

# American Pomological Society

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## EXECUTIVE BOARD AND ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Las Vegas, Nevada

7:00-9:00 pm July 18, 2005

### Minutes

#### Old Business:

- 1. Comments from the president: Welcome, Acknowledgments, and Workshop Arrangements.** Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by the President Kim Hummer. Kim welcomed everyone to the meeting. She asked Ed Stover to give an update on the workshop to be held on Wednesday. Ed said that there would be five speakers at the APS workshop including a tasting of products that included pomegranate juice and olive oil. Unfortunately, Jules Janick's workshop abstract was not published in the program, but it was included in the program update that was distributed at ASHS registration. Kim also said that she had placed announcements about the workshop in the meeting areas.
- 2. Secretary's report.** Des Layne submitted the minutes for the 2004 Executive Board and Advisory Meeting. The minutes were reviewed and accepted. Kirk Pomper assumed the responsibilities as secretary and recorded the minutes of the meeting.
- 3. Business Manager and Treasurer's Report.** Rob Crassweller distributed a report that showed a positive cash flow in 2004, where overall income exceeded expenses by \$8,699. The most important changes this year that resulted in this positive cash flow were a reduction in printing costs and increased success in collecting page charges. Rob said that allowing individuals to pay for page charges with a credit card speeded up payments. Kim asked if membership was dropping. Rob said that APS had a total of 440 member/subscribers; this was down 10 from 2003. In 1993 there were approximately 1000 member/subscribers. Ed Stover asked the group whether our product has changed or have they (members/subscribers) lost us and we have lost our mission? The APS journal used to be the Fruit Varieties Journal; HortTechnology has carved out a similar niche. A marketing effort was suggested to increase membership. Kim commented that membership could be increased by reaching out to members of other groups such as the North American Fruit Explorers, The California Rare Fruit Growers, and other organizations to make them aware of APS and our Journal. All agreed that APS should maintain our current mission. Curt Rom suggested that an article be dedicated for each State in each issue of the APS Journal that would contain the fruit varieties grown in each State. The fruit varieties information could also be listed by crop. It was suggested that each state report could be featured on the cover. These articles could attract new members interested in this information. Rob was applauded for his efforts.
- 4. Editorial Committee Report.** Wes Autio was unable to attend the meeting so there was no report.
- 5. Editor's Report.** John Barden stated that his report was basically the same as last year. Once again more papers are needed and he is looking for additional cover stories. John is

receiving a CD with PDF versions of all papers and with help these could be provided to the authors. There was a discussion of whether past issues the APS Journal could be placed online. It was also suggested that the table of contents be posted on the web site for each issue. There was a suggestion that ASHS could be approached to determine if they would be interested in placing the APS Journal on line for us. Brent Black made a motion that ASHS be approached for providing online services, distributing a table of contents (e.g. listserve), and distributing PDF file versions of APS Journal. Rob Crassweller offered an amended motion that we also alternatively pursue whether APS can distribute a table of contents, provide PDF versions of the papers, and other online services. Ed Stover seconded the amended motion. The motion carried unanimously.

