

## **AOC Extended Board Meeting Minutes**

September 28, 2001

Those present were: Roger Ruan, Ning Wang, Hongwei Xin, Jiannong Xin, Chenghai Yang, Xiusheng Yang, Naiqian Zhang, Ruihong Zhang

The teleconference meeting was called to order by AOC president Naiqian Zhang at 3:00 P.M.

### **CNC – Qiang Zhang**

1. Tax-exempt status and bank account (Ning Wang)

The tax-exempt application process is more complicated than originally thought. It needs more time to complete this application. Currently, a bank account named AOC club is opened for AOC financial transaction.

2. Cooperative agreement with ASAE

The Board meeting discussed the draft proposal between ASAE and AOC. Four suggestions:

1. Although it is the consensus of the Board that we must move forward towards an official agreement with ASAE, the statement "All members of AOCABFE shall also be members of ASAE" caused concerns of some Board members. The main concerns concentrated on the members in China and potential members in the US working in food and bio areas. These people may want to join AOC, but not ASAE. A compromise was proposed by Jiannong Xin: Adding a member category for AOC - affiliated members. Thus, if a member wants to join AOC but not ASAE, he can apply for an "affiliated membership". Although membership categories of AOC should be determined by AOC only, we still need to ask for ASAE's opinion about this, because the reason behind this new category is to avoid ASAE membership. We should make this transparent to ASAE.

2. If we decide to have an agreement with ASAE, it will be the best if ASAE collects member dues for AOC in the same time they collect dues for ASAE. This will reduce the procedure. This suggestion is reflected in the attached Word file, which is modified based on the version proposed by your Committee. If we decide to have an "affiliated member" category, the dues for these "affiliated members" will be collected by AOC directly.

3. The article on the AOC President serving on the ASAE Board of Trustees as an ex officio member, which was included in the original sample

agreement provided by Melissa Moore, should be maintained. This is a more important representation.

4. It would be good to include an article on allowing AOC to use ASAE Web server to maintain the AOC web site.

The Board meeting requests that the Constitution and Nomination Committee (CNC) start communication and negotiation with ASAE within two weeks. Since the agreement with ASAE is a precondition for activities of several other Committees, such as MCC (2002 ASAE/CIGR meeting) and CNWC (Web server etc.), we need to have this agreement set up as soon as possible.

3. The China regional director made the following proposal on special annual dues for AOC members residing in China.
  - a. The annual due for AOC members residing in China is 100 RMB.
  - b. The annual due for AOC student members residing in China is 25 RMB.
  - c. The membership dues will be managed by an accountant appointed by the China Regional Director and will be used for domestic use in China (mailing, etc.) only.

The Board, in principle, agreed on the proposal, but it needs official vote by the Board members. Naiqian will cast the vote by email.

Members in countries other than US and China may send their dues to the regional director and the director then send the dues to AOC Treasure.

### **MDC – Ruihong Zhang**

1. AOC Membership Benefits

AOC Membership Benefits were prepared by MDC to post on the AOC website. Additional revision will be made based on the suggestions provided by Xiusheng Yang.

2. Honorary membership for Dr. Kanwar  
Hongwei Xin nominated Dr. Kanwar as an AOC honorary member. According to AOC Bylaws, honorary membership has to be voted by the Board members. Naiqian will cast the vote by email and Hongwei Xin will provide Dr. Kanwar's detailed CV to the Board.

### **MCC – Hongwei Xin**

- The committee currently has three members and will ask Senwen Zhang to serve on the committee.

- Expect an agreement between AOC and ASAE and work on activities for the next ASAE and CIGR conference in Chicago.
- AOC is a sponsor of IAEC 2002 conference in Shanghai. November 28-30.
- AOC will be a sponsor of CIGR conference in China
- Possible AOC and CSAE (China) camp/conference in the future (suggested by Senwen Zhang)

#### **CNWC – Jiannong Xin**

- The committee is working on the AOC website. The website will be host at KSU until AOC finds a better solution. Each committee is encouraged to develop web contents for AOC website.
- The first issue of IMPACT is very successful. A motion was passed to thank both editors, Chenghai Yang and Ling Wang, for their excellent work and encourage them to keep up the good work. Chenghai encouraged every committee to submit news to him for next issue's IMPACT.

