

2008 AOC Annual Business Meeting Minutes
海外华人农业, 生物及食品工程师协会2008年年度工作会议纪要

(Prepared by Dr. Ruixiu Sui, AOC Secretary)

2008 AOC Annual Business Meeting was held in Providence, RI from 6:15 to 7:15 pm on Tuesday, July 1st, 2008. Dr. Donghai Wang, AOC Vice President, chaired the meeting. More than 70 AOC members and guests attended the meeting.

1. Dr. Donghai Wang called the meeting in order and welcomed all the attendees.
2. Approval Meeting Agenda
Dr. Xiusheng Yang moved to approve the 2008 AOC Annual Business Meeting agenda that was distributed before the meeting. Dr. Zhongli Pan seconded the move. The agenda was approved as it was.
3. Approval of 2007 AOC Business Meeting Minutes
Dr. Ruihong Zhang made a move to approve 2007 AOC Business Meeting Minutes distributed in the meeting. Dr. Xiusheng Yang seconded the move. The move was passed and the Minutes was approved as it was.
4. President Report
On behalf of AOC Executive Board, Dr. Chenghai Yang, 2007-2008 AOC President, reported AOC's work during last one year. Firstly, Dr. Yang sincerely expressed his thanks to all people who worked for, helped, and supported AOC. Then, he pointed out that about 100 people attended AOC Student Dinner Party held in June 30, 2008 in Phoenix Dragon Restaurant, Providence, RI. That was a strong indicator that more and more people, especially Chinese students, had been interested in and joint AOC. AOC was getting bigger and stronger. China Exchange Session of 2008 ASABE Annual International Meeting, which was sponsored by AOC, was very successful. Six speakers made their presentations in the session and the session was well-attended. After that, Dr. Yang summarized AOC's accomplishment in various aspects in last year including AOC membership, AOC webpages, AOC Newsletter-IMPACT, AOC-CSAE joint journal-IJABE, AOC Yangling Base, AOC exchange activities with China. Finally, Dr. Yang congratulated AOC members Dr. Hongwei Xin, Dr. K. C. Ting, and Dr. Yuanhui Zhang on their awards presented at 2008 ASABE Annual International Meeting.
5. Election of AOC 2008-2009 Executive Board
Dr. Xiusheng Yang presented candidates to be elected to the meeting. The candidate for President-Elect was Dr. Lingjuan Wang. The candidates for Board member-at-Large were Dr. Jude Liu and Dr. Jiqin Ni. AOC members at the meeting were asked to vote one as President-Elect and one as Board Member-at-large. Voting results were that Dr. Lingjuan Wang was elected as the President-Elect and Dr. Jude Liu was elected as Board Member-at-Large.
6. Student Activity Committee Chair's Report
Mr. Zhiming Qi, Chair of Student Activity Committee (SAC), reported SAC's work in last year. The key items in his report included
 - i) Introduction of SAC advisor and members;
 - ii) Thanks to SAC advisor, Dr. Naiqian Zhang and AOC Executive Board for their great support to SAC, and thanks to SAC members for their doing excellent job for SAC;
 - iii) SAC membership. Up to that date, SAC had 111 members including 75 in North America and 36 in China;
 - iv) Student award and paper competition;

- v) AOC T-shirt sale;
- vi) Student gathering dinner;
- vii) Student Forum of ABFE.

7. Treasurer's Report

Dr. Yubin Lan, Treasurer of AOC, reported AOC's financial status. The balance on AOC account was \$3760.64 up to 6/24/08.

8. Foundation Director's Report

Dr. Yanbin Li, Foundation Director of AOC, presented a report on fund raising. A total of \$4,800 had been received in past three years. Donations in amount of several thousands of dollars were in pending. More fundraising activities had been discussed recently in AOC Executive Board meetings.

9. Technology Cooperation Director's Report

Dr. Shaojin Wang, Technology Cooperation Director of AOC, presented his report. In 2008 technology cooperation information which covered 23 AOC member researchers and 19 universities was provided to China Education Ministry and relevant institutions in China.

10. Discussion

While waiting for voting results of 2008-2009 AOC Executive Board election, Dr. Donghai Wang, the meeting chair, asked the attendees if anyone wanted to discuss any items at that point of time. Dr. Yufeng Ge raised two questions for discussion: 1) Should AOC establish a Faculty Award? 2) May Chinese be used as one of the official languages in AOC? Some discussion was made on both questions, especially on the second one. Due to the time limit, the discussion was not completed.

11. Change of Gavel

Dr. Chenghai Yang, AOC President, transferred the AOC presidency to Dr. Zhongli Pan, the AOC President-Elect.

12. Remark from New President

Firstly in his remark, Dr. Zhongli Pan, AOC new President, led to continue the discussion on the official languages in AOC. He asked AOC members in the meeting to vote on 1) Use English as sole official language in AOC, 2) Use Chinese as a sole official language in AOC, and 3) Use both Chinese and English as official languages in AOC. Voting results showed that majority of AOC members in the meeting agreed to use both Chinese and English as official languages in AOC. After voting on official languages in AOC, Dr. Pan continued his speech by addressing his vision in his coming term (2008-2009), including membership, collaboration with China and outreach, fundraising, journal publication, network and exchange, and newsletters and webpages. He introduced new Chair of SAC, Mr. Wei Zhang, and new Newsletter Editors, Dr. Changying Li, Mr. Min Hu, and Mr. Jie Xu at end of his remark.

13. Adjournment

Dr. Donghai Wang declared adjournment of AOC 2008 Business Meeting at 7:15pm ET.