MINUTES

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
49th Annual Meeting
Hotel Albuquerque at Old Town
Albuquerque, NM
12 July 2017

Board Members Present:
President Corley Holbrook  Yes
President-elect Peter Dotray  Yes
Past President Tom Stalker  Yes
Mike Baring  Yes
Rick Brandenberg  Yes
Darlene Cowart  Yes
Jim Elder  Yes
Wilson Faircloth  Yes
David Jordan  Yes
Marshall Lamb  Yes
Peggy Ozias-Akins  Yes
Barry Tillman  Yes
Howard Valentine  Yes
Dan Ward  Yes
Executive Officer Kim Cutchins  Yes

President Holbrook called the meeting to order at 5:06 p.m. Members present are noted above and constitute a quorum. Additional attendees are John Takash, Ron Sholar, Craig Kvien, Chris Liebold, Jason Woodward, John Bennett, Chris Butts, John Damicone, Bob Kemerait, and Todd Baughman.

Minutes of June 27, 2017 meeting
Minutes of the June 27, 2017 Board meeting were distributed to the Board for review prior to the meeting. President Holbrook asked for any changes and/or additions. There being no changes/additions, President Holbrook called for approval of the minutes. It was moved by Jim Elder, seconded by Peggy Ozias-Akins, and unanimously passed to:

Approve the minutes of the June 27, 2017 Board meeting, as presented.

Executive Officer Report
Kim Cutchins stated that APRES day-to-day operations are in good order and running smoothly. She is looking to add a members-only feature to the APRES website shortly. Over the past year, APRES has sent out 26 marketing pieces via the Constant Contact email system. Negotiations for a new Allen Press contract is underway and with the Publications and Editorial Committee is looking at potential options, which will be discussed by the Committee. Two Annual Meeting contracts were finalized. Revisions to the APRES by-laws tasked at last year’s meeting for an email vote during the past year was delayed and will be voted on at this year's business meeting. She continue to attend industry meeting when time allows (USA Peanut Congress, Georgia Peanut Farm Show, etc...) She thanked Corley Holbrook, Pete Dotray, Todd Baughman Gary Schwarzlose, Tom Stalker, Jason Woodward and Peggy Dotray for putting
together an excellent meeting, breaking Southwest attendance records. She advised the Board that she will be taking the first 2 weeks of August off for a vacation and looks forward to working with the APRES Board and Committees in 2017-18.

NEW BUSINESS
The following Committee reports were presented to and approved by the Board. Action taken by the Board is in italics. Unless changes were made or action taken for parts of the reports during the business meeting, in which case a note is made that the revisions were accepted, the Board voted to accept each report as presented. Full reports from each committee are to be presented at the July 14th Business Meeting and Awards Ceremony in the Ballroom at 5:00 p.m.

FINANCE COMMITTEE:
Chairman Todd Baughman reported the Finance Committee met July 11th to discuss the APRES financial statements and to discuss the reserve fund. Additionally, several Committees approached the Finance Committee to discuss actions that will have an impact on the 2018 budget, if approved.

Balance Sheet
APRES financial statements (accrual basis) state as of June 30, 2017, assets are $338,233 primarily in cash—checking, CDs. Accounts receivables of $19,896.

Liabilities are credit card charge (book order) employment taxes and withholdings totaling $5,236 plus equity of $332,997.

Profit & Loss Statement
Income through June 30, 2017 is $99,340 and expense is $30,759. Todd reminded the Board that the majority of APRES expenses occur in July/August when the bill for the Annual Meeting are paid.

Budget Comparison 2016 vs. 2017
Chairman Baughman reported APRES is currently looking at a breakeven budget, despite what is shown in the projections columns for 2017 budgeted and actual. Kim shared that she ordered an additional 50 Peanuts-Genetics Processing and Utilization books to have on hand for sale at the Annual Meeting. This is a $5K unbudgeted expense. Additionally, APRES anticipates a $7K loss from institutional (library) memberships now that Peanut Science is Open Access. The larger than expected attendance will also increase meeting expenses. Therefore, Todd asked the Board to look at the anticipated column, which shows income of $620 over expenses.

