

Minutes: AOC Board Teleconference

Friday, January 13, 2006

The AOC Board teleconference was held on Friday, January 13th, 2006. AOC President Ruihong Zhang called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM PST (3:00 PM CST).

Ten members were in attendance (alphabetically): Shufeng Han, Yanbin Li, Changying Li, Zhongli Pan, Donghai Wang, Shaojin Wang, Joan Wu, Chenghai Yang, Naiqian Zhang, Ruihong Zhang.

1. AOC Board Meeting Minutes Approval

Ruihong Zhang inquired about suggestions and comments on the minutes of November 2, 2005 Board Meeting. There were no additional comments and the minutes were approved.

2. CSAE Meeting Report

Naiqian Zhang reported his experience of attending CSAE meeting during December 19–22 in China. This was the first CSAE meeting and there were more than 500 attendees. As an invited guest and representative of AOC, Naiqian Zhang made a presentation of “The evolution of the ASABE”. At the request of AOC Board, the presentation will be posted on AOC website. The CSAE meeting will be held every two years and the next meeting will be in 2007. The venue of this meeting has not been determined yet. The collaboration between AOC and CSAE and the publication of E-Journal were also discussed.

3. China Exchange Session Planning

Xiusheng Yang who was unable to attend this meeting reported beforehand that 12 speakers with six from the US and six from China were invited for China Exchange Session at ASABE Annual Meeting this year in Portland, OR.

4. AOC Annual Meeting planning

After the Board discussion, the time and venue of AOC Annual meeting were determined as the followings:

- Time: July 11 (Tuesday) 6–7 pm for business meeting and 7:30–10:00 for dinner banquet (to be confirmed with ASABE)
- Location: Portland, Oregon
- Registration fee: \$50 for regular members and \$0 for student members and members from China.
- Organizing committee: Business meeting, Chenghai Yang (Chair); Dinner banquet, Joan Wu (Chair)

5. Impact Newsletter on March 25

- The interviewees of Feature Story for the following Impact Newsletter this year were discussed. Shufeng Han was selected for the next Feature Story, which will be published on March 25.
- Yanbin Li will write an article to introduce University of Arkansas for the column of University Spotlight in the next Impact Newsletter.

6. AOC Finance Report

Donghai Wang made a finance report of AOC: currently the total balance is \$8,800, which includes \$500 donation from Shengyang Agricultural University.

7. Student Activities

Changying Li reported recent SAC progress and presented a proposal on behalf of other SAC members. After Board members' discussion, all three agendas in the proposal were approved and the following decisions were made:

- AOC Student membership is open to both undergraduate and graduate students in China with no membership fee requirement;
- The maximum number of Student Research Paper Awards for this year will be increased to 6 from 3 last year;
- Student members in China will be allowed to compete for the student paper awards this year;
- Student member registration fee for AOC Annual Meeting (including the banquet) will be waived this year;
- SAC will be given the authority to manage AOC student membership;
- SAC has established E-News and requested all members to actively submit news. Changhai Yang was expected to send a message to all AOC regular members asking them to contribute news resources to SAC-run E-news. Shaojin Wang and Board Members also gave the permission to SAC to use news resources from Impact Newsletter.

8. Appointment of European Region Director, Dawen Sun (to be confirmed).

The next meeting was tentatively set at 3 PM (CST) on March 3, 2006.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:35 PM (CST).

Respectfully Submitted,

Changying Li
January 15, 2006