

# MINUTES FROM THE AGROCHEMICAL DIVISION COMBINED GOVERNANCE MEETING

**ACS 229<sup>th</sup> ACS Annual Meeting – San Diego  
Sunday, March 13, 2005, 5:00 pm – 10:05 pm  
Agrochemicals Division – Allan Felsot, Chair**

## **Program Planning**

Allan Felsot called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm. Members in attendance introduced themselves, and the Secretary passed around a sign up sheet. The sign-up sheet is retained in the archives. Terry Spittler asked for volunteers for the AGRO desk to answer questions about the division, sell books, and seek new members. The meeting continued with a presentation on programming.

### San Diego Update - Don Wauchope

There are 115 papers & posters in 8 symposia. The program includes the International Award Symposium (sponsored by BASF) in honor of Robert Krieger, a symposium on *Metabolomics*, a general paper session and general poster session. The Young Scientist Award Symposium has 15 posters, and FERT organized two symposia on *Organic Farming and Nutrients* and *Monitoring of Specialty and Agricultural Products affecting Air, Water and Soil*. Don organized a symposium on *Agricultural Chemistry in the Classroom* for the Chemical Education Division.

### Washington Program – 230<sup>th</sup> ACS National Meeting, August 28 – Sept 1, 2005 - Don Wauchope

There are 13 symposia proposed for Washington. OASys is open with a deadline of end of April for abstracts. The Sterling Hendricks Memorial Lectureship Award will be presented to Donald Sparks. The International Award symposium (sponsored by DuPont) will be held in honor of Janice Chambers. The program will include the Graduate Student Research Poster Competition, and 12 other symposia covering biological pest control, agrochemical discovery, residue and metabolism chemistry, chiral pesticides, invasive species, pesticide exposure assessment and predictive modeling and fate of turf grass nutrient in urban environment and FERT organized symposia on air monitoring programs, homeland security in agriculture and water quality protection.

### Atlanta and Beyond - Don Wauchope, Laura McConnell, Wayne Robarge

The symposium on Advances in pesticide environmental fate has been moved to Atlanta to minimize overlap with other symposia planned for Washington. Ralph Mumma is working on a symposium on plant stress and chemical responses or on plant insect interactions. Joel Coats and Tom Potter are planning a session on Metabolites of Veterinary Chemicals in the Environment. Will Ridley, Doug Sammons and Allan Felsot will organize Weed

Resistance to Herbicides. The Young Scientist and International Award will be held as usual.

Two symposia were proposed for the San Francisco meeting: FERT will organize a program on perchlorate, while Luis Ruzo and Rod Bennett propose a symposium on fumigants.

## **Special Programming**

### Pan-Pacific Conference - 2004

John Clark reported that ACS Symposium Series books from the conference have been published and should be available at the AGRO table. AGRO sustained about a \$4000 loss, as there were unexpected costs up to the last minute.

### Pan Pacific Conference - 2008

The new ACS Office of Congress Management and Vendor Relations will be able to assist with the conference. Barry has a sample contract letter from Nancy Todd of ACS OCMVR. We expect the conference to attract 100-175 people. Barry proposes that AGRO begin planning for the conference and meet with Nancy in June, 2005 to begin the process. The Pan Pacific conference organizing committee should include representatives from the Japanese Pesticide Society, Korean Pesticide Society, Australian Pesticide Society, and Chinese Pesticide Society. The following motion was made by Barry Cross, seconded by John Clark, and passed by the executive committee:

#### **Motion:**

The Agrochemicals Division agrees to co-sponsor the 4<sup>th</sup> Pan Pacific Conference in 2008 and authorized the Treasurer to sign a contract with ACS Office of Conference Management and Vendor Relations to manage the logistics.

Al Barefoot agreed to be Conference Chair; Joel Coats, Program Chair.

### Mid-Atlantic Regional Meeting, Rutgers, May 22-25, 2005, www.marmacs.org

AGRO agreed to support the meeting and send AGRO representatives.

