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*Executive Board, AOCABFE, conveyed via teleconference
February 28, 2003,*

Attendees: Rongsheng Ruan; Juming Tang; K.C. Ting; Ning Wang; Naiqian Zhang; Qiang Zhang; Ruihong Zhang; Yuanhui Zhang; Huawei Sun

Absent: Yang Tao; Lin Wang; Maohua Wang; Hongwei Xin; Jiannong Xin; Chenghai Yang; Guoqiang Zhang; Senwen Zhang;

Meeting was called in order by Naiqian Zhang at 3:00 pm

Meeting minutes from Jan 31 2003 AOC Board meeting was approved (with change of signature date)

China Exchange session in Las Vegas

Guest speakers and titles of presentations need to be finalized, as ASAE need the information for the ASAE program. Potential topics of presentations were suggested, especially for Zhangliang Chen. Naiqian will contact Chen and Xiwen Luo to finalize the topics.

(Juming commented that Hongwei is the primary contact for that session. He may be a better person to provide accurate information.)

East Asia Forum

Ruihong updated the speakers for the forum. Again, guest speakers and titles of presentations need to be finalized, as ASAE need the information for the ASAE program.
(Refers to Attachment 2)

AOC Business Meeting Time and Dinner place for AOC at Las Vegas

Juming contacted ASAE headquarters and reserved Tuesday evening (7:00-9:30 pm, July 29) for AOC annual business meeting and dinner. The business meeting will be in Riviera Hotel, the 2003 conference site of ASAE Annual Meeting. This is the best time that avoids conflicts with other ASAE functions. But Riviera does not have dinner rooms available for our group. Juming proposed Caesar Palace for the AOC dinner location, which is four blocks away from Riviera. It will be a relatively formal dinner in a private setting to allow speeches. The board gives OK to reserve. While the budget may be high, the board agreed to provide free dinner for invited speakers, half price for student members and full price for regular members. Juming will further negotiate with the Caesar on menu and price.

Student Get Together.

Huawei suggested that AOC will not have a separate student dinner this year due to the cost and busy schedule, and encourage the students to attend AOC dinner.

Student Paper Competition

K.C. Ting reported the enrollment of paper competition applications. Six proposals were received. Huawei will send out a reminding message, and suggest that AOC faculty members to encourage their students to join the competition.

AOC Database

Much work need to be done. There are still many members have not submit their information yet. Some want to have their own formalities. Several members suggest certain basic format is needed for the database. Once the data base is complete (or near complete), it should be linked to the AOC main webpage.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:25 pm.

*Respectfully submitted by
Yuanhui Zhang
February 28, 2003
Moidified March 10, 2003*

Attachment 1: AOCABFE Executive Board Meeting Agenda, February 28, 2003

1. Approval of January meeting minutes.
2. Announcements.
 - o 2003 Membership due
3. China Exchange session in Las Vegas (Hongwei and Juming)
4. East Asia Forum in Las Vegas (Ruihong)
5. Other activities in Las Vegas (Juming)
6. *IMPACT* issue 2/3 (Chenghai)
7. Student paper competition (Huawei)
8. Other

Appendices

- Appendix 1. Board meeting (January) minutes
- Appendix 2. 2003 China Exchange session
- Appendix 3. 2003 East Asia Forum
- Appendix 4. Other activities in 2003 ASAE meeting
- Appendix 5. *Impact*, Volume 2, Issue 3

Appendix 6. Professor Wang's greeting
Appendix 7. AOC database
Appendix 8. AOC membership dues

Attachment 2: Speakers for East Asia Bioproduction Engineering Forum, 2003

Food/Ag. Production

Fu-Ming Lu, Professor, National Taiwan University, also President of Agricultural Machinery (Topic: Development of Precision Agriculture in Taiwan)

Jianchen Jiang, Professor, North East Agricultural University, China.
(Topic: Agricultural Production and Research in China)

Chyung Av, Professor and Dean, Science and Engineering College, National Chiayi University, Taiwan
(Topic: Mechatronics Technology applied in the Biological Systems)

In-Bok Lee, National Agricultural Mechanization Research Institute, Korea
(Topic: Modern Technologies for the Study of Aerodynamics in Agriculture)

Biotechnology and Food Safety

Zhangliang Chen – Professor and President, China Agricultural University
(Topic: Biotechnology Research and Education in China)

Energy Supplies and Sustainability

Bryan Jenkins, Professor, University of California, Davis
(Topic: Biomass power system development for the Philippines)

Xiujin Li, Associate Professor, Beijing University of Chemical Technology, China
(Topic: Development and Opportunities of Bioenergy and Biofuel Production in China)

Environmental Management and Natural Resources

Sylvana Li, US Department of Agriculture
(Topic: USDA/USEPA Funded Water Programs and Opportunities for Collaboration in China)

Ramesh Kanwar, Professor and Department Head, Iowa State University
(Topic: Asia's emerging environmental problems and some possible thoughts on developing solutions)