

Long Range Planning Committee

The Long Range Planning Committee (LRPC) met at 7:30 a.m., August 4, 2005 at the AAPFCO annual meeting in St. Pete Beach, FL. There were thirteen committee members and guests present.

The treasury audit was discussed. A review (“audit”) of the books is in progress. Any further action will be determined by the outcome of the review. The development of a budget for the association was also discussed. It was decided each committee chairperson should project expenses for the work of that committee for budgeting purposes. Joe Slater will facilitate the gathering of this information and report back to the LRPC at the midyear meeting.

Roger Hoestenbach reported the Lab Methods Committee had discussed the development of sample preparation information and will be bringing this to the board at the midyear meeting. The discussion involved how the information would be disseminated – as a free on-line or as a publication for a fee. The consensus was AAPFCO should investigate all possible revenue sources, especially publications. The board will review the matter and decide the best avenue for the information.

Roger Osburn questioned whether the association needed to develop a formal strategic plan. Short-term and long-term goals for the association had been identified previously but AAPFCO has no formal plan. It was decided that work should begin on a strategic plan at the Fertilizer Administrator’s Seminar in November, with work to continue at the midyear meeting.

The question was raised concerning who would be taking over the processing of commercial tonnage from Dr. Terry. Roger Hoestenbach is going to check with his office and Dale Dubberly will check with John Nevins of TVA to see if either would be interested and report back at midyear.

Dale Dubberly reported that Sharon Senesac, Assistant Sec/Tres. for AAFCO had requested information from the AACO meeting to assist her in planning for future meetings. It was suggested that a summary be provided for her purposes.

The return to the rotation of AACO associations at future meetings was discussed. The rotation will begin again in 2007. Dale Dubberly mentioned that AASCO (seed control) officials would be a good group to involve in AACO. Roger Osburn reported that he had a discussion with the immediate past president of AASCO about that possibility at the AASCO meeting in Austin, TX in July. Mike Hancock was going to follow-up with Larry Nees, secretary of AASCO, and report back to the committee.

Industry guest Ada Lavin reported the Metals Forum would be ending after the next midyear meeting. Participants in the forum are looking to send information to the board for distribution to the proper committees. Too much work has been done to simply let

the information disappear. There will be a post-forum meeting of interested parties to decide the best way to distribute the information.

The LRPC meeting adjourned at approximately 9:30 a.m.