

Minutes of the AOC Executive Board Teleconference

Time and Place

3:00pm CT, December 7, 2007. Teleconference phone number: (612) 625-2003.

Attendees

Yubin Lan, Xianglian Li, Zhongli Pan, Roger Ruan, Ruixiu Sui, Donghai Wang, Ning Wang, Shaojin Wang, Chenghai Yang, Xiusheng Yang, Ruihong Zhang

Call to order

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Chenghai Yang, President of AOC, at 3:00pm.

Approval of meeting minutes

A motion was made by Dr. Zhongli Pan to approve the minutes of the AOC Board Meeting held in October 5, 2007, seconded by Dr. Donghai Wang, and passed to approve the minutes.

Joint Journal with CSAE

Dr. Roger Ruan updated the status of the joint journal with CSAE. Roger said that he just came back from China. During his recent visit in China, he met Drs. Ming Zhu and Yingkuan Wang, discussed the specific issues relevant to the joint journal. In general, an agreement between AOC and CSAE has been reached in most of the basic issues regarding the joint journal. Following items have been determined or completed:

- (1). Chief Editor from CASE: Prof. Maohua Wang
Chief Editor from AOC: Dr. Roger Ruan
Associate Chief Editor: Dr. Ming Zhu
Executive Managing Editor from CASE: Dr. Yingkuan Wang
Executive Managing Editor from AOC: Dr. Paul Chen
- (2). Journal name: International Journal of Agricultural and Biological Engineering (IJABE)
- (3). ISSN and internet domain for the journal have been issued.
- (4). AOC and CSAE are the publisher.
- (5). AOC will be involved only in the journal's academic activities, such as manuscript selecting, editing, publishing, etc. AOC will not be a partner regarding the journal's financial business.
- (6). Page charge: 400 RMB/page for the articles from China, and \$50/page for the rest.
- (7). The first issue of the journal is going to be published in June 2008. Two issues will be published in 2008, and four issues per year starting from 2009.

Dr. Ruan also talked about the needs of scientists from AOC and various countries to serve as division editors/associate editors or in the editorial board. He is expecting to have 15-20 people from AOC to serve as the journal's associate editors.

A couple of questions about the academic structure of the journal (e.g. editorial board/division editors/associate editors), affect of the page charge on the manuscript submission pool, and the possible coordination between CSAE and CSAM were discussed in the board meeting as well.

AOC-Base in China

Dr. Xiusheng Yang and Dr. Chenghai Yang reported the progress in establishing AOC-base in China. During his China visit in September, 2007, Xiusheng presented a proposal to establish an AOC-base in China. The proposal was well received by the relevant administrators in China, including Mr. Guangzhao Zhou, President of Chinese Association of Science and Technology. Some detail operation-issues, such as which institution is going to provide financial support for the base, are under discussion among related agencies.

Dr. Chenghai Yang is working with Northwest Agricultural University on having a AOC delegation to the university in the Sumer of 2008. Chenghai will give more details about it in next board meeting.

Drs. Xiusheng Yang, Chenghai Yang, and Qiang Zhang have put a lot of effect on this project. They will keep working on it and hopefully more progress can be made in near future.

Newsletter

Dr. Xianglian Li reported her preparation for the next issue of AOC Newsletter. She said it had been planned to have eight sessions in next issue of the Newsletter. Materials for seven sessions have been ready. Only the photo gallery session needs some photos. Next issue of the Newsletter should be able to be released before December 15, 2007 as it was scheduled. After some discussion in the meeting, it is decided to remove the photo gallery session in the next issue.

Thanks to the editorial team of the Newsletter for their hard work to get the job well-done.

China Exchange Session

Dr. Zhongli Pan gave his report on the preparation for the China Exchange session in 2008 ASABE Annual Meeting. He received two paper proposals for that session. However, none of them fit the session well. So, apparently AOC needs to invite speakers for the China Exchange session. Zhongli encouraged the board members to recommend him candidates for the speakers. Dr. Ning Wang suggested that Dr. Don Erbach, ASABE President, could possibly be an invited speaker in the China Exchange session. Zhongli will contact him.

2008 Annual Meeting

Dr. Donghai Wang reported his work on the 2008 AOC Annual Meeting. He has sent the request forms to ASABE and received a confirmation email. China Exchange session, AOC business meeting, and AOC banquet are going to be held in the same day, July 2nd, 2008. Invited speakers for China Exchange session, AOC business meeting agenda, and other items regarding 2008 Annual Meeting will be discussed and determined in next AOC Board meeting.

Others

Tentative date for next AOC Board Meeting is February 1st, 2008.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:06pm CT.

Minutes was prepared by Dr. Ruixiu Sui, Secretary of AOC.