#### **SAC – Ning Wang**

- Committee was formed. Ask faculty to encourage their students to get involved in the SAC committee and activities.
- An open letter will send to students to server the SAC committee and encourage them to become AOC members.
- Looking for funds to sponsor student activities.

#### **CRC – Xiusheng Yang**

- The committee has two members so far and will find more members.
- Develop committee goal, long-term and short-term strategic goal.
- Expand contact in China, Hong Kong, and Taiwan. Send the IMPACK to the relevant leaders in these regions.
- Propose to organize an AOC delegation traveling to West of China and get support from USDA and Ministry of China Agriculture.
- Provide an article to IMPACT editor about overseas Chinese collaboration work with China.

#### **PDAC – K.C. Ting**

The Professional Development and Awards Committee is in the process of deliberating two fundamental issues:

1. Assessment of professional development needs - pre-professionals and professionals

What subject areas will be of most interest to our members including pre-professionals and professionals?

What activities will be most effective in providing information, training, and mentoring to our members?

2. Assessment of recognition needs - within AOC and beyond AOC

What types of recognition will be most appropriate to be awarded by AOC?

What types of recognition awarded by other organizations will be most appropriate to be nominated by AOC?

Our plan is to use the information generated from this deliberation to develop short term and long-term professional development activities, as well as member recognition programs.

I have not yet contacted the two organizations (ASAE and JAICAE) in relation to my being the Liaison.

### **FRC – Yang Tao**

The Found Raising committee new numbers are:

Juming Tan, Washington State  
Senwen Zhang, of China

I am awaiting the answer from a couple of more persons.

As an early thought based on the phone talk with Juming, we will form an expert consultation group for AOC. We will sell our expertises and introduce companies to our participant experts in our society. The member of the group will get the consultation pays, and will pay certain fees to AOC. Both parties get benefit. Thus, networking is essential.

You can talk this idea to board members to spread the news or collect ideas if you wish or have time.

### **NSARC – Roger Ruan**

The committee was formed.  
Hosted visiting groups and family from China.  
Will work with MDC to develop an AOC expertise database.

#### **APRC – Minzan Li**

No reports

#### **EARC – Guoqiang Zhang**

On the European/Africa Committee:

The committee is established and has four members in the current state (the member list is in the AOC newsletter). Although we haven't got time to have a committee meeting together so far, I have had contacted with all other member via phone/email. The primary missions expected for committee and its members are clear. First of the all we should dig for the potential for membership development in Europe (Frankly to say, I haven't think about Africa at all!). The committee is planning a net meeting in the near future if it is necessary.

Contacts and communication with EurAgEng:

As the liaison with EurAgEng, I have had a primary contact with the current president, Prof. Bent S. Bennedsen at KVL, Denmark. He is very positive for the possible future cooperation between AOC and EurAgEng. The work in the next step should be to establish more officially cooperative channels between the two organizations. I shall report it to the board whenever a new progress is achieved.

By the way, the first issue of Impact - AOC newsletter looks very good. I am appreciated the impressive works done by Jiannong and the editors of Impact. As complement for Impact, I think we may need a news/member service information column in our web-site to provide some information that maybe too late to wait for the next issue of Impact, such as the vacant scholarships in our dept.

<http://www.agrsci.dk/jobs/oktober/JBT-postdoc.html>

[http://www.agrsci.dk/jbt/phd\\_uk.htm](http://www.agrsci.dk/jbt/phd_uk.htm)

#### **CNRC – Senwen Zhang**

I should discuss with Professor Wang and Li Mingzan about the committee organizing in China, the best time is early of November I am going to Beijing that time. I discussed several times with Professor Luo and Ou Yingguang about the possibility of next year's meeting between AOC and CSAE, and I think it will also have some decision next month. I

have not gotten the documents of AAAE Conference in Shanghai and do not know whom I should contact with in China, the CSAE is also no idea about this conference, please transfer this mail to the sponsors of the conference and ask them to communicate me.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:35 P.M.

Respectively submitted by Jiannong Xin