

Minutes of the APS Executive Committee Meeting  
Friday, August 6, 16:00 pm, Mountain time

Introductions:

Attendees:

Ksenija Gasic Jill Bushakra, Patrick Conner, Marvin Pritts, Todd Einhorn, John Preece, Essie Fallahi, Greg Lang, Daniel Ward, Dario Chavez, Savithri Nambeesan, Ed Hellman, Ann Plotto, Shengrui Yo, Mike Parker, Kim Hummer, Brent Black, Dwight, Tom Kon, Michael Dossett, Tripti Vashisthi, Edgar Vinson, Penny Perkins-Veazie

Minutes from the 2020 meeting – Nahla Bassil; Ed Hellman moved to approve the minutes- P. Conner seconds the motion- minutes approved with no corrections.

Report from Heather Hilko from ASHS – presented by N. Bassil

- All manuscripts paid in 2019, in 2020 all billed one is open and in 2021 billed for 17. Membership numbers are declining presently 142 members, difficult to know the exact number because ISHS/ASHS renewal. Library subscriptions also declined.
- How to increase the membership? Need to increase activities in recruiting members for society.
- How are members reminded that their membership expired and need to be renewed? Don't know who renewed as some people renew via ASHS and some via ISHS.
- Ask members how do they renew membership? Issue with renewing membership through APS web page.

**Action item** - Nahla and Marvin in a month or two to meet with Heather to discuss the way of tracking members and how to make sure they are renewed.

Encouraging students to become members especially at the universities. Is there a membership list?

Membership and nomination committee consist only of the past president. Need to split it to two committees where nomination committee is only past president and form a Membership committee to figure out how to keep track of active members.

**Action item** – by the end of September schedule a membership specific meeting Nahla Bassil, Marvin Pritts, Ksenija Gasic and newly elected secretary plus any who wants to join.

- Treasurer report – Thanks to Ed Hellman for serving the society in this role as this is his last year. Strong financial position nearly \$¼ M in equity. Details are provided in the treasurer's report. Chad Finn Endowment Fund – independent account ~\$26K in contributions so far.
- Editor's report – Rich Marini shared his detailed report and possibly will present it moving to the general meeting
- Penny Perkins Veazie – worked closely with Mercy on DOI for APS journal

- Website updates – Mercy Olmstead provided detailed report. New item is SSL certificate for DOI numbers for APS journal articles. Mercy got a good price. APS has a FaceBook page. Share comments on the website with Mercy and Nahla.
- Fruit and Nut List 51 – John Preece will be new contact person for the list, first email for List 51 is sent and some contributions have already been submitted. Digitization of the Fruit and Nut List is going well. Some slow down because of Covid. Access to database will be provided at the end of September. Thanks to support of David Karp for funding the digitization
- Marvin – nominations: Treasurer Amaya Atucha (Wisconsin) 3 year-term but no limit on consecutive terms. Secretary – Lisa De Vetter (WSU) three year term but no limit on consecutive terms; EC – Gina Fernandez 3-year term; Advisory committee (3 year term): Dario Chavez, Greg Lang, Savithri Nameesan, Tripti Vashisth, and Dwight Wolfe.
- Voting on the full slate at the business meeting ask for additional nominations.
- Awards:
  - Essie Fallahi reported on the UP. Hedrick awards and thanked the committee members for evaluating the papers. Awards are ready to be mailed or given in person for those that attend in Denver.
  - Shepard award – Fumi Takeda report to be given at business meeting
  - Wilder medal – Brent Black – sent detailed report. Three nominations one carried over from last year and two new. Terrence Robinson is recipient of the 2021 Wilder Medal award. Need to increase diversity and age range in the committee and some new members. Two members are rotating off. Send nominations to Brent.
  - **Action item:** discuss Wilder committee membership motion of Marvin P. to increase the number of awardees to maximum 2, second Tom Kon. Second item is to discuss the cost of making the medals. Need to collect information on cost and decide what cost (from John Clark) and what threshold is acceptable. Many deserving colleagues are retiring. Worry is that the significance of the award will be diluted.
  - Vote on motion to increase the number of awardees to max 2 per year – via email and Nahla will report in Business meeting.
  - Chad Finn Ambassador award – Gina Fernandez not present to give report. First awardee Bernadine Strik. Details and picture available on the APS website
- Oral session report – Patrick Conner – talks are available to watch. During the live session speaker will recap the talks and then Q&A session will commence. Three international speakers registration was sponsored by APS.
- Other old business – NONE
- New business – workshop or oral session idea in Chicago July 30-Aug 3<sup>rd</sup> 2022.
- Jill Bushakra – presentation on the value of being the society member ASHS and APS, have few people discuss the values of membership. Anne Plotto – ASHS has intention to record video of few questions answered from retired members about the value of membership.

- Todd Einhorn – Influence of the Great Lakes on Fruit production; Brent Black - Historical information about the varieties developed in the region of Chicago, to bring the history back. These are good ideas to highlight the place where the meeting is happening. Form committee to investigate the Oral session or workshop ideas. Essie new format of ASHS allows to have webinars.
- Communication committee led by Jill B. to recruit members and develop the idea of videos and testimonies of value of membership – appointed by the President.
- Webinars would be a good idea to reach potential new members.
- Discuss the idea to have membership list on google doc for only members to be able to edit their information. Will be discussed during the membership committee meeting in few months.

Meeting adjourned @ 5:28pm mountain time  
Minutes taken by K. Gasic

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