

## AAPA Business Meeting Minutes 8 February 2012

1. 15:40: Call to order by AAPA President, Tom Webster

2. Roll Call (Attendance):

Name	Organization
a. Juliana Rangel	NCSU
b. Jeff Harris	USDA- Baton Rouge
c. Mike Hood	Clemson University, South Carolina
d. Greg Hunt	Purdue University
e. David Tarpy	NCSU
f. Ramesh Sagili	Oregon State University
g. Peter Borst	Empire State Honey Producer Association
h. Reed Johnson	Ohio State University
i. Bob Cox	USDA – Weslaco
j. Beth Holloway	USDA – Baton Rouge
k. Lilia de Guzman	USDA – Baton Rouge
l. Judy Chen	USDA – Belstville
m. Brian Eitzer	CT Ag. Exp. Station
n. Jennifer Tsuruda	Purdue University
o. Michael Simone-Finstrom	NCSU
p. Jennifer Keller	NCSU
q. Krisen Giwan	Purdue University
r. John Skinner	University of Tennessee
s. Eric Mussen	University of California, Davis
t. Tom Webster	Kentucky State University

3. Approval of minutes from last AAPA business meeting

- a. Tom Webster reported that as of January 2012, there was a balance of approximately \$4,409 in the AAPA bank account, not counting the present meeting's income from registration fees, etc. So, after counting all the registration fees and new memberships, we should have approximately \$6,000 in the account.
- b. Tom also reminded people to pay their membership dues, which have the added incentive of getting emails from Nick Calderone.
- c. Minutes from last meeting were not available, but Tom remembered that one of the issues pertained to the AAPA's position on importation of bees from Australia. But since all bee imports from Australia are banned, there is no issue. The committee that was formed to look into this issue included Jose Villa, Jennifer Berry and Maryann Frazier.

4. Decision of location and date for next year's AAPA meeting

- a. AAPA needs to decide whether to hold next year's meeting either in junction with the American Beekeeping Federation (ABF), or with the American Honey Producers (AHP)
- b. ABF is meeting in Hershey, PA on 8-12 January 2013
- c. AHP is meeting in San Diego, CA on 8-13 January 2013
- d. Tom argued that some people would prefer PA because it's closer to our area, it would be less expensive, and it would give many people the opportunity to meet with their state's inspectors. However, some people would prefer CA due to the weather, and because it would give folks the opportunity to meet with honey producers.

- e. Beth mentioned that the meeting for Plant and Animal Genome will be in SD as well in late Jan, in case anyone would like to attend both meetings at the same time.
- f. Tom mentioned that hotel costs would be similar in both venues, but transportation would be higher in CA, and we would meet with more locals from the East Coast if we held it in PA.
- g. General voting to decide where to hold next year's meeting:
  - i. Number of votes to hold meeting in PA: 12
  - ii. Number of votes to hold meeting in CA: 4
  - iii. Therefore, next year's meeting will be held in Hershey, PA.
- h. Jeff Harris mentioned that we should therefore meet in junction with the AHP the following year to keep it balanced.
- i. Tom Webster mentioned that there will be a mega meeting for farmers near Harrisburg PA around the same time of the ABF meeting in PA, so we need to avoid problems as far as getting enough hotel rooms available for AAPA attendees
- j. Tom Webster moved to get permission to make a reservation for 150 hotel rooms near Hershey PA for next year's AAPA Conference
  - i. The motion was passed unanimously

5. Nominations of Board Members

- a. AAPA is currently in need of 2 board members. The duties of the board members include:
  - i. Make decisions outside of business meetings
  - ii. Invite speakers
  - iii. Search for meeting locations
  - iv. Set up honoraria for speakers
  - v. Give informed opinions regarding any issues that arise off-season
- b. Tom Webster's nominees are Beth Holloway and Olav Ruppell. No more nominations were proposed.
- c. Ramesh Sagili moved to close the nominations and move forward with the voting. David Tarpy seconded the motioned.
- d. Tom Webster moved to elect Beth Holloway as a board member
  - i. The motion was passed unanimously
- e. Tom Webster moved to elect Olav Ruppell as a board member
  - i. The motion passed unanimously

6. Nominations of Vice President

- a. AAPA is currently seeking nominations for the new Vice-President. The duties of the VP include:
  - i. Organize/coordinate the entire AAPA meeting the following year
  - ii. Give informed opinions regarding any issues that arise off-season
- b. Tom Webster along with Ramesh Sagili nominated both Zach Huang and Jay Evans (neither was present at the business meeting) for the VP position. No more nominations were proposed.
- c. Ramesh Sagili moved to close the nominations and move forward with the voting. David Tarpy seconded the motioned.
- d. General voting to decide on next year's AAPA VP:
  - i. Number of votes for Zach Huang: 17
  - ii. Number of votes to Jay Evans: 3
  - iii. Therefore, the new VP elect for next year is Zach Huang.

