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# MINUTES FROM THE AGROCHEMICAL DIVISION COMBINED GOVERNANCE MEETING

**231<sup>st</sup> ACS National Meeting – Atlanta, Georgia**  
**Sunday, March 26, 2006, 5:00 – 10:05 pm**  
**Don Wauchope – Chair**

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The Chair called the Governance Meeting to order at 5:00 pm and described the proposed agenda consisting of sequential meetings of the Long Range Planning Committee, Programming Committee, and the Executive Committee. Don explained that the Division's programming and planning functions needed additional effort from the Executive committee and membership, and his proposed agenda was intended to focus our efforts. Rod Bennett made a motion to accept the agenda; Laura McConnell seconded; and the motion passed. Don emphasized that the Division needs a written strategic plan and continued long range planning. He proposed to continue meetings of the Long Range Planning Committee as an integral part of Division Governance meetings.

## **LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING**

Following the discussion of the agenda, the Committee then entertained proposals for Division activities that arose from the Strategic planning meeting in January, 2006.

### **Programming at one ACS national meeting each year**

Al Barefoot and Joe Massey presented the results of the breakout session that prepared a plan for evaluating and proposing a change to programming at one meeting each year. They reviewed the rationale for the change, issues that should be addressed, risks to the Division, dissenting viewpoints and recommended that the Division focus its energies on one major technical meeting each year while providing, at other times, special meetings and workshops that would target specific audiences by topic or geographical location. The proposal would affect the presentation of the International Awards, and Al and Scott Jackson prepared a separate proposal on the award.

The committee discussed the proposal with suggestions to broaden the programming, supplement the current International award with a mid-career award, consider meetings of other professional societies when scheduling AGRO meetings, make allowance for the increased difficulty of networking and aspects of running the Division, and target regional meetings. We may need to plan meetings of the Executive Committee at other times to ensure the continued operation of Agro. The proposed change in

meeting schedule has a trial period of 3 three years, which was supported by the committee members. Barry Cross informed us that the ACS is considering one council meeting each year, and Don noted that three divisions program at one ACS meeting each year.

**Action:** The Long Range Planning Committee approved the following motion to present to the Executive Committee:

*Beginning in 2008 and through 2010, schedule Agrochemicals Division meetings and programming at the Fall ACS National Meeting only. Schedule special programming, co-sponsor meetings with related societies, or participate in ACS regional and local meetings during the 3-year trial.*

### **Grant one International Award each year**

Al Barefoot and Scott Jackson, representing DuPont and BASF, the sponsors of the International Awards proposed granting a single International Award each year. The two companies would cosponsor the award, increase the honorarium to \$5000, and pay travel expenses of \$2000. Each company will contribute half the total cost (\$3500) to support the award. BASF and DuPont have agreed in principle. The proposal will be presented to the Executive Committee for vote.

### **Renaming the Division**

Allan Felsot presented a proposal for changing the Division name.

**Action:** Rod Bennett suggested that we poll the membership on the need for a name change before the San Francisco meeting. Barry Cross seconded the motion, which passed. Allan will handle the poll. A name change committee will be appointed after the San Francisco meeting.

### **Internationalizing the Division**

Rod Bennett and Jason Sandahl presented ideas for increasing Agro participation in international organizations and expanding interactions with scientists in other countries. The USDA Foreign Agricultural Service maintains lists of technical experts that are available for consultation and workshops and encourages scientific exchanges between US and foreign scientists. Agro could contribute names of members to the list. Jason described the Cochran