

ICO Summary of Annual Reports from Boards and Offices
October 2022

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Synopsis: 15 APS Boards and Offices report through the Internal Communications Officer (ICO). Of these, 8 submitted the required annual report by October 3, 2022. Below is a summary of submitted content. Action items for APS Council, APS Staff, or other Boards/Offices are highlighted.

Academic Unit Leader Forum (AULF) → No report submitted

Annual Meeting Board (AMB) → No report submitted

Awards & Honors Committee

- Activities:
 - Plant Health 2022 Awards Ceremony
 - Plans for 2022 call for nominations and 2023 Awards Ceremony

Divisional Forum → No report submitted

Foundation Board

- Activities:
 - Continued matching initiative (launched in 2020) to grow named student travel awards
 - Achieved fully funded status for Lafayette Frederick Mentoring Award (\$100,000)
 - Continued Amazon Smile effort
- Actionable Items:
 - **Request to Council:** continued forgiven staff time to support fundraising
 - **Request to Council, staff, AMB:** enhance visibility of Foundation at annual and divisional meetings

Historian → No report submitted

Leadership Institute (LI)

- Activities:
 - Leadership training for 2021 chairs and vice chairs
- Actionable Items:
 - Provide leadership training for 2022 chairs and vice chairs
 - Establish Twitter account
 - Launch “Leadership Spotlight” to highlight APS leaders
 - **Council:** LI seeks Council approval of Dimitre Mollov as Vice Chair

Nominations Committee → No report submitted

Office of Education (OE)

- Activities:
 - Continued improvement of Ed Center website (content and organization)
 - Undergrad Task Force held with APS Primer event at Plant Health 2022
 - Informal lunch with Teaching Committee during Plant Health 2022
 - 10 webinars in 2022
- Actionable Items:

- Guide and direct merger of Education Center with OE, including Professional Development

Office of International Programs (OIP)

- Activities:
 - Co-sponsored 3 special sessions at Plant Health 2022
 - Needs assessment for Global Plant Health Network
 - Mentored 10 international undergraduate students
 - Gave 5 Books of the World awards (2 to Nepal, 1 each to Pakistan, Thailand, Nigeria)
 - Awarded APS Foundation International Travel Award and Jane Award, OIP Certificate of Achievement
- Actionable Items:
 - **Staff:** OIP members and volunteer list needs to be updated on APS website
 - **Staff:** Seeking list of all Global Experience Program Awards on APS website
 - **Staff:** Suggest adding “hot button” to APS website to link to the online APS community

Office of Private Sector Relations (OPSR)

- Activities:
 - Postponed all 2022 in-person awards and events including Tour of Industry Sites, Experiential Travel Awards
 - Contributed and/or participated in Plant Health 2022 events (Graduate Student Mentoring Session, Networking Socials, OPSR/Sustaining Associates Breakfast)
- Actionable Items:
 - Review and refine mission statement
 - Develop strategic plan to inform Council on which industry-related organizations should be courted to advance APS and APS member priorities
 - Plan and execute CA-based Industry Tour in 2023
 - Diversify OPSR membership to include reps from small companies and start-ups

Office of Public Relations and Outreach (OPRO)

- Activities:
 - #SciComm workshop at Plant Health 2022
 - Pitch120 event at Plant Health 2022
- Actionable Items:
 - **Request to Council/AMB?:** Reserve space in the Plant Health 2023 program for #SciComm workshop and Pitch120 event
 - OPRO to represent APS at FFA 2022, SACNAS 2022, NABT (National Association of Biology Teachers)
 - Work to establish and/or formalize liaison relationships with other Offices and Boards
 - Evaluate and facilitate future workshops/trainings for APS members
 - Continue but de-emphasize external outreach activities; re-evaluate to focus on specific audiences

Public Policy Board

- Activities:
 - Hosted meeting of U.S. government officials (NIFA, ARS, OPMP) during Plant Health 2022
 - Hosted 2 APS member listening sessions
 - Continued work with Signal Group (D.C. consulting)
 - Implemented recommendations of PPB Visioning Task Force to define future of PPB as more effective advocate for APS
 - Met/partnered regularly with: NIFA, ARS, APHIS, EPA, NASS, FDA, OPMP
 - PhytoPath News articles
 - Established formal collaboration with OPRO; informal relationships with subject matter committees
- Actionable Items:
 - Fall workshop: Advocacy Training for All, Part 2

Publications Board → No report submitted