

Minutes

AAPA Business Meeting
January 14, 2010
Orlando, Florida

The meeting was called to order by President Greg Hunt at 5:15 PM.

The following Members and guests were present: Marla Spivak, Mike Hood, Bob Danka, Tom Webster, Zachary Huang, Steve Sheppard, Tom Sanford, Jose Villa, Greg Hunt, Diana Sammataro, Lanie Bourgeois, Keith Delaplane, Nancy Ostiguy, Jeff Harris, Maryann Frazier, Kirk Visscher, Marion Ellis, Medhat Nasr, Ed Levi, John Skinner, Nick Aliano, Diana Cox-Foster, Dave Tarp, Brian Eitzer,

Greg noted that Nick Calderone could not attend the meeting and spoke on his behalf. Nick was not interested in continuing for a second term as Secretary/Treasurer. However, he was interested in continuing upkeep of the AAPA website and email list. Greg proposed appointing Nick as the "Communications Czar". All agreed.

Standing Committees

Student Awards Committee

The deadline for next year's entries will be earlier – in November.

Nomination Committee

As is stated in the bylaws of the Association, Jeff Harris will move into the position of President for 2010. The following members were nominated to, and voted into, their respective offices:

Vice President – Tom Webster
Secretary/Treasurer – Lanie Bourgeois
Director – Brian Eitzer
Director – Kieth Delaplane

AAPA Position Paper on Honey Bee Health

Greg spoke on Nick's behalf. Nick made minor corrections on the position paper, as discussed at the 2009 business meeting. Greg proposed that the group either vote on the paper as is, or distribute the final version via email and then put it to a final vote. It was decided by the group that the final version would be distributed and voted on via email. *note – after the meeting, it was determined that in 2009 the group decided to let Nick make the minor corrections and publish the paper. The paper will go to the E-extension (Honey Bee Health) website.

Best Management Practices

Keith reported that a draft of written on Bee Health and Biology. Kristy will interview commercial beekeepers and will write a draft. The two drafts will be combined and will be

circulated and published by NAPPC and the E-extension website. It was brought up and discussed that Section 18 use is not appropriate in this case because this is not an alternate use. It was also suggested that the USDA Areawide project that is addressing best-management practices be involved and that the authors of the document contact USDA-ARS scientists (Bob Danka or Jeff Harris).

Novel Approach Committee

Two years ago, the alternate distribution of abstracts was discussed. Publication in Bee Culture is no longer an option. Bob suggested that the Association publish the abstracts on the E-extension website along with the video of the conference. The general consensus was to publish them on the E-extension website.

Discussions about videotaping the research talks continued in regards to unpublished data. It was decided that Jeff will email all speakers asking for their permission to post the video of their talks. Next year, a letter will be distributed to all speakers asking for permission to publish their talks online via E-extension and YouTube.

General Discussion

AAPA will meet in conjunction with the combined American Beekeeping Federation and the American Honey Producers' Association next year, at the San Luis Resort in Galveston, Texas, January 3-9, 2011.

It was agreed upon that the Association invite a guest speaker from abroad. The Board of Directors will vote on who will be invited. Tom Webster will investigate payment for lodging of the invited speaker.

The meeting adjourned at 5:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Lanie Bourgeois, AAPA Secretary