### 2006 IUPAC International Pesticide Congress

Ken Racke gave a presentation on IUPAC, the status of the 2006 Congress and a proposal for hosting the 12<sup>th</sup> Congress. The 2006 Congress will be held in Kobe and has been organized into topics in three areas with workshops, poster sessions, and an exhibition. Further

information can be found at  
<http://www.iupac2006.jtbcom.co.jp/>.

The deadline for submitting a proposal (2-3 pages) for hosting the 2010 congress is October. The proposal should include theme, dates (reminder: August is EU holiday month), estimated size, venue, housing, co-sponsoring organizations, Chair and members of Organizing Committee, Chair of Scientific Committee, provisional budget (including planning funds). The IUPAC decision will come by the end of the year. A proposal must be ready for approval at the Fall 2005 annual meeting of the Division. Allan Felsot, Don Baker, Jeanette van Emon, and Rod Bennett agreed to work on the proposal.

Rod Bennett proposed the motion below which was seconded by Don Wauchope and passed without dissent.

**Motion:**

The Agrochemicals Division will engage in an agreement with Nancy Todd, ACS Office of Conference Management, to:

- work on a pre-proposal for the 12th IUPAC Pesticide Conference,
- help the exploratory committee to prepare the proposal, and
- handle logistics for the conference if the proposal is accepted by IUPAC.

If the proposal is approved by IUPAC, then the Office of Conference Management will open an account and pay up-front expenses from that account.

AGRO sponsored workshop in China

Phil Lee proposed a workshop in Beijing, August, 2006 following IUPAC meeting. The host would be the Chinese Agricultural University. Topics would include technology for evaluating pesticide risks, benefits; food safety, formulation and application technology, laws and regulations governing pesticide use, MRL harmonization, future interactions between China and US, Pan-Pacific conference. The AGRO delegation should consist of representatives from government, industry, and academia. Phil will present a proposal for approval at the Washington meeting.

ACS Office of Conference Management and Vendor Relations

The ACS has established a new Office of Conference Management and Vendor Relations. Nancy Todd described the rationale for the new office and described the services. The office must pay for itself and will charge \$35/attendee and seek commissions from hotels.

**Executive Committee  
Update from The Chair**

Allan Felsot gave review of the SETAC meeting. There were about 4000 people at the conference with a large number of papers on pesticides. Allan reminded us that ACS expects the Division to participate in local and regional activities. For instance our participation in the

Southeast regional meeting, Mid-Atlantic meeting, and Western Regional meeting in February 2006 would meet ACS expectations.

**Secretary's Report - Aldos Barefoot**

Al reported that he forwards membership lists for AGRO to membership chair and lists for FERT to subdivision officers. He worked with the membership chair to collect information from activity lists during the past two years. The secretary scheduled the business meeting and provided an agenda and announcement for distribution via the email list. He asked for reports in an electronic form prior to the meeting for display during the business meeting and to facilitate preparation of the minutes after the meeting.

**Treasurer's Report - Terry Spittler**

Terry provided a summary of the AGRO financial status. The Treasurer usually must take \$10,000-15,000 from the endowment each year to cover AGRO expenses.

**Fertilizer Subdivision Report - Wayne Robarge**

FERT has been active in sponsoring workshops on trace metals, analytical methods and perchlorate. Wayne and Bill are now listed as reviewers for ES&T.

**Councilor's Report - Joel Coats, Barry Cross**

Barry and Joel reported that the ACS had a budget surplus of \$68,000 in 2004 and projects a \$5.1 million surplus in 2005. The programming guidelines have been simplified, and ACS has produced an ethics report. Divisions are encouraged to appoint a regional meeting coordinator. Co-sponsored symposia will be in both Division programs – proposed for DC, but may not be ready in time.

