

# Minutes

AAPA Business Meeting  
January 12, 2007  
Phoenix, Arizona

The meeting was called to order by President Marla Spivak at 4:15 PM.

The following Members and guests were present: N. Aliano, L. Bilodeau, J. Bromenshenk, N. Calderone, S. Cobey, E. Levi, L. deGuzman, K. Delaplane, T. Ferrari, J. Harris, M. Hood, Z. Huang, J. Knodel, D. McRory, E. Mussen, N. Ostiguy, , S. Sheppard, J. Skinner, M. Spivak, S. Thoenes, J. Villa, and (Dick Rogers ? Goeff Williams ? D. Sammataro, Jennifer Finley ? ?? ?? ??)

The Minutes of the 2006 annual business meeting were accepted as submitted. The Treasurer's Report was accepted as submitted.

## President's Address

Marla began the meeting by suggesting that it might be an appropriate time to consider bringing the North Central Region project (NCDC210) on bees into closer association with AAPA. An examination of the documents that guide the two associations shows that they read very similarly. A significant benefit to AAPA would be to have a larger number of bee specialists meeting in one place at one time to share information and determine how best to approach solving unresolved problems in bee keeping. That attendance can be bolstered by the fact that, with a little pre-planning, the Agricultural Experiment Station (AES) on each land grant university can contribute funds toward travel fare and two days lodging at the site of the annual regional meeting for named individuals. Contact Sonny Ramaswamy at Purdue University (probably best through your campus AES office) and relate that you wish to be eligible for funding to attend the regional meeting. When Sonny adds you to the list, and says "OK" to your local office, then you should be able to contact your office, receive permission, and gain access to limited funding. The offices on different campuses contribute funding for these meetings in differing amounts. Be sure to determine just how much funding you will receive. See more under New Business.

## Old Business

There were no discussions originating from old business.

## New Business

**Regulatory Committee** - More information was reported on the proposed annual national survey of honey bee health in the US. After hearing some pretty wild (high) estimates of how much it would cost to do such a thing, it looks like \$1.4 million a year would do it. However, no funding is available at this point in time. Apparently, without such an annual survey, we (the US) cannot prohibit the importation of foreign honey bees into the US. If we cannot prove that we are exotic disease free, then international trade regulations will force our doors open. Also, without that information, we will not be able to export our bees or queens into any other foreign countries where such a program is being conducted.

Organizers of this effort hope that “advanced techniques” will enable inspectors to make determinations immediately on such problems as: bacterial diseases; viral diseases; *Nosema ceranae*; Africanized honey bees; *A.m. capensis*, etc.

There is a request for hiring two new positions into the USDA bee labs to help with this effort. That would return the FTE level to what it had been in 1996.

The 2006 AAPA Regulations Committee spent significant time formulating a “White Paper” on this topic to be submitted in the name of the organization. Before the draft is distributed for review, it was suggested that one or more members of the Committee review portions of the nearly 300 page text, and the honey bee recommendations, of the report generated by the USGS and NAPPC in 2006. When that information is integrated into the text, then the document should receive further review.

**Pesticide Registration Committee** – No report was presented at the annual business meeting. The report will be disseminated to all members by e-mail. The updates will include information on use of oxalic acid and registration of Hivastan<sup>®</sup>.

**Nomination Committee** – The following members were nominated to, and voted into, their respective offices:

President – Mike Hood  
Vice President – José Villa  
Secretary/Treasurer – Nick Calderone  
Director – Steve Sheppard  
Director – Jeff Harris

Nick Calderone was authorized to establish a new AAPA checking account in Ithaca, NY and Eric Mussen was authorized to close out the California account and forward the proceeds to Nick for deposit in the new account.

The Nomination Committee also handled the various awards presented to members and student contestants:

AAPA Award for Apicultural Excellence – Eric Mussen  
Dr. John Harbo Award (Student Paper) – Nick Aliano - \$50.00  
Student Proposal – Kathleen Lee - \$1,000.00

**NCDC210 (continued)** - A second advantage of such collaboration between associations would be that NCDC210 can be expanded to include as many participants as there are individuals who wish to join. Then, the “products” of the regional project would include all of the publications and other audio/visual materials produced by the members. Occasionally, materials could be credited to the authors, AAPA, and NCDC210 right on the product. Thus, we can point to the outreach output that will keep the regional project alive and funded. Examples of such products might be:

An upcoming honey bee pesticide safety poster by Marla  
A small hive beetle booklet  
A white paper on the proposed national survey  
Extension publications that could list AAPA and NCDC210 as collaborators  
Various pdf materials that we may be putting on the AAPA Web site  
Montana’s [www.beesurvey.com](http://www.beesurvey.com)

**Resolutions** – There were not resolutions presented at the meeting. However, there was discussion about being sure that we have a representative attend each of the CAPA meetings. Usually, they are held in conjunction with the annual Canadian Honey Council meeting. AIA usually sends a member to the meeting, and we have AAPA members from AIA. If the AIA member was to be our ambassador, should we pick up a portion of his or her expenses of attending that meeting? Historically, we used to provide a stipend to one of our members to attend. This is as far as the discussion proceeded.

2007 Committee Appointments by President Hood:

Student Awards – Ann Harman

Nominations – R. Danka, N. Ostiguy, J. Skinner

Pesticide Registration – J. Hayes, J. Pettis, J. Bromenshenk

Regulations – T. Webster, J. Harris, E. Levi

AAPA will meet in conjunction with the combined American Beekeeping Federation and the American Honey Producers' Association next year, at the Doubletree Inn in Sacramento, California. Their convention is scheduled to be held for three or four days toward the middle of the week of January 6-12, I think.

The meeting adjourned at 5:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Eric Mussen, AAPA Secretary