

**SIVB BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Raleigh Marriott City Center, Raleigh, NC
Friday, October 15 and Saturday, October 16, 2010**

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1.0 INTRODUCTION: W. Smith. The meeting called to order by Bill Smith. Meeting participating were Bill Smith, Todd Jones, Barbara Reed, Pam Weathers, Greg Phillips, Dave Songstad, Barbara Doonan, Cindy Goodman, Wayne Parrott, Liz Roemer and guest Marietta Wheaton Ellis. Mark Jordan joined in the discussion later. Michele Schultz joined the meeting via phone for the Publications discussion.

1.1 Adoption of Agenda. **Liz Roemer moved and Pam Weathers seconded that the meeting agenda be adopted. MOTION PASSED.**

1.2 Adoption of Minutes. **Greg Phillips moved and Pam Weathers seconded that the June minutes be adopted. MOTION PASSED.** with one abstention from Wayne Parrott

1.3 Outstanding Action Items from last meeting:

- 1) Dave Songstad and Greg Phillips will lead and Barbara Doonan, John Finer, Todd Jones and Bill Smith will meet at this meeting to get the endowment up and running.
This is not being reported on at this time. Led by Dave Songstad, the subcommittee on the endowment needs to get to work and come up with a plan of attack and get that information back to the board-Ongoing
- 2) Action Item: Bill wants the meeting outcome information e-mailed/reported from Barbara Doonan to the Board as soon as known.
This is related to 2.1-Done
- 3) Action Item: Barbara Doonan and Marietta will provide additional information on the breakdown of temporary and unrestricted accounts.
Marietta and Barbara Doonan will meet after this meeting and will prepare an email to the board on temporary and restricted accounts-Ongoing
- 4) Barbara and publications committee meeting needs to encourage Denry Sato to remain as the IVA editor, discuss out how to retain him (clarification on workload requirements and needs) and how to best resolve the JTCA involvement in IVA and come to the Board with a recommendation.
Barbara Reed will discuss during Publications Update-Done
- 5) Fredy Altpeter will follow up with Forage Breeding meeting organizers to determine if we can coordinate back-to-back meetings with this group for 2012. Will report to Marietta.
Fredy reported back that FBS did not provide any indication that they would like to meet with SIVB-Done
- 6) Mike Fay needs to look to IVACS for a program meeting chair for 2011, with a time line completion of this Wednesday evening.
This has been completed- Done
- 7) Paul Price to organize award packet for Dr. Roland Nardone.
Bill will contact Paul Price to come up with a plan for an award for Dr. Nardone-Ongoing

2.0 PUBLICATIONS

2.1 Publications Update:

2.1.1 IVA Editor Search

There was discussion on the IVA Editor Search. This included discussion about the heavy workload for the current editors and current financial support of the editors and their offices.

ACTION ITEM: Publications Committee needs to evaluate our current editorial structure, and give pros and cons for our current structure and for at least two alternatives. They will report within 2 months of their initial evaluation of the time frame needed for the evaluation.

Barbara Reed motioned to accept Tetsuji Okamoto as Co-Editor-in-Chief of IVA. Pam seconded. MOTION PASSED

2.1.2 IVP Editor Resignation/Search

Barbara discussed Dwight Tomes resignation as IVP Editor-in-Chief. **ACTION ITEM: Barbara Reed will work with the Publications Committee to come up with a plan to solicit an Editor-in-Chief for IVP.**

2.1.3 Publications Update

Barbara and Michele provided an update on the SIVB Publications. Status of the tokens was relayed. Both journals were reported to be in “good” health from the point of view of submissions and speed to publication. Further discussion was had about a potential agreement with JTCA and the costs to publish the journal. **ACTION ITEM: Barbara R will talk with Springer about the possibility of different price structures based on different numbers of subscribers and get the numbers back to the board.**

2.2 Springer Update:

2.2.1 Springer Contract

There was discussion about the expiring contract with Springer and the negotiations for the upcoming agreement for the journals. **ACTION ITEM: Barbara R will call Springer on Monday and visit with them about the current contract, and keeping it low key, explain we are trying to get back to the language of the original contract, and will communicate the results back to Bill and Marietta, who will get with the Executive Committee and once ready for action, will advise the BOD.**

2.2.2 Biofuels Book

Barbara reviewed the current status of the Biofuels book and suggestions on how to address the concern with the contract that had been previously signed by the book editors, Dwight Tomes, Prakash Lakshmanan and David Songstad. Prior to the board meeting, the book editors agreed to work with Barbara Reed and Springer to assign royalties from the biofuels book to the SIVB.