6. **U.P. Hendrick Award Committee.** Essie Fallahi reported that there were no nominations for the award this year. Everyone was encouraged to tell their graduate students about this opportunity. Essie will send out emails early next year in an effort to recruit papers.
7. **Shepard Award Committee.** Kim Hummer reported that the winners of the 2005 Shepard Award were G. Reighard, R. Andersen, J. Anderson, W. Autio, T. Beckman, T. Baker, R. Belding, G. Brown, P. Byers, W. Cowgill, D. Deyton, E. Durner, A. Erb, D. Ferree, A. Gaus, R. Godin, R. Hayden, P. Hirst, S. Kadir, M. Kaps, H. Larsen, T. Lindstrom, N. Miles, F. Morrison, S. Myers, D. Ouellette, C. Rom, W. Shane, B. Taylor, K. Taylor, C. Walsh, and M. Warmund for their paper "Eight-year performance of 19 peach rootstocks at 20 locations in North America" that can be found in the APS Journal in volume 58, pages 174-202. A certificate was distributed to the authors who were present at the ASHS meeting, and certificates were sent via U.S. mail to the remaining authors. Members of the committee included K. Hummer, M. Odneal, M. Ehlenfeldt, and C. Rom
8. **Wilder Medal Awards Committee.** Desmond Layne reported that one nomination was received for consideration. The unanimous decision of the committee was to make the 2005 award to Dr. Schuyler Korban in recognition of his outstanding contributions to pomology. Dr. Schuyler Korban is currently a professor of molecular genetics and biotechnology at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Dr. Korban will attend the Business meeting and after a presentation will be given the award. Members of the committee included D. Layne, K. Pomper, L. Cheng, K Taylor, E. Fallahi, D. Percival, D. Archbold, M. Pritts, and P. Hirst. Des is stepping down from chair of the Wilder Award Committee and Dr. Doug Archbold (University of Kentucky) will be taking over as chair next year.
9. **Membership Committee.** Darek Swietlik was absent, but Kim Hummer had a letter that was composed by Darek to be sent out as an email to ASHS working groups in an effort to increase visibility and recruit members. There was discussion on whether mass mailings about APS could be sent out to other groups who are interested in fruit, such as North American Fruit Explorers, The California Rare Fruit Growers, and other organizations. There was agreement that these groups should be contacted and that sample or left over issues of the APS Journal should be mailed out to groups and people with interests in fruit. Student members should also be recruited and international scientists to enhance APS membership.
10. **Advisory Committee.** There was no report.

11. **Nomination Committee.** Essie Fallahi, chair of the Nomination Committee, proposed the following slate of candidates:

**Executive Board**

1. President: Kim Hummer (USDA-Corvallis)
2. 1st Vice President: Ed Stover (USDA-Davis, CA)
3. 2nd Vice President: Des Layne (Clemson Univ., SC)
4. Treasurer: Rob Crassweller (Penn State Univ., PA)
5. Secretary: Kirk Pomper (Kentucky State Univ., KY)
6. David Percival ('04-'06)
7. Brent Black ('05-'07)
8. Lailiang Cheng ('05-'08)

**Advisory Committee**

2004 - 2006

John Cline  
Philp Forsline  
Gail Nonnecke  
Chad Finn

2005 - 2007

Wes Autio  
Patrick Conner  
David Himelrick  
Jim McFerson  
Greg Reighard

2006 - 2008

Kent Kobayashi  
Elena Garcia  
Michael Glenn  
Darek Swietlik

The slate of candidates was approved and will be presented to the Society at the Annual Business Meeting.

**New Business**

1. **Proposed changes to Article IX of the APS Constitution-extending term of executive officers.** In an effort to promote continuity in APS efforts of recruiting, etc., a motion was put forth via email by Des Layne and seconded by Ed Stover? to amend the APS constitution to basically 1) have terms of office begin following the annual meeting of the society, and 2) extend the terms of office of immediate past President, President, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President, and 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President to two years instead of one. After discussion concerning this topic by those on the executive and advisory boards, a vote was taken via email (12 yea and 4 nay) which supported putting these changes to a vote by the APS membership during the annual business meeting. Notice of this proposed change was posted on the APS web site for over 30 days prior to annual business meeting. During the Executive

board meeting there was further discussion concerning the advantages (continuity) and disadvantages (long terms of service required by executive board members, possibly up to 6 years). The changes to the constitution will be voted on by the membership at the business meeting.

2. **Workshop and Business Meeting Speakers for New Orleans 2006.** Des Layne has begun the process of examining topics for the APS Workshop and Business meeting next year. One topic put forth by Des was the History and Current Fruit Production in the Southern United States. Another suggested topic was the Use of Low Chill Fruit Cultivars. Des suggested that those with topic suggestions contact him. Another suggested topic was the rise in Fruit Variety Clubs. Dr. Himmelrick has volunteered to provide fruit for tasting at the meeting.
3. **Membership Issues.** This topic was already covered earlier in the meeting.
4. **Additional New Business from the Board Members.** Brent Black volunteered to coordinate an effort to request articles for the Journal concerning fruit production in various States. Ed Stover made a motion that was seconded to give special recognition to the outstanding effort of Joe Postman on the APS web site was recognized by all those present. The motion passed unanimously.

Kim Hummer adjured the meeting at 9:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kirk W. Pomper  
Secretary, American Pomological Society.  
8/15/2005