**Publications Committee - Laura McConnell**

The PICOGRAM was successfully published for the Spring 2005 meeting with 5 half-page ads and 6 full-page ads. As a new feature, the names of new division members were added just after the message from the Division Chair. This feature will be continued in future issues. The list of previous award winners returns in this issue as requested. This list will be run at least once a year. Thank you to Allan Felsot and Judy Rupert for working very hard to launch the new AGRO division website. Allan and Judy would appreciate any feedback on the organization or information included.

The PICOGRAM will be posted on the website in adobe format for the convenience of our members. Beginning in Fall 2005, the PDF will be posted as soon as it is submitted to the printers. Content for the Fall PICOGRAM will be due in mid-June. Please forward announcements regarding upcoming conferences or workshops, pictures taken at the Spring meeting, biographical information on award winners, etc.

**E-mail Communications System - Tim Ballard & Terry Spittler**

Tim has located a programmer to work on a directory. Tim noted that to be in the directory, members must provide information. He also proposed cleaning up the email addresses.

**Motion:** Don Wauchope made a motion to authorize \$500 for correcting email addresses. Al Barefoot seconded the motion. Motion passed.

**Awards Committee - Jim Seiber**

DuPont will sponsor the International Award for Janice Chambers in Fall 2005. The International Award will be presented to Joel Coats and Isamu Yamaguchi in 2006. Ralph Mumma is organizing the symposium for Joel.

**Finance Committee - Barry Cross**

Barry reported that we have approximately \$200,000 in working funds and \$400,000 in the education fund. Barry noted that these funds should be used to advance the activities of the Division.

**Hospitality Committee - Jeff Jenkins, Terry Spittler**

Six companies supported the coffee lounge for this meeting. Please take note of the sponsors listed on the board at the AGRO desk and thank them for their contributions. Other supporters have committed to a contribution, so please check the AGRO desk for updates. AGRO and AGFD will hold a joint Social Hour on Tuesday, March 15, 2005, 6-8 pm at the Horton. The cost breakout was discussed and no changes in the allocation were proposed. Currently, AGRO contributes about \$4000 to the joint social, while AGFD contributes \$2500.

**Nominating Committee - Jeanette Van Emon (2005 election), Rodney Bennett (2006 election)**

Jeanette informed us that 168 ballots were returned in the last election. Rod is hoping to have ballots by the end of May so that election results can be announced at the Fall meeting.

**Public Relations Committee - Jeff Jenkins**

Press releases were sent to five news organizations to publicize the presentation of the International Award for Research in Agrochemicals to Dr. Robert Krieger. The web-site has a media button.

**Education Committee - John Johnston**

Young Scientist Research Award:

There were 15 entries for the Young Scientist Award. Dow continues to sponsor the award. Jianguo Tan, Michigan State University, won the competition. Michelle Haldik, Johns Hopkins University, was the runner-up. John encouraged all members to interact with the students at the poster competition on Tuesday, the Sci Mix and the AGRO social. The next Graduate Student Research Poster Competition is scheduled for the Fall meeting in Washington, DC. The next Young Scientists Research Award will be presented at the 2006 meeting in Atlanta. Applications should be sent to Allan Felsot.

**By-Laws Committee - Don Baker**

Don continues to look for needed changes in the by-laws. A useful change would be to standardize membership categories across Divisions. AGRO Division Procedures Manual - Nancy Ragsdale Nancy will incorporate all comments by the Washington meeting.

**New Business**

Dues were reviewed and approved with no changes. Rod Bennett proposed that the budget for symposia be increased to allow greater flexibility for funding invited speakers. The Treasurer, program chair and symposium organizer must agree on the appropriate funding.

**Motion:**

Allan Felsot moved that the budget for each session be increased to \$900. Rod seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Allan suggested that the Agrochemicals Division should consider a change in name to better reflect the scientific disciplines represented by the members. He proposed Division of Crop and Public Health Protection.

Allan adjourned the meeting at 9:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Aldos C. Barefoot, Secretary