Bill Smith asked David Songstad to discuss another opportunity for publishing materials in a book on Sustainable Agriculture. This opportunity came to Dave via Jack Widholm’s invitation to serve as the lead editor for a book published by Springer in their series “Biotechnology in Agriculture and Forestry”. This book will be the latest volume in this series and will have the title “Convergence of Food Security, Energy Security and Sustainable Agriculture”. Dave agreed to do this book and also requested that Springer be contacted to see if there was support for also publishing the manuscripts in IVP in similar manner as the Biofuels book.

Publishing these manuscripts in IVP would have a very positive effect on our journal's impact factor and provide attention to the SIVB as a whole. SIVB would not be involved with royalties from the publishing of the manuscripts, as the offer to publish the book came first followed by the journal. Dave asked that the issue created with the biofuels book should not be repeated with this second book he is working on—eg. there would be no contract for the SIVB to sign.

2.2.3 Biodiversity Issue

There was additional discussion about the upcoming biodiversity issue in IVP and potentially making that a book as well.

10.0 AWARDS

10.4 Student Awards Student Awards (deadline is January 31, 2011)

Pam discussed the Student Awards. The request was made to send packets to committee as pdfs. Further discussion was held as to how to get more applicants, including the use of social networking sites. .

3.0 ADJOURNMENT FOR EVENING

Greg Phillips motioned to adjourn the meeting and Pam Weathers seconded. **MEETING ADJOURNED FOR EVENING**

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Saturday, October 16, 2010

The meeting called to order by Bill Smith at 8:00 am. Meeting participants were Bill Smith, Todd Jones, Barbara Reed, Pam Weathers, Greg Phillips, Dave Songstad, Barbara Doonan, Cindy Goodman, Wayne Parrott, Liz Roemer, Mark Jordan and guest Marietta Wheaton Ellis.

2.0 PUBLICATIONS

The meeting began with reviewing the potential survey to go to SIVB members requesting their opinions on print versus hard copy publication. **ACTION ITEM: Marietta will send survey questions to Barbara R for review, and then on to the publications committee.**

4.0 FINANCIALS

4.1 August 2010 Financial Statements

Barbara reviewed the August Financial statements with the Board. Bill thanked everyone for working hard on the 2010 joint conference and allowing us to have a successful meeting both financially and scientifically.

4.2 Approval or Modification of 2011 Budget for board action

The board reviewed the 2011 budget for approval. **ACTION ITEM: Marietta will send out an electronic budget out to the BOD. Barbara motioned to approve the proposed 2011 budget, Pam seconded. MOTION PASSED**
ACTION ITEM: Marietta and Barbara D will develop a current estimate of overhead expenses associated with publications and communicate it back to the BOD.

4.3 Long Range Planning

4.3.1 SIVB Endowment Fund

David began discussion on the endowment fund. Marietta noted she received \$1,000 for Roberta Smith Scholarship, but needs direction on how to use it. **ACTION ITEM: Dave Songstad will contact John Finer about the intended use of the Roberta Smith fund.**

5.0 2010 IN VITRO BIOLOGY MEETING

5.1 2010 Meeting Update

Marietta reviewed the final registration numbers. SIVB's paid registration numbers were higher than at the 2009 Meeting; however, overall SIVB registration was lower (248 paid/250 total registrations in 2010 vs 228 paid/402 in 2009). While SIVB has been informed that the meeting did end up in the black, final numbers are not available and we do not know if SIVB will receive any additional revenue from the IAPB.

