**Minutes of the American Pomological Society Executive Board and Advisory Committee Meeting**

Washington DC, July 31, 2018

Michele Warmund, APS President, called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm. There were 16 members in attendance.

**Old Business.**

Todd Einhorn (APS Secretary) disseminated 2017 minutes for review. Nahla Bassil made motion to accept the minutes. Penny Perkins, seconded. Motion carries unanimously.

Nahla Bassil briefly discussed the 2018 tour. There were 24 participants. The general impression was that the tour was successful. Michele Warmund thanked Nahla for her efforts.

**Treasurer’s Report-** Ed Hellman had not yet arrived to deliver financial report. Michele Warmund provided key points of report. $217,608 total assets. $180,594 in savings account. Marvin Pritts, Heather Hilko and Tracy Shawn (ASHS) to address gold medallion seal. APS has not yet collected on ISHS membership dues and article requests ($5,142). Funds are now being transferring through ASHS. $15,433 revenue via page charges (100% are paid).

Marvin Pritts posed the question of selling the stock versus an alternative strategy of transferring. David Karp suggested diversifying APS portfolio. Marvin Pritts makes motion to explore selling stock and to approve the Treasurer and President to do so if prudent. Motion seconded by Nahla Bassil. Motion carries unanimously.

David proposes that President be authorized to prudently invest in assets that would generate a return. Nahla offers that the $217,608 is not earning money. Proposes to place $100,000 into an option that generates interest. Clive Kaiser asks what proportion of the surplus is in annual commitments. David Karp proposes that an investment of $150,000 into a fund would still provide sufficient reserves to cover three years (i.e., if no page charges were collected). A return on investment would compensate for declining membership. Greg Peck motions that the Executive committee needs to make a series of proposals and generate information so the Advisory Committee can advise. Todd Einhorn seconds motion. Motion carries unanimously.

Ksenija Gasic announced publication of the Registration of New Fruit and Nut Cultivars - 29 pages in HortScience published in 2018. Almond was not included. Kate Evans compiled new entries for apple. The Registration included new plum cultivars. Preparations are underway for the 50th publication in two years.

Digitizing update- David Karp. Julia Stover is 2/3rd to 3/4th through the project. Once the draft is complete, John Preece, David Karp and Ksenija Gasic will review. After the review process it will be posted online. As an example of the content, there are 80,000 words for apple alone. Duplicate entries needed to be resolved, patent issues, cultivar names need to be switched to marketing names at some point. Almond and apple will be sent to Dorrie Main. Michele thanks David for his financial support and effort.

**Editor’s Report-** Rich Marini. The increase in the number of pages per issue took care of manuscript backlog. So far this year, 25 manuscripts were submitted. October issue still waiting for two manuscripts but revisions just arrived. January, however, still has no papers. Color photos remain an issue. If an author is willing to pay $400 (for the issue of the journal to be published in color), then acceptable to do so. Hedrick awardees do not pay page charges. Discussion ensued on Colloquia or Workshop manuscripts relative to the appropriate review process of manuscripts. As a Proceedings, the other authors of the workshop review manuscripts and Rich Marini checks formatting.

**Editorial Committee Report**- Penny Perkins. Michele Warmund asks if more advertisers are needed in the journal – Adams County Nursery is the only advertiser. Editorial committee generated pricing structure that included number of issues and size of ad. Essie Fallahi requested that Clive Kaiser help Penny to progress the requests to nurseries for advertising.

**Membership Report-** Peter Hirst needed to attend a presentation, Michele Warmund provided update from Peter. There are five Advisory Board nominees. Nahla Bassil asks if all nominees were members. Memberships always due Jan 1. Marvin Pritts authorizes past president to provide a list of members by state. APS should make list available to members under protected password area of website. Mercy Olmstead posts journals on website (includes pdf version) but also goes to PubHort. Individual articles are then listed. Cannot do open access with ISHS.

**Awards**. Essie Fallahi, U.P. Hedrick award. Essie sends email and urges advisors to nominate students. Essie has the checks. P.H. Shepard Award, Fumi Takeda not here. John Cline awarded (but will not be present to receive). Wilder Medal Award- John Clark (had another commitment)- two awards were given this year ($350 per medal). Suggestions were solicited for a process to rank in the event that there is a tie vote. Presently, Wilder committee does not rank.

New Business.

Suggestions for 2019 Las Vegas tour or workshop. Eric Hanson was interested in protected culture of berries. Jules Janick interested in the history of protected horticulture. Angela O’Callahan was mentioned as a horticultural contact in Las Vegas. Challenge of limited fruit and nut culture in the region (with the exception of pine nuts). Tour will be avoided given the likelihood of high temperatures, challenges with travel and lack of fruit/nut culture. Regarding the fruit tasting, Negar (ASHS) will need to be contacted to contract for travel fir tasting. A room could be reserved in a restaurant and/or Extension center.

Michele Warmund adjourned meeting at 2:38.

Respectfully submitted, T. Einhorn