

AOC Extended Board Meeting Minutes

AOC Board held a regular meeting on February 22, 2002. AOC President, Naiqian Zhang, called the meeting to order at 3:00 P.M.

Those present were: Roger Ruan, K. C. Ting, Ling Wang, Hongwei Xin, Jiannong Xin, Chenghai Yang, Naiqian Zhang, Qiang Zhang, and Ruihong Zhang

- The Board unanimously approved the January Board meeting minutes.
- The Board unanimously approved the Cooperative Agreement between AOCABFE and ASAE. The agreement will be balloted by the ASAE Board of Trustees and AOC was informed by ASAE to expect to have the agreement fully in place by the second week in March.
- Naiqian Zhang reported on the status of AOC's tax-exempt application. As a part of the application process, IRS recently requested a copy of AOC Constitution signed by two members of the AOC governing body. AOC Board authorized Naiqian and another board member of AOC to sign this document. Since the Constitution hasn't been passed by AOC members, it should state that the Constitution was approved by AOC Board. Naiqian will send IRS all requested documents.
- Jiannong Xin reported that AOC's web site has been transferred to an ASAE server. However, AOC doesn't have a direct access to the server. Any changes of the website need to go through ASAE webmaster. Jiannong Xin will contact Baoji Wang at China Agricultural University to setup an AOC mirror website in China.
- Hongwei Xin reported on ASAE/CIGR 2002 meeting activities. AOC will hold a meeting on July 30th from 7-10 pm. The consensus is to have a business meeting at hotel and then have an AOC dinner in a Chinese restaurant after the business meeting. Hongwei will contact the ASAE organizer to post this event on the ASAE/CIGR meeting program.
- AOC Student Activity Committee will organize a dinner gathering during ASAE/CIGR meeting in Chicago. The Committee is seeking sponsors for this activity. Donations from faculty were proposed to support this activity. Naiqian will send out an email to AOC faculty on this matter.
- The next issue of Impact will provide two feature stories on Ruihong Zhang and K. C. Ting. Impact editors, Changhai and Ling, will work with them closely to create the feature stories.

- Official Chinese name of AOC was discussed. The consensus is “Haiwai Huaren Nongye, Shengwu yu Shipin Gongchengshi Xiehui” or 海峡两岸农业、生物与食品工程学会
- Ruihong Zhang and Roger Ruan will work on the AOC expertise database.
- K. C. Ting proposed to invite scholars in Taiwan to participate the Yangling meeting. The Board fully supports this effort. Naiqian will contact organizers in China on this issue.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:20pm

Respectively submitted by Jiannong Xin