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## EXECUTIVE BOARD AND ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

New Orleans, Louisiana

6:00-8:00 pm July 28, 2006

### Minutes

#### Old Business:

- 1. Comments from the president: Welcome, Acknowledgments, and Workshop Arrangements.** The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by the President Kim Hummer. Kim welcomed everyone to the meeting. She asked Des Layne to give an update on the workshop to be held on Saturday. Des said that there would be four great speakers at the APS workshop entitled "Blueberries: Now and the Future," followed by a fruit evaluation session including wild and cultivated blueberries supplied by Kim Hummer and Chad Finn, and muscadine grapes supplied by David Himelrick.
- 2. Secretary's report.** Kirk Pomper submitted the minutes from the 2005 Executive Board and Advisory Meeting. Comments were made on last year's board meeting minutes. Des moved to accept the minutes, seconded by Brent Black. All present approved the acceptance of last year's minutes. Handouts for this year's meeting and workshop were distributed and reviewed.
- 3. Business Manager and Treasurer's Report.** Rob Crassweller, treasurer, distributed a report that showed a positive cash flow in 2005, where overall income exceeded expenses by \$5503. The most important changes this year that resulted in this positive cash flow were a reduction in printing costs by switching to a new printer, a decrease in mailing costs, and increased success in collecting page charges. He stated that APS membership is up by up 8 people over last year. He suggested going to university libraries and move them to subscribe to the journal. He stated that we need to vote about the secretary's and editor's honoraria. Jules Janick received a \$500 honorarium last year for speaking instead of free ASHS registration. Rob acknowledged John for doing an excellent job as editor, and printer costs were discussed. We are close to paying for the Journal with page charges. Rob asked about moving the Janick fund to an account earning 4.17%, it is currently earning 0.75%. Kim asked if there were any questions. Ed stated that page charges are currently \$40 a page, more for non-members. Ed asked how many page charges had been waived, and Rob said none so far. A file is kept on all authors who submit papers to the journal. Kim asked if there were any other comments on the treasurer's report. Ed moved that we accept the treasurer's report, Des seconded the motion, and the motion was carried unanimously.
- 4. Editorial Committee Report.** Wes Autio thanked Editor John Barden for 4 years of excellent work. Wes said there was a call via email to identify an editor for the Journal of the American Pomological Society. Cheryl Hampson has applied for the position. Wes recommended to the board that Cheryl be accepted for the position. She must be accepted by the executive board. Wes stated that he would send an email that night concerning this. Ed moved that the executive board empower Wes to enter discussions to negotiate for the

editor position. Essie Fallahi seconded the motion and motion was carried unanimously. Rob asked how much it would cost to send papers across from Canada. Wes stated that it could all be done electronically with the current publisher. Ed suggested to Wes that we should use the same printer. The editorial committee's report was accepted unanimously.