Reserve Fund & Investment Policy
Upon review of the Society’s Balance Sheet and Profit/Loss Statement, the Committee discussed the right balance to hold assets (cash) in reserve vs. how much cash the Society should put to work. The current unrestricted Fund Balance is $263,000. Kim noted that most organizations try to keep at least one year’s budget in cash reserve ($100K for APRES). APRES currently has $103K in a money market account for this purpose. Additionally, considerations for holding in cash reserve, is the amount APRES needs for startup funds each year to cover expenses prior to membership renewals; penalties for an (unlikely) Annual Meeting hotel cancellations; and potential loss of income ($1.5K) from university subscriptions as Peanut Science moves to Full Open Access. The potential of “uncommitted” funds can be placed into investments or assigned to APRES projects. ($60K) Currently $30K is in CDs and $30K is invested at Vanguard in an index fund.

The Committee is recommending APRES adopt a financial policy of keeping one year’s budget ($100K currently) in reserve and the remaining $160K be examined during the
budget process each year to determine how much should be committed to APRES expenses and how much to move to investments.

The Committee has discussed over the past year different scenarios for investing. The Committee is recommending the CDs be liquidated and invested in a similar Vanguard index fund with 50% stock/50% bonds. They are asking for the Board’s endorsement to move forward with these recommendations.

Publications Committee Peanut Science Publisher Change
Publications Chairman Chris Butts and incoming chairman Chris Diebold attended the Finance Committee meeting to ask the Finance Committee to consider an unbudgeted request for this fiscal year. They share that both Editor Tim Grey and Executive Officer Kim Cutchins have been unhappy with Allen Press, the printer of Peanut Science. They have attempted over the last 4 years to get improvements to the website and greater web visibility for Peanut Science and have been met with resistance and increased costs from Allen Press. The Committee is asking for the Finance Committee's endorsement to seek a new host and printer for Peanut Science. Preliminary costs to move Peanut Science are estimated at $15-$30K. The Finance Committee fully endorses this request.

50th Anniversary AdHoc Committee Request
President Corley Holbrook attended the Finance Committee meeting to ask the Finance Committee to budget in its 2018 a line item of $20K for non-traditional expenses related to the Annual Meeting, which will be celebrating APRES’s 50th year. They are requesting the $20K be moved from reserves, if the Annual Meeting Program Committee is unable to find sponsors to cover additional expenses related to making the 50th Annual Meeting a special occasion. The Finance Committee fully endorses this request.

Executive Officer Salary Increase Request
The Finance Committee is requesting approval to increase the salary of the APRES Executive Officer by $5K from $23K to $28K, beginning with the 2018 fiscal year.

It was moved by Tom Stalker, seconded by Rick Brandenburg, and unanimously approved to:

Accept the report and recommendations of the Finance Committee.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE
Chairman Tom Stalker presented the slate of 2017-18 Officer and Board nominees, which will be presented at tomorrow’s Business Meeting and were reviewed during the June 27th Board of Directors Conference call. He called on the Board and Committee Chairs to urge more members to participate on Committees in order to expand the pool of potential nominees. A nominee must be a APRES member for 5-years, be familiar with APRES and its members, and to have served on 3 different Committees.

Officer Nominees (in red ink):

2017-18 President Dr. Peter Dotray (2019)
Texas A&M University

2017-18 President-Elect Dr. Rick Brandenburg (2020)
North Carolina State University

2017-18 Past President Dr. Corley Holbrook (2018)
USDA-ARS
Board of Directors Nominees *(in red ink):*

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Each nominee has been contacted and has agreed to serve, if elected. In concluding his report, Tom re-emphasized the need to get more people involved on APRES Committees in order to expand the number of potential nominees for the Board.

Incoming APRES President Pete Dotray stated he has almost completed his Committee roster assignments for 2017-18.

Mike Baring made the motion, seconded by Darlene Cowart, and unanimously approved:

*To accept the report of the Nominating Committee.*

**PUBLICATIONS & EDITORIAL COMMITTEE**

Incoming Chairman Chris Liebold reported for Chairman Chris Butts.

