

AAPA business meeting, 9 Jan 2016
Call to order: 14:50
Roll call will be done by attendance sheet
Minutes by Juliana Rangel

Mary Purcell mentioned the importance of the work we're doing and that there has been an increase in the funding for USDA is growing for pollinator work. She left because she had given these reports earlier yesterday to a similar audience.

Jennifer's report:

- Are we going join Honey Bee Health Coalition efforts/events? No one volunteered to attend their meeting in October (they did not provide funds)
- Many positions opened up last year and will be opening in the next couple of years for bee research
- Send out a poll to AAPA members about not meeting with AIA/USDA and only alternate between AHPA and ABF because at this meeting we don't have quorum to vote on that

No discussion on ICE meeting for AAPA because it was voted negatively yesterday for NC1173

VP Report:

Will send out poll about only meeting with ABF and or AHPA

- Keystone group in CO that runs the Honey Bee Health Coalition is mostly comprised of industry and the real/perceived conflict of interest between universities and industry bee biologists
- Marla did not like the meeting, need to get things done, not go to meetings to talk about getting things done
- Mark Dykes went to the last meeting, is on the advisory board, AIA is member on a govt. capacity, meetings get the conversations going
- Rangel motioned, Reed seconded: send out a poll to membership of AAPA to decide on the AIA take out (AHPA/ABF only) and to allocate funding on someone to go to the Honey Bee Health Coalition meeting on an observer capacity and give a brief description of pros and cons of each side before people vote. MOTION PASSED.
- Historically meeting with AIA-USDA was to have a more private meeting without beekeepers involved, more of "professionals"
- Because of AAPA John Harbo preferred to meet only with researchers once in a while (said Marla), but with tight budgets (Mark Dykes) makes more sense to do joint meetings. But because ABRC is later in the days and AIA meeting is earlier in the week, AIA wants to tighten their schedules. Not opposed to going to a different format. Paul Kozak asked the appetite about the AIA's position on that... not sure what it is.
- Can we try to coordinate with AIA so that AAPA meets with them at the meeting they are going to (AHPA or ABF) together.

- Paul: Getting AIA having a presentation at the ABF to increase their presence within the beekeeper community because not a lot of people know about that, they want to engage the bks (they do so more in Canada than US)
- Why only one student award if we had so many great student talks? Do it at scale
- David Tarpy: maybe one prize per every 5 students, so that if there are 10 students we have 2 awards in increments of \$200.
 - Jennifer: Let's look at treasurer's report to see where \$ stand

Lanie's Treasurer report (based on Lanie's email)

- Read by Jennifer Tsuruda

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Balance Sheet

As of January 7, 2016

Checking Balance (January 1, 2015):	\$2040.18
Membership dues (via Paypal):	+ 990.00
Pre-registration for ABRC 2016:	+ 4000.00
Checks received (Membership/Publication fees):	+ 396.13
Dadant royalties:	+ 67.32
Registration ABRC 2015 (onsite/paypal):	+ 2300.00
Reimbursement from AIA (ABRC 2015):	+ 795.78
Meeting fees (2015):	- 300.00
Honorarium (2015: Mark Winston):	- 1,200.00
Student Paper Award (2015):	- 100.00
Reimbursement for meeting expenses (ABRC 2015):	- 409.00
Student Scholarship Award (2016):	- 1,000.00
Paypal fees:	- 255.65
Checking Balance (January 7, 2015):	\$7324.58

David Tarp: move that we add this to the online poll: that AAPA moves from having one \$100 student presentation award, and have \$200 for every 6 students. Rangel seconded. MOTION PASSED.

Discussion on changing the schedule of the ABRC so that the business meeting is not at the end of the meeting:

- Marla and Jennifer suggest that we have the business meeting at the beginning or the end of the first day of ABRC to increase attendance to the business meeting. Another option is a working lunch meeting during the ABRC.
- Olav: to increase student participation, do the business meeting on the first day and do the student awards at the business meeting so that they are encouraged to participate in the business meeting.
- Mark D suggests: When scheduling ABRC talks may be look at the larger ABF schedule. ABF has all their business meetings on a Tuesday. Perhaps that day would be a great day to start the basic ABRC talks that may be beekeepers would not appreciate, and then if ABRC spills over to a next day .Will leave it up to the organizer of the next meeting.

Webmaster report:

Zach: Didn't get his \$15 credit for being webmaster, paid membership this year, so wants to be reimbursed

Next AHPA-ABF meeting will be 10-14 Jan 2017 in San Luis Resort & Galveston Convention Center

Nominations:

Rangel nominates, Tarp secondes for Mike Simone-Finstrom for VP in 2016, will be organizing the 2017 meeting in Galveston. He accepts nomination. MOTION PASSED, MIKE ELECTED VP.

AIA: Mark Dykes, President.

- AIA joined Honey Bee Health coalition
- Working with NASDA on the MP3 summit in DC in March 2016.
- This year AIA did a joint training with AAPCO with 70 attendants to learn about both sides of the fence: pesticide identification and use, and beekeeping and inspections between two occupations
- 2016 AIA website will be updated
- ABF-AHPA-BIP to help create education materials for varroa control
- Continue association with NASA and Coalition for pollinator protection efforts
- New EPA regulation: Most antibiotics have been re-classified as veterinarian prescriptions, awaiting EPA's talk on this.

CAPA: Paul Kozak, on behalf of Medhat Nasr.

- Did not want to try an impersonation of Medhat ☺
- Held EAS at Guelph, Ontario .First time in 20 years, very successful
- Medhat got Robert Morse award, Ernesto Guzmán got the Hamilton award
- CAPA engaged with the Canadian National Bee Health Roundtable, similar to the HBHC, comprised of:
 - Feds (Health Canada, AG Canada), members from provinces
 - Good avenue for dialogue but not only get to agree on most issues
- Medhat as President of CAPA is member of the American HBHC
- CAPA has several committees on import/export issues, research committees that track and summarize research being done in Canada, chemical committee around registration of new products or rational for new miticides, winter loss committee to address that issue in Canada
- Apimondia in Canada in 2019, many members of CAPA will organize events there to have a strong USA and Canada presence
- Steve Pernal will be chairing the scientific committee for Apimondia
- Opportunity for AAPA, AIA to plug in where they can
- New antibiotic regulations including those for bees, but not sure how they will be administered. Vets providing a certificate to beekeepers for antibiotic use?
- Tech transfer program in Ontario offered a report with all the extension literature in North America and Paul will see if it's available to look at for the public
- Ontario and Quebec are moving with putting restrictions on neonic use in Canada

Paul mentioned that some AIA members may not have been allowed to attend the student poster session because the social sponsored by industry. So an idea was put forward by Mike Simone-Finstrom: Put the posters up on the wall next year before the official poster session so that people can see them before the mixer-social and then move them to where the social will be, using MY FAVORITE EASELS, and doing an industry-sponsored social

Jennifer passed on the presidency of the AAPA to Elina Niño. Niño adjourned meeting at 16:00.