5. **Editor's Report.** John Barden stated that the number of North American papers had dropped and overseas authors had increased over the last year. He thanked those who had submitted papers to the Journal. Lynda Chandler is retiring as cover artist, and John asked her to complete a cover that could run in every issue. She was paid \$60 a cover. Kim thanked John for his contributions and efforts. Rob stated that the color of the cover used to be the only thing that changed, the picture remained the same. Ed Stover discussed electronic manuscript submission. He provided a handout from Scientific World showing a cost of \$3500/year to host electronic submission. PDFs would cost \$20 a page with a minimum of \$5000/year for creating PDFs. The total cost would be \$11,400/year. Changing to an all-electronic journal was discussed. An electronic journal would enable greater access, but could decrease subscriptions. Ed asked for opinions on the matter. Brent said that electronic access to the Journal of ISHS was a good moneymaker, and could increase APS's exposure and income. Only the table of contents for each issue is currently listed on the website. Essie supported Brent's idea. Ed stated that electronic issues would be searchable. Wes said that there were two possibilities, to put 2 issues online for free, or to include all issues online for a fee. John stated that he likes having a paper copy of the journal. Ed suggested that we piggyback with ISHS. Rob stated that the increase in membership and exposure would be good, but it may not be successful. He also noted that if we do not go 100% electronic, we still must produce both paper and electronic versions of the journal. Payment to access articles would be by Visa or MasterCard. Greg noted that quality could be a problem, and that authors would need to see proofs if we go electronic. Kirk stated that the Northern Nut Growers' Association has abstracts only online, and members can request copies of articles be sent to them. Des liked the idea of moving slowly, but eventually having a totally electronic version of the journal. John said that abstracts and keywords would be searchable. Kim said that we currently only have authors and titles of articles online. Ed moved that this issue be tabled until we have more information, and that we vote whether to move online in the next 5 months. The motion carried. Rob then moved that the editorial committee look into ways of reducing errors in the papers. Ed seconded the motion and the motion carried.
6. **Discussion of honoraria for Treasurer and Editor.** It was suggested that the editor of the Journal of APS receive a \$2000 honorarium, the treasurer receive a \$900 honorarium and the secretary receive \$200. Essie asked if these amounts were enough, and Ed stated that it was enough to travel to the meeting but not including meals or ASHS registration. John suggested offering \$1500 for travel. Brent moved that honoraria of \$2000 for the editor, \$900 for the treasurer, and \$200 for the secretary be accepted by the Board. Ed seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously. Brent then moved that \$1250 for travel to the APS meeting be added to the editor's and treasure's honorarium, respectively. All voted in favor of this motion.
7. **Fruit and Nut Cultivar List.** John Clark was absent, and gave Kim Hummer the fruit and nut cultivar report. List 43 of the Fruit and Nut Cultivar list will be published by ASHS in the August issue of HortScience.

8. **U.P. Hendrick Award Committee.** Essie Fallahi reported that there were two nominations for the award this year. First place and \$300 went to “Total Phenolics and Antioxidant Properties of Cider Apple Cultivars”, by Saleh Mobarak and Cecil Stushnoff. Second place and \$150 went to “Black Chokeberry (*Aronia Melanocarpa* Michx) A Semi-Edible Fruit with No Pests”, by Robert Scott and Robert M. Skirvin. Everyone was encouraged to tell their graduate students about this opportunity.
9. **Shepard Award Committee.** Kim Hummer reported that the winner of the Shepard Award would be announced at the meeting tomorrow.
10. **Wilder Medal Awards Committee.** Doug Archbold reported that the winner of the Wilder Award would be announced at the meeting tomorrow.
11. **Membership Committee.** Darek Swietlik was absent, but it was reported that membership was up 8 people this year.
12. **Advisory Committee.** There was no report.
13. **Nomination Committee.** Essie Fallahi, chair of the Nomination Committee, proposed the following slate of candidates:

**Executive Board**

1. President: Ed Stover (USDA-Davis, CA)
2. 1st Vice President: Des Layne (Clemson Univ., SC)
3. 2nd Vice President: Terrence Robinson (Cornell Univ., NY)
4. Treasurer: Rob Crassweller (Penn State Univ., PA)
5. Secretary: Kirk Pomper (Kentucky State Univ., KY)
6. Brent Black ('05-'07)
7. Lailiang Cheng ('05-'08)
8. Bob Ebel ('07-'09)

**Advisory Committee**

2005 - 2007

Wes Autio

Patrick Conner

David Himelrick

Jim McFerson

Greg Reighard

2006 - 2008

Kent Kobayashi

Elena Garcia

Michael Glenn

Darek Swietlik

2007-2009

Nahla Bassil

Charlie Forney

Steve McArtney

Penny Perkins-Veazie

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

**New Business**

1. **Additional funding.** Kim has decided to try raising more money for APS. Blueberry APS t-shirts were printed to promote the event.
2. **Workshop and Business Meeting Speakers for Arizona 2007.** Ideas for the next workshop were requested to be given to the next VP. One idea suggested was frost control.
3. **Additional New Business from the Board Members.** Keep using the list serve.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kirk W. Pomper  
Secretary, American Pomological Society.  
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