**Peanut Science**

Dr. Liebold stated that *Peanut Science* became Open Access July 1st as approved at last year’s Business meeting. Revisiting the Committee’s ongoing goal of making *Peanut Science*, THE peer reviewed journal of choice for authors and readers of research pertaining to peanut, the committee reviewed its objectives—establishing an impact factor, competing with other journals, publication costs. Open access was the first step at establishing an impact factor, which should increase viewership and citation. The second step is reducing the cost of publication (and hopefully page charges) to increase submissions.

Editor Tim Grey and Kim Cutchins discussed the unresponsive service provided by Allen Press, the current printer. Kim has been trying to get a new contract in place for 2 years and Allen Press has been very difficult. Allen Press wants to increase their costs; APRES wants to reduce their expenses based on improvements in technology, which make printing/publishing much
easier. APRES is currently without a contract. As a result, the Executive Officer and Editor have begun to search for publishing/archival alternatives, which could result in a one-time fee to move *Peanut Science* to a new location/service provider.

The Committee is asking the Board to endorse the following motion, which the Finance Committee addressed earlier in the meeting:

*The Publications and Editorial Committee recommends to the Board of Directors to permit the Committee, Executive Director, and Editor to explore and select a publisher for Peanut Science with the goal of improving service and reducing costs and authorize the Executive Board of APRES to secure the service of the publisher recommend by the Committee.*

The Committee will continue to review the issue of page charges balanced against the cost of publication.

Editor Tim Grey’s report on the status of *Peanut Science* will be covered in full at the business meeting.

**Peanut: Production and Management Book**
The co-editors (Chris Liebold, Shyam Tallury, and Nick Dufault) of the production text book is progressing slowly. Lead authors have been secured for all chapters and they have all secured their co-authors. Chapters are in various stages of completion. None are near completion.

**Peanut Newsletter**
Corley Holbrook brought up the subject ofreviving the APRS Research Newsletter. This was a newsletter that was published quarterly updating the membership on changes in peanut research faculty, industry events, a listing of new research articles published in scientific journals, including Peanut Science, and opportunities for funding and peanut research projects receiving funding. Corley has contacted the librarian at the Coastal Plain Experiment State about assisting with literature searches to find and list newly published research. The Committee agreed that this would be an APRES publication worthy of revival.

Committee Recommendation:

*During the Business Meeting, announce and begin recruiting two (2) APRES members highly motivated and dedicated to co-edit and publish the APRES Research newsletter and distribute via email and the APRES website.*

It was moved by Wilson Faircloth, seconded by Dan Ward, and unanimously approved:

*to accept the report of the Publications & Editorial Committee and forward their recommendations to a vote by the full membership.*

**PEANUT QUALITY COMMITTEE**
Chairman John Bennett and Secretary Chris Liebold updated the Board on the Committee’s discussions on:
1) Reducing foreign material;
2) The results of a new report on Raw Peanut Storage conditions, which indicates changing storage temperatures from 38F to 55F is a viable option with regulation of relative humidity;
3) Research assessing aflatoxin risk to HO peanuts—both non-irrigated HO and NO peanuts have aflatoxin issues and in irrigated HO and NO peanuts there is not observed difference, will continue to verify results;
4) The new standards for damage, which rose from 2.5% to 3.5% in Seg. 2 peanuts;
5) A HO peanut flavor study is reporting no different in oil content or flavor between HO and NO
peanuts, with sparked some disagreement among attendees;

6) Peanut Smut, an Argentinian disease, with potential impact in the U.S. Australia, U.S.
Growers and USDA provided insights into actions being taken to prevent an outbreak in the
U.S.

7) Providing guidance to peanut breeders on a path forward for breeding HO and NO peanuts.
The Committee will meet again prior to the next Annual Meeting to create objectives to address
these issues.

John reported some members on the Committee felt very strongly APRES should take a
position on peanut smut, ranging from advising APHIS on the danger to the U.S. crop to limiting
importation of Argentinian peanuts. After discussing the pros and cons of sending a letter to
APHIS, it was moved by John and seconded by Dan Ward and approved to:

draft a letter to USDA-APHIS on the danger of peanut smut and providing information
that will assist APHIS is developing guidelines on dealing with it. This letter is to be
circulated to the APRES Board for approval and must be unanimously approved by the
full Board to move forward as an action item.

PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE
The Public Relations Committee met jointly with the 50th Anniversary Celebration Ad Hoc
Committee, as the Committee’s role is to promote APRES.

Opportunities to Increase Membership and Meeting Attendance
At last year’s meeting, the Committee developed a list of suggestions for each Annual Meeting
to promote membership and increase meeting attendance. Pam Worrell volunteered to tackle
these suggested ideas for the 2018 meeting in Williamsburg:
• Develop outreach to local colleges at meeting
• Identify similar groups to contact
• Collegiate/media outreach
• APRES Ad
• Identify opportunities to promote the new book

Resolutions
Jason reported he received 12 names for the necrology report and, in the interest of time, will
only recite their names and affiliation at the Business Meeting. A full necrology report of each
members service to the industry will be published in the Proceedings. Names provide to Jason are:

Frank Boddiford
Lou Casinos
Jim Demski
Alex Filing
Dan Henard
Thomas A. “Chip” Lee
Glenn Forrester
Aubrey Mixon
Bob Scott
Bob White
Ross Wilson
Herb Womack

Diamond Level Membership Category Vote
At last year’s meeting, the Board and APRES membership gave notice of a new membership
category. The Diamond Level for APRES supporters who give $5,000 or more—to be added to
the current levels of Silver Gold, and Platinum. member categories will be voted on at the
Business meeting tomorrow.
**BAILEY AWARD COMMITTEE**
Chairman John Damicone reported there were nominations for best oral presentation received from all 10 concurrent breakout sessions at the 2016 Annual Meeting in Clearwater Beach, FL. The Bailey Award Committee (Maria Balota, Charles Chen, Peter Dotray, Phat Dang, Kim Moore) received three manuscripts for final ranking. Announcement of the 2017 Bailey Award winner will be made and presented at the Business Meeting. In keeping with the tradition, the winner's identity will not be revealed until the announcement.

John reported the Committee reviewed the Guidelines for the Bailey Award, specifically whether the graduate students competing in the Joe Sugg Graduate Student Competition should be eligible for the Bailey Award, too. Currently, they are. After much discussion, the Committee recommended their eligibility for the Bailey Award should be eliminated.

It was moved by Tom Stalker, seconded by Dan Ward, and approved to:

*amend the Bailey award guidelines eligibility rule #2 to state that Joe Sugg Award competitors are not eligible for the Bailey Award.*

John also said the Committee discussed the fact that last year’s Bailey Award winner did not publish their research in Peanut Science. It was suggested the guidelines be amended to require the winning paper be submitted for publication in Peanut Science. This recommendation brought forward the recommendation that the winners of the Joe Sugg Award should be encouraged to publish their paper (*Page charges are waived for the winners*), as well as, encourage all competitors to consider publishing their research in Peanut Science, too.

It was moved by Mike Baring, seconded by Marshall Lamb, and unanimously approved to:

*amend the Bailey Award Guidelines to require the winning paper be submitted to Peanut Science for publication.*

It was moved by Darlene Cowart, seconded by Lamb, and unanimously approved to:

*accept the recommendations and report of the Bailey Award Committee.*

**FELLOWS COMMITTEE**
Chairman David Jordan forwarded his report to the Board which was approved at the June 27th meeting. Dr. Steve Brown of the Peanut Foundation will be named a Fellow of the Society at tomorrow's 49th APRES Business Meeting.

**SITE SELECTION COMMITTEE**
Chairman Mike Baring reported APRES has signed contracts for the 2018 and 2019 Annual Meetings. Shelly Nutt has agreed to check out potential properties in Texas for the 2020 meeting.

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Proposed Committee Representation Change
The following change to the APRES by-laws will be voted on at the Business Meeting tomorrow:

Article IX. Committees; Secton 2; Point h; first sentence shall be changed to read as follows *(changes and additions are in **bold**; eliminated words have been struck through):*

h. Site Selection Committee: This committee shall consist of six (four) members, **two members from each region** that represent the diverse membership of the Society and with each serving three-year terms.

