ICO Summary of Annual Reports from Boards and Offices
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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:
  o Plant Health 2022 Awards Ceremony
  o Plans for 2022 call for nominations and 2023 Awards Ceremony

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

Historian  ➔  No report submitted
Leadership Institute (LI)
• Activities:
  o Leadership training for 2021 chairs and vice chairs
• Actionable Items:
  o Provide leadership training for 2022 chairs and vice chairs
  o Establish Twitter account
  o Launch “Leadership Spotlight” to highlight APS leaders
  o Council: LI seeks Council approval of Dimitre Mollov as Vice Chair

Nominations Committee  ➔  No report submitted
Office of Education (OE)
• Activities:
  o Continued improvement of Ed Center website (content and organization)
  o Undergrad Task Force held with APS Primer event at Plant Health 2022
  o Informal lunch with Teaching Committee during Plant Health 2022
  o 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:**
  o Hosted meeting of U.S. government officials (NIFA, ARS, OPMP) during Plant Health 2022
  o Hosted 2 APS member listening sessions
  o Continued work with Signal Group (D.C. consulting)
  o Implemented recommendations of PPB Visioning Task Force to define future of PPB as more effective advocate for APS
  o Met/partnered regularly with: NIFA, ARS, APHIS, EPA, NASS, FDA, OPMP
  o PhytoPath News articles
  o Established formal collaboration with OPRO; informal relationships with subject matter committees

• **Actionable Items:**
  o Fall workshop: Advocacy Training for All, Part 2

**Publications Board ➔ No report submitted**