6.0 2011 IN VITRO BIOLOGY MEETING

6.1 2011 Scientific Program Update

The board reviewed the current program for the 2011 Meeting including the Keynote Speaker, Gale Buchanan. **ACTION ITEM: Cindy G. will contact program chairs to get updates on fundraising; also, activities need to be communicated to Greg Philips in his capacity as VP.**

6.2 Meeting Update

Marietta reviewed the current statistics for the meeting and convention center logistics. There was discussion about more student involvement in the meeting. **ACTION ITEM: Cindy G. will contact Richelle Monaghan, and ask her to strengthen the student Facebook page. Contact Marietta for information to post.**

Marietta noted that most sessions will be held in the convention center for the meeting. Greg requested that the schedule be posted on the website. **ACTION ITEM: Marietta will post the committee meeting schedule (time and place) on the website for the 2011 annual meeting.**

6.3 Local Organizing Committee Update

The potential tours and off-property events were discussed. The board was most interested in the Duke Homestead and Marietta will review the practical aspects of that venue. The LOC will look into other potential scientific and social tours.

6.4 Fundraising

Greg was waiting for some materials from Fredy Altpeter and would be in contact with the fundraisers from each section.

7.0 2012 WORLD CONGRESS ON IN VITRO BIOLOGY/2013 IN VITRO BIOLOGY MEETING

7.2 2013 Meeting Location Discussion

Marietta reviewed the contract information provided by Providence, Rhode Island. **Barbara Doonan moved and Pam seconded that the board give Marietta the approval to generate a 2013 contract with Providence. MOTION PASSED.**

7.1 2012 Meeting Location Discussion

The board discussed potential cities for the 2012 World Congress. The board requested that Marietta look further into San Francisco, Anaheim (LA) and Seattle for the 2012 World Congress. Potential cities for 2014 are Puerto Rico, Miami and San Antonio.

8.0 MEMBERSHIP RETENTION AND GROWTH

8.1 Emeritus Members' Ratification

There were no emeritus members pending ratification. Marietta reviewed the current membership statistics. The board discussed the current membership drop and reviewed potential reasons. One suggestion discussed was having joint meetings with smaller organizations. Todd and Barbara suggested we begin considering this for the 2013 meeting. Discussion was also brought forward about the possibility of using an outside consultant to help us find ways of increasing membership. **ACTION ITEM: Marietta will contact AIBS and Dave Songstad will contact CAST, for exploratory conversations to address loss of membership, and to identify resources and ways to address the issue.**
ACTION ITEM: Bill Smith will talk to John Finer about future directions of the membership committee.

8.2 Social Networking

The Board reviewed the current networking sites that SIVB is involved with and discussed additional opportunities. **ACTION ITEM: Marietta will contact our student/postdoc list and solicit volunteers to build the Society's profile on social networking venues- Facebook, Wikipedia, Twitter**

8.3 CAST Friday Notes

The board discussed bringing the CAST Friday Notes to our membership as a weekly informational service and costs to offer this service. The board agreed not to pay for the service of providing this information to our members.

Pam Weathers left the meeting at 11:20

Break at 12:00 pm

9.0 TOUR OF RALEIGH MARRIOTT CITY CENTER AND RALEIGH CONVENTION CENTER

10.0 AWARDS

10.1 Lifetime Achievement Award Update (deadline is Feb 1, 2011)

There was discussion about Roland Nardone and preparing an award for him. **ACTION ITEM: Bill will contact Paul Price to come up with a plan for an award for Dr. Nardone.**

10.2 Fellow Award Update (deadline is Feb 1, 2011)

Greg requested the MOU and convener guidelines be provided to the board. **ACTION ITEM: Marietta will send out the convener guidelines and the MOU between the two sections to the BOD.**

The board reviewed the criteria for the awards and limitations on how many can be awarded in a year. **ACTION ITEM: Marietta will remind the section chairs that award nomination deadlines are coming up.**

10.3 Young Scientist Award (deadline is Feb 1, 2011)

The Board reviewed the history of the creation of the Young Scientist Award.

11.0 COMMITTEES

There was no committee business

12.0 OTHER BUSINESS

There was additional discussion about a potential replacement for IVP's Editor-in-Chief. **ACTION ITEM: Greg P will contact Jude Grosser to determine his interest in the editorship for In Vitro Plant. Barbara R will do likewise with John Finer. Then they will reconnoiter and come back to the BOD with a course of action.**

Additional discussion followed about the structure for the IVA Co-Editor-in-Chief which would be further discussed with the editors.

12.1 Assignments and Review of Action Items, W. Parrot

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13.0 Adjournment

Motion to adjourn was made by Liz Roemer, seconded by Barbara Doonan, MOTION PASSED.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:05 PM