7. Tom Webster's initiatives as President: Ways to interact more formally with Inspectors, and Canadian Colleagues. Ideas:

- a. Have a joint (informal) meeting in the morning of 9 February 2012 with inspectors to discuss issues with nutrition and bee management practices, and to have more regular meetings
  - b. With our Canadian colleagues, Tom suggested to have regular meetings held near the US-Canada border. For example: AAPA could hold every three years its meeting in the Niagara Falls Area in Canada.
  - c. By general consensus, meeting attendees agreed to consider meeting in January 2015 near Niagara Falls to include fellow Canadian beekeepers.
8. Tom Webster's initiatives as President: Poster session during meetings. Ideas:
- a. Last year we started this tradition of a poster presentation during the AAPA conference
  - b. This year we had 9 poster presentations, so the trend is growing in popularity
  - c. This year no one could give more than one oral talk as first author, but had the opportunity to present an unlimited number of posters, if they wished.
9. Tom Webster's initiatives as President: How to overcome the difficulties of being a VP. Ideas:
- a. We should have a booklet and/or instruction manual with a description of the VP duties that can be passed down from one officer to the next.
  - b. We could also write a revision of the VP duties.
  - c. Greg, Ramesh, Tom, and Jeff, who were the latest people to hold the AAPA VP position, should get together and write up such a document.
10. Tom Webster's issues as President: People complaining about not having the AAPA Conference schedule of talks up on the website. Ideas:
- a. This is NOT a beekeeper meeting and thus beekeepers need not to be informed about the conference agenda, since it makes things more complicated for everyone logistically.
  - b. Tom's question: Should we open the meeting to the general beekeeping public? The meeting attendants agree that we should NOT make it open to the general public, we are comfortable the way things are handled currently.
  - c. Question: who should be included in AAPA conferences/meetings? Should we include students? Emeritus Professors? Industry folks? Ex-employees of bee-related organizations?
  - d. The group's consensus is that we like it the way it is, and that only professional apiculturists should meet during the AAPA annual conference every three years.
11. Tom Webster's issues as President: There might be logistical complications if and when we hold our annual meeting in junction with the industry sector. Ideas:
- a. Who chips in money, and how much?
  - b. We are using their room/conference organizing personnel, which WE benefit from
  - c. BUT, we pay the fee to invite speakers, which THEY benefit from
  - d. Should we pay for the expensive ABF registration?
  - e. Should we pay more toward that meeting?
  - f. Should we negotiate with the group we're meeting jointly with?
  - g. Tom thinks that whomever organizes next year's AAPA conference should make it in a standard manner, coming to an agreement of what percentage of the normal registration fees should be paid by AAPA members
  - h. Jeff thinks that perhaps the AAPA President should do this and come up with an agreement with AAPA's VP and Board members to decide what procedures to follow, and then communicate the decision via email to the rest of AAPA.
  - i. The board will delegate to the President and officers the duty to negotiate with ABF regarding the registration fees that AAPA members will have to pay at next year's joint meeting.

12. Tom Webster's issues as President: How we spent our money last year.
  - a. As of January 2012 we have approximately \$4,409 in our bank account, not including new membership fees, plus the conference registration fees, which should mean the account will have approximately \$6,000 after the conference.
  - b. Our biggest cost for last year was the invited speaker fees, which amounted to about \$3,000 total.
  - c. David Tarpy asked: Assuming we have money in the bank, is there a buffer that we would like to keep our account at?
  - d. David Tarpy then asked: If we have any excess revenue, could we consider the possibility to create a travel grant for the IUSSI/NAS breakout meeting to be held in October 2012 near Greensboro, NC? To which most people answered that it was a good idea.
  
13. Creation of travel grant to fund student travel to the IUSSI/NAS breakout meeting to be held in NC in October 2012.
  - a. Juliana Rangel moved to create 2, \$500.00 (each) student travel awards to attend the IUSSI/NAS breakout meeting in NC (provided that AAPA's bank account have nearly \$6,000 after this general AAPA conference in Riverdale) to be awarded to students of US institutions working on any aspect of honey bee research. Juliana Rangel would head the review committee and would work along with Beth Holloway to announce the award, and to review and select awardees based on the merit of their application.
  
14. Passing of the gavel to new AAPA President.
  - a. Tom Webster passed the gavel to new President Ramesh Sagili and both congratulated each other for a job well done.
  
15. New President business.
  - a. Ramesh reminded all business meeting attendees to send their abstracts to Jeff Harris by 20 January 2012 so that they can be published (at no cost to AAPA) by ABJ.
  
16. Meeting adjournment
  - a. David Tarpy moved to adjourn the meeting. Tom Webster seconded the motion
  - b. Meeting adjourned at 16:58.

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