COYT T. WILSON DISTINGUISHED SERVICE COMMITTEE
Chairman Emily Cantonwine could not attend the meeting and asked Jason Woodward to read her report which was approved at the June 27th Board meeting. The Coyt T. Wilson Service Award Committee reached a unanimous recommendation for the 2017 award: Dr. Austin K. Hagan. A full report will be given at the Business Meeting.

JOE SUGG GRADUATE STUDENT COMPETITION COMMITTEE
Chairman Bob Kemerait reported the Joe Sugg Graduate Student Competition attracted another large group of participants—25 participants (22 presented) from 9 different universities (the most university participation to date). Due to the large number of participants and the increasing number of papers for breakout sessions, scheduling an all-encompassing competition was not possible. Therefore, the competition was broken into 3 separate competitions with separate judges and a sponsor was found to support each competition ($500 Winner; $250 runner-up). Winners will be announced at tomorrow’s Business Meeting.

The Board was ecstatic at the growth in the competition and discussed several scenarios where the competition could continue to be held as one competition with no other competing sessions. A solution was not found and the Program Chairman will be left with the decision on how to handle the competition each year. *(Later in the meeting, the Board approved the creation of a Poster Competition for graduate students.)*

John Damicone, Bailey Award Committee chair, reminded all of additional perk for winners of the Joe Sugg Graduate Student Competition is the opportunity to publish their research in Peanut Science free of charge. He suggested we remind all the competitors. Chairman Kemerait agreed this is a great suggestion and will make the announcement of the perk in his Business Meeting report.

DOW AGROSCIENCES AWARDS COMMITTEE
Chairman Kelly Chamberlin reported the membership was solicited for award nominees in both the areas of Research and Education. No nominations for the Education Award were received. Kelly encouraged more publicity for the awards.

For the Research Award, one new nomination packet was received and two were carried over from 2016. It was noted that one nominee had not been a member of APRES for 5 years, and thus this nomination was disqualified, leaving two for consideration. The committee reviewed the nomination packets and voted electronically in June of 2017. Dr. Marshall Lamb was selected as the Committee's nomination for the 2017 Dow AgroSciences Award for Research. One nomination packet will be carried forward for consideration in 2018, and the disqualified nomination packet will be held until eligible in 2019.

Award Guidelines Review
*The Committee is requesting the award guidelines be amended to use a bold font to the eligibility rule stating the nominee must be a member of APRES for 5 years; and ,*
requested a photograph (headshot) of the nominee be provided with the nomination packet to assist in the preparation of the awardees biography.

It was moved by Tom Stalker, seconded by Peggy Ozias-Akins, and unanimously approved to:

**Accept the recommendations and report of the Dow AgroSciences Awards Committee.**

**PROGRAM COMMITTEE**

Program Chairman Peter Dotray recognized the outstanding help and support of Technical Program Chairman Todd Baughman; Local Arrangements Chairman Gary Schwarzlose; and, Spouses Program Chair, Peggy Dotray. Attendance for 2017 is 329 total; 235 registrants; 64 spouses; 58 children. This is the largest Southwest meeting in recent memory. Feedback from the Opening Session speakers has been outstanding. The symposium was a huge success.

We have a great group of sponsors: Bayer and BASF were co-sponsors of Wednesday night dinner. Dow AgroSciences was recognized as the sponsor of the Thursday night reception. Texas Peanut Producers Board sponsored the Spouses Hospitality Suite and the registration bags. Meeting breaks were sponsored by Olam Edible Nuts; Birdsong Peanuts; Syngenta; and Fine Americas. Texas A&M University sponsored the Fun Run with another record number of participants (65). The North Carolina Peanut Growers Association once again sponsored the Joe Sugg Graduate Student Competition; along with Dow AgroSciences and JLA, Inc. APRES Sustaining Members supported the Ice Cream Social. APRES continues to have a great group of peanut product suppliers who support our meeting breaks. He encouraged members of the Board to please thank them for making this meeting possible.

