

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

Kona, HI, September 21, 2017

Michele Warmund called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm.

There were 20 members in attendance.

Minutes from 2016 were reviewed – Nahla Bassil made motion to approve the minutes. Clive Kaiser seconded the motion. Approved unanimously.

Michele- Opened a discussion concerning the 2017 workshop- Nahla commented on a successful tour.

Ed Hellman (Treasurer) couldn't be here. Heather Hilko (ASHS) reported five-fold more income received this year from page charges. The policy on page charges was discussed. Essentially, if page charges aren't paid, authors cannot submit another manuscript until the publication fee is received.

Michele related that APS is financially sound. Total assets as of August 2017 are \$194,934, of which AT&T stock investment returned \$37,044. There is concern regarding APS not having received income or making payment to ISHS for their services. Kim Hummer related that she emailed Peter Vanderborcht requesting a financial statement from ISHS. Michele also requested information concerning the number of APS manuscript downloads were made from the ISHS website. David Karp mentioned that there was no interest associated with the total assets (as of December, 2016) of \$148,150. He suggested that a portion of the assets should be held in a checking account to generate interest (likely amounting to several thousand dollars). Heather indicated that ASHS monies transfer immediately into APS accounts- membership information goes to Peter Vanderborcht and there were no issues administratively to communicate. Michele implored members to be vigilant about recruiting new members and suggested that better strategies were needed. Rachel Elkins suggested recruiting County Extension agents. Rachel would like to be appointed to tap this alternative pool. John Preece suggested that APS promote membership at regional research meetings. It was generally agreed that the new year is an opportune time to promote membership. Richard Heerema suggested increasing membership with amateur pomologist and/or industry members. Clive Kaiser indicated the usefulness in understanding why membership has been declining.

Rich Marini, Editor, was not able to attend. Michele communicated the highlights from Rich's report. Forty four manuscripts were received in 2016. All issues through January 2018 are full. Manuscripts are sent to reviewers within four days. Several review articles have been submitted. Rich suggests that he would appreciate receiving more review articles. Several book reviews have also been published. Related difficulty getting reviewers for certain subjects, namely in the area of genetics and breeding. Few papers related to apples, more from grape/berry/tropical fruit. Pioneers in Pomology workshop generated five papers; thus, potentially other workshops could be submitted. Rich was approached to make our journal open access. The least expensive package is \$2,500 per year. These costs would likely need to be compensated by additional page charges. Further, such an option may place APS in violation of our contract with ISHS. For the time being, the Board agreed to wait and not pursue open access.

Essie Fallahi could not be present, but the U.P. Hedrick awardees will be announced at the APS Business meeting by Ksenija Gasic. Marvin Pritts will announce the Wilder recipient in John Clark's absence. Also,

an order for 10 Wilder Medals was placed this year to replenish the supply. Richard Heerema will announce the P.H. Shepard award in Fumi Takeda's absence.

An update on the Registration of New Fruit and Nut Cultivars listing was presented by Ksenija. Kate Evans will compile the apple entries, an individual has yet to be identified for plum (given Ralph Scorza's retirement), but otherwise the list is in good shape. The next published list will be spring 2018. David Karp updated the Board on the OCR scanning progress. Errors occur in the scanning process that require time to correct. Dave estimated \$4,000 to \$6,000 in costs. He estimated the timeline as ~September 2018 to be online. Content will be updated every two years. Michele acknowledged David's effort. Kim Hummer posed the question of how to access the information. Dorrie Main's group in WA (WSU) will host. Michele will approach Mike Neff to host on ASHS website. To discuss further in new business.

Peter Hirst, membership committee. New faculty, NC140, and other regional groups, should all be targeted. One open position on Board of Directors- nominate Greg Peck. For the Advisory committee, David Karp agreed to serve another term. The other members are Sara Serra, Brent Black, Ionnis Minas, and Ksenija Gasic. Ed Hellman now serves as Treasurer and, thus, needed to be replaced. David Karp, Greg Peck, Jim Olmstead, Clive Kaiser and Desmond Layne are all rotating off. Executive Board members cannot serve consecutive terms but Advisory Board members can. All standing committee members and Chairs remain until next year's meeting.

The revised Constitution and Bylaws was disseminated by email for review. Michele stated that she would like to have this document approved at the current meeting. Penelope (Penny) Perkins made a motion to approve the Constitution and Bylaws in its current form. David Karp seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

### New Business

Ideas were solicited for 2018 tour and/or workshop. Peter Hirst suggested a tour through USDA Beltsville, MD. Kim Hummer suggested the National Arboretum. A tour to Monticello was also suggested, though this would entail a full day tour. It was suggested that the tour should occur before the ASHS meeting. Tour proposals are to be submitted to ASHS in early December 2017.

Brent Black contacted Michele regarding the lengthy time for article publication in the Journal (i.e., requires ~9 months from submission to publication). In place of fifth issue, Rich suggested expanding from 64 to 72 pages per journal. It would cost \$1,325/ issue for extra printing costs, not including extra shipping costs. Michele's best-guess estimate for the shipping cost per issue is \$500. Membership will vote on this at the Business meeting.

A brief discussion ensued that additional paying advertisers are needed. Penny asked to lead a committee to recruit additional people from industry (i.e., nurseries, chemical companies, etc.). Advertising rates are currently inexpensive (for example, a full-page ad per issue is \$90). The suggestion was made for this committee to restructure advertising fees. A recommendation and vote may be achieved by email.

Motion to adjourn meeting at 1:02 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Todd Einhorn, Secretary