

# Minutes

AAPA Business Meeting  
January 10, 2008  
Sacramento, California

The meeting was called to order by President Mike Hood at 4:15 PM.

The following Members and guests were present and signed the SIGN IN sheet: Marla Spivak, Mike Hood, Nick Calderone, Bob Danka, Tom Webster, Zachary Huang, Steve Sheppard, Jose Villa, Lanie Bourgeois, Keith Delaplane, Jeff Harris, Maryann Frazier, Ed Levi, Jerry Bromenshenk, Keith Tignor, , Ed Levi, John Skinner, Lilia De Guzman, Nick Aliano, Sue Cobey, Eric Mussen, Greg Hunt, Diana Sammataro, Nancy Ostiguy, Kirk Visscher, Marion Ellis, Medhat Nasr Tom Rinderer

A motion to follow the submitted agenda was seconded and approved by voice vote.

The Treasurer's Report was accepted as submitted. N. Calderone indicated that there was a minor problem with *Apidologie* subscriptions due to the rapidly declining value of the dollar relative to the Euro. The sense of the meeting was that the Treasurer should resolve this in a manner he deems appropriate.

The Minutes of the 2007 annual business meeting were presented. Mike Hood offered an amendment to the minutes that corrected the assignment of individuals to committees. The amendment was accepted and the minutes were accepted.

## Standing Committees

**ABRC Committee:** Mike Hood noted that Jose Villa and Jeff Harris did an outstanding job of pulling together this year's conference. An addition was made to the conferences for 12:45 PM Friday to accommodate two Swedish researchers.

Mike Hood informed the members that AAPA had been approached by a private concern wishing to video the ABRC and asked the members how they felt about that. Various comments were made. Some felt that the recording could be a benefit to those not able to attend some or all of the conference, or not able to assimilate all of the information during the conference; others noted that this is common in ESA but individuals can opt out if they desire; others felt that there could be institutional problems for some members; others expressed concern over the manner in which the material might be used; no resolution was introduced and the default position of not permitting recordings was left standing.

**Pesticide Efficacy:** Jerry Hayes reported that oxalic acid has hit a bump in the road due to the lack of a private concern to head the Section 3 process. Hivestan has been withdrawn because it was causing the deaths of large numbers of bees in test colonies. The product will likely be reintroduced to the market at a later date but will require that users sign a waiver of liability. Checkmite+ will be receiving a Section 3 status in 2008. Anti viral compounds are being studied.

**Regulatory:** Ed Levi reported that the National Pest Survey was important to the question of imports of bees from outside the US. Currently, it is funded at a rate of \$2 million to look for *Tropilalapes clareaea*. AIA is supportive of this but would like more funding to allow for an expansion of the survey to include other potential problems. Ed Levi reported that AIA is working on a Model Apiary Law.

**Nominations:** Greg Hunt was nominated for Vice-president. Nancy Ostiguy and Keith Delaplane were nominated as Directors. Marion Ellis moved to accept slate by acclamation. The slate was approved by acclamation.

**Awards:**

**Award for Apicultural Excellence** Keith Delaplane stepped in for Eric Mussen who was otherwise detained at the Davis Bee Lab Dinner. The selection criteria for the **AAPA Award for Apicultural Excellence** were read. The 2008 recipient was announced – Dr. Marion Ellis, University of Nebraska. Tom Sanford took pictures of Mike Hood and Marion Ellis for ABJ.

**Student Award for Research Scholarship:** Jose Villa announced that Michael Simone from the Univ. of Minnesota was the winner of the Graduate Student Scholarship Award and would receive a \$1,000.00 check for support of his research. There were 18 good applicants for the Student Award.

**Student Award for Student Paper Competition:** Marion Ellis accepted for Nick Aliano for 2006 and 2007.

There were 10 students in the Student Paper Competition Award. The winner was Elina Niño for her paper entitled:

Niño, E. L., D.R. Tarpy, & C.M. Grozinger: BEHAVIORAL, PHYSIOLOGICAL, AND MOLECULAR CHARACTERIZATION OF FACTORS AFFECTING REPRODUCTIVE QUALITY OF HONEY BEE QUEENS (APIS MELLIFERA L.).

**AAPA Position Paper:** N. Calderone presented an overview of a draft version of an AAP Position Paper on honey bee health. The draft will be reviewed by the Directors and after some revision will be subject to a vote of the Directors. If it receives 5 of 7 affirmative votes, it will be forwarded to the members for a majority up or down vote.

**Best Management Practices:** Keith Delaplane reported that the BMP Bulletin is about halfway completed. He also announced that NAPPC was interested in helping to publish the bulletin.

**Old Business:** there was no old business.

## **New Business**

Next Meeting: The AAPA and ABRC will meet independently of the American Beekeeping Federation (ABF) and the American Honey Producers of America (AHPA) next year. Two meeting sites were discussed: Tucson, AZ and Gainesville, FL. It was decided to meet in Gainesville, Florida on February 4-6, 2009. We will meet with the Apiary Inspectors of America (AIA).

It was noted that the ABF, Canadian Honey Council (CHC) and Canadian Association of Professional Apiculturists (CAPA) will meet in Orlando, Florida the following year (2010).

Tom Webster commented on the benefits of having speakers from outside of North America at our meetings.

**Communications:** Mike Hood reported that AAPA had spent \$396.98 for refreshments for the AAPA Social on Wednesday evening.

**Resolutions:** Ed Levi from AIA reported on four resolutions that the AIA would like AAPA to support. These include:

1. Asking FDA to regulate bee diets as these may be contaminated.
2. Asks USDA to define an Africanized honey bee as a bee that is  $\geq 50\%$  Africanized.
3. Asks USDA to develop fast identification methods for Africanized bees in the field.
4. Asks that funding for the National Pest Survey be increased and that it include additional pests.

The complete text of the resolutions will be sent to AAPA members.

### **Motion to adjourn:**

A motion to adjourn was made, seconded and approved by voice vote at 5:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

N. Calderone

AAPA Secretary/Treasurer