making the volunteer experience meaningful. Consensus arose and motion passed for the formation of an ad-hoc committee to address the nimbleness needs of our societal structure and propose direction for improvement.

Annual. President **R. Martyn** presided at the 2008 Annual Council Meeting in Minneapolis, Minnesota, July 25-26, 2008. Persons completing terms on Council are listed in the Report of the Business Meeting. Highlights of boards/offices /standing committees were provided orally or electronically. Other priorities addressed included, redefining Financial Advisory Committee (FAC) and continue strategic financial planning, evaluating APSnet and developing a plan for redesign and improvement, developing a process by which APS can engage in auxiliary meetings to add member value, advancing PMN to a position of greater financial stability, advancing APS' international vision and explore mechanisms for intersocietal collaborations to enhance member value for all, and continuing strategic planning to keep APS at the forefront of plant pathology and a global leader in plant health.

Significant Motions passed

1. From FAC: Approved the Motion to change the membership of the APS Financial Advisory Committee. New committee will consist of: Treasurer (chair), Treasurer-elect (if appropriate), President-elect, Vice President, one leader of an APS business center (current or within the last 5 yrs) – 3-yr term, (Director/EIC of APS Press, Pub Board, Foundation, OIR, or SPB), two Councilors (may serve on FAC beyond term as Councilor) – staggered 3-yr terms, effective at the close of the annual meeting. These changes reflect the removal of the President and improved flexibility of other business centers in participating in an advisory role. The ex officio members of FAC (Exec VP, VP of Operations, Director of Finance and Administration) will remain the same.
2. From Publication Board: Approved motion to change the term of Plant Disease Management Reports EIC from calendar to annual meeting terms (with current terms extended to 2009). Approved the digitization of *Phytopathology News* to 1967 (first newsletter). Approved APS Council entering into an agreement with the Chinese Society of Plant Pathology to allow for publication of manuscripts in APS journals. Approved the motion to allow the Publications Board to provide final approval for Senior Editor nominations, but opposed the motion to make the Chair of the Publications Board a voting member of Council.
3. From the ad hoc Auxiliary Meetings and Workshops Committee: Approved the motion of accepting their report and council moving forward to develop a new board based on their recommendations.
4. From FAC: Approved the Motion to raise dues by 3.5% for all categories of membership.
5. From Exec: .Approved the Motion to re-incorporate the Midyear meeting Saturday night stay and work on an efficient agenda to begin by noon on Friday and be able to end early Sunday.
6. From Exec: Approved funds to engage SusQTech as a partner, APS staff as manager, and MS SharePoint as the platform to initiate and complete a Content Management System. To be initiated in 2008 with conversion of all content for completion and deployment on or before the end of calendar year 2009.

New Council members for 2008

Vice President: John L. Sherwood

Junior Councilor-at-Large: Carolee T. Bull

Councilor, Caribbean Division: Maria Mercedes Roca

Councilor, North Central Division: George W. Sundin

Status of Appointed Committees

Formed

ad hoc APS Governance Structure (Mike Boehm, Chair)

ad hoc International Societal Collaborations (Jan Leach, Chair)

Reappointed

ad hoc The Future of Education in Plant Pathology (Jim MacDonald, Chair)

ad hoc Profession of Plant Pathology Committee (David Gadoury, Chair)

ad hoc APS-ISF Collaboration on the Codification of Pathogen Races / Strains Commonly Used in the Seed Industry (Phyllis Himmel, Chair)

ad hoc Working Group on Culture Collections Committee (Jeff Jones, Chair)

Completed

Special Committee Centennial Planning Committee (Cleo D'Arcy, Chair)
ad hoc. 2008 Centennial Meeting Coordinating Committee (Jim Moyer, Chair)
ad hoc Auxiliary Meetings and Workshops (Gary Bergstrom, Chair)