

Minutes

AAPA Business Meeting
January 10, 2006
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

The meeting was called to order by President Marion Ellis at 9:04 AM.

The following Members and guests were present: N. Aliano, B. Danka, K. Delaplane, M. Ellis, J. Harbo, J. Harris, M. Hood, Z. Huang, S. Mack, R. Merritt, E. Mussen, N. Ostiguy, J. Skinner, M. Spivak, J. Villa, T. Webster and J. Wagnitz.

The Minutes of the 2005 annual business meeting were accepted as submitted. The Treasurer's Report was accepted as submitted.

Marion began the meeting by suggesting that it might be an appropriate time to consider a new vision for AAPA and the two commercial beekeepers' national associations. While we already have approached the two associations about a combined meeting, there had been little impetus in that direction until recently. It appears that the two groups might plan to hold some sort of combined meeting in 2008, at a yet to be determined location. Most likely AAPA, ABRC and AIA would schedule around that meeting.

Among the advantages to holding such a meeting would be: 1. being able to bring students to the meeting on scholarships from the ABF Overturf fund, 2. bringing many researchers to the meeting from which the associations could choose speakers, 3. interacting with state and federal regulatory personnel, 4. provide an opportunity to suggest that the two groups either continue to meet simultaneously or "merge" into a single group.

AAPA, and probably AIA, would still schedule time for separate business meetings and the presentations of the more fundamental ABRC papers.

It was suggested that the President of AAPA write a letter to the two associations explaining the possible advantages and urging the group to meet as a whole. Marion and Marla Spivak will share in the composition of the letter. How often we meet with either or both associations will be determined later.

As of March, the ABRC organizers are contemplating holding a special, symposium-like session, to be part of the next ABRC. The idea is to allow researchers working on *Varroa* control to describe in more detail what is being done in their programs. Following the presentations, it is hoped that the researchers can confer about what future directions of research might be most promising and who might be involved in those studies.

Old Business

Article 6, Section 7 of the AAPA Bylaws, e-mailed to the members for consideration several months in advance, was amended by vote of the members to the following: The term of office for the President and Vice President extends from the meeting at which they were elected through the next meeting. It is expected that the Vice President will transition to the presidency. The term of office for the Secretary/Treasurer and Directors extends from the meeting at which

they were elected through the second meeting following the meeting at which they were elected. No individual may hold the same office for more than two consecutive terms, and at least two years must lapse before an individual is again eligible for the same office.

There was an inquiry about AAPA membership lapel pins that are sent to new members. There are 11 on hand with a few about to be sent out.

Tom Webster reported that he is in possession of about 1,000 copies of the Cornell U.S. Pollination statistics. We will offer them on the Web site for \$0.50 plus shipping, but Tom will cut a deal for members who desire copies.

Also, Marla still has approximately 2,250 Pollinators in Your Garden pamphlets. They are advertised on the Web site for sale, but members can get a good deal by contacting Marla.

New Business

USDA APHIS is planning to request funds to conduct a National Honey Bee Pest and Disease Survey. The findings of that survey will have implications in international movement of honey bees between countries. Wayne Wheling was looking for suggestions for Task Force members. AAPA suggested Zachary Huang represent AAPA, and early discussions appear to confirm his appointment to that committee.

Nick Aliano was, once again, selected as recipient of the 2006 Dr. John Harbo Student Paper Award of \$50.00. The award was presented to Nick by John, for whom the prize was renamed. John received a plaque from AAPA to signify the change. The members of AIA presented John with a second award for his outstanding service to the beekeeping industry. John recently retired from his position in the USDA.

The Nominations Committee submitted the following slate of candidates, who were elected to office for the coming year:

President – Marla Spivak
Vice-president – Mike Hood
Directors (1 year terms) – Nancy Ostiguy and Jose Villa
Directors (2 year terms) – Tom Webster and Zachary Huang.

John Harbo was elected to Emeritus status.

President Spivak made some initial standing committee appointments: Regulations – Z. Huang, T. Webster, and Dennis van Englesdorp. Pesticide Registration: J. Adamczyk, J. Hayes, and J. Pettis. Awards – N. Ostiguy, J. Skinner, and B. Danka.

There was a consensus that AAPA should meet in conjunction with the American Honey Producers' Association next year. Their convention is scheduled to be held for three or four days toward the middle of the week of January 7-13 in Phoenix, Arizona.

The meeting adjourned at 10:54 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Eric Mussen, AAPA Secretary