Technical Program Chairman Todd Baughman reported the 49th Annual Meeting scheduled 140 technical presentations, including this year’s symposium “UAVs—A Look From Above” and 34 posters.

The Joe Sugg Graduate Student Competition drew the largest number of participating universities this year. Due to the large number of participants, the competition was divided into 3 separate competitions. Moving forward, the Program Committee needs to discuss how to schedule this wonderful event to allow only one competition, so the winner of the event retains its status. *(Later in the meeting, the Board approved the creation of a Graduate Student Poster Competition.)*

The Spouses Program put together by Peggy Dotray was a huge success. Two and half days of activities in the hospitality suite with lots of prize giveaways (and good food) and great tours of two area museums.

The Fun Run is scheduled for the tomorrow morning morning with a record number of attendees.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

**Publication of APRES Membership List**

Executive Officer Kim Cutchins reported she has narrowed down the ap choices for establishing the Members Only section and will have it added to the APRES website shortly. A members name and address section will be part of the Members Only section and will include email and phone numbers, unless a member requests it not be listed.

**Recognition of Outgoing Board Members**

President Holbrook announced outgoing Board members and thanked them for their APRES service:
President Corley Holbrook will recognize the outgoing Board members at the Business meeting tomorrow and present them with a gift of appreciation.

50th Anniversary AdHoc Committee
President Corley Holbrook who will continue to chair this AdHoc Committee reported the group met in May and has gotten off to a great start. Dell Cotton has invited the Virginia Secretariat of Agriculture and Forestry and he is scheduled to attend. The group is planning a Monday afternoon/evening event for those arriving early to tour Chippokes Plantation and tour their peanut fields (near where the first peanuts in North America were grown) and host a barbeque. Birdsong Peanuts is offering to open their shelling operations for a tour and it was mentioned to approach Planters about a tour of their plant.

The Committee also discussed several ways to recognize and celebrate APRES’ 50th year from attempting a Guinness World Record to visionary speakers to history of APRES speakers and the industry.

The Committee also attended the Finance Committee meeting to ask the Finance Committee to budget in its 2018 a line item of $20K for non-traditional expenses related to the Annual Meeting, which will be celebrating APRES’s 50th year. They are requesting the $20K be moved from APRES’ reserves, if the Annual Meeting Program Committee is unable to find sponsors to cover additional expenses related to making the 50th Annual Meeting a special occasion. The Finance Committee and Board passed this motion earlier in this meeting.

The Ad Hoc Committee will continue to meet by conference call to plan the celebration.

2018 Additions to the Annual Meeting

Poster Competition - Given the growth in the Joe Sugg Graduate Student Competition and the goal of trying to retain the competition as one competition, the Board discussed another way to help the competition fit into the current footprint of the Annual Meeting. Tom Stalker suggested APRES create a new competition—a Poster Contest—to be held during the Poster Viewing time slot. Hosting such a competition should draw some of the potential graduate student competitors to it, thus reducing the number of competitors in the speech competition, allowing it to fit into the schedule as one competition. The Board discussed the pros and cons of this new contest and its impact on the speech competition. The Board unanimously agreed to:

approve the creation of a Graduate Student Poster Contest for the 2018 Annual Meeting.

Tom Stalker was asked to draft guidelines for the competition and to work with the Joe Sugg Graduate Student Competition Committee to get this new venture off the ground.

Technology Training Sessions - Howard Valentine reported the Peanut Foundation is seeking time before, during, or after the Annual Meeting to run a technology training session on how to PeanutBase. Rebecca Bennett and Lisa Dean has suggested APRES hold a sensory training session on flavor. Incoming President-Elect/2018 Program Chairman Rick Brandenburg was asked to include these sessions in his discussions for the 2018 program.

Graduate Student Participation - Two new ideas have been broached for graduate students. The first is a hosted luncheon with a speaker. The second is to create a graduate student council/committee, with representation on the Board. The Board agreed these are great suggestions and tasked incoming President Peter Dotray to explore the ideas and bring forward
any recommendations to the APRES Board and 2018 Program Committee.

**Adjournment**
There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.