

MINUTES
FEQL Advisory Board Meeting
April 21, 2004
Teleconference

Board Members Present: Kim Anderson, John Baranowski, Ann George, Barbara Morrissey, Marilyn Perkins, Royal Schoen, Randy Smith, Dave Winckler

Board Members Absent: Don Abbott, Ralph Cavalieri, Matt Keifer, Rick Long, Scott McKinnie, Gregg Möller, Paul Monahan

Others Present: Ed Adams, John Brown, Sally O'Neal Coates, Catherine Daniels, Allan Felsot, Vince Hebert, Art Linton, Doug Walsh

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The meeting was conducted by teleconference. Chair Ann George called the meeting to order at 9:00.

Board Composition

The board discussed membership composition and expiration of terms. Ann George was asked if she would continue as chair for another year. She agreed. Doug Walsh made a motion for retention of current officers, pending Don Abbott's agreement to continue serving as vice-chair. Kim Anderson seconded. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

The chair asked, by roll call, which of the current board members with expiring terms would agree to continue serving or to send an appropriate designee. Ann George, Kim Anderson, and Randy Smith all agreed to serve and have terms extended until 2007. Doug Walsh volunteered to contact Scott McKinnie and ask if he would extend his term until 2007; FEQL staff will call Rick Long and ask him if he is willing to extend his term, which officially expired in 2003, to 2006. (Rick long was subsequently contacted and has agreed to serve an additional term.)

The positions environmental organization, Department of Labor and Industries, and private analytical laboratory are currently vacant. The chair called for suggestions on filling these empty positions. Doug Walsh volunteered to ask Ann Byer or John McFadden to serve in the L&I seat. Vince Hebert indicated he was in contact with three private laboratories and expected one of them would soon accept an invitation to join. Chair asked that members consider possible names for the environmental position and submit them via email to the board. Note that these names will then be submitted to Ralph Cavalieri for consideration and formal invitation by WSU's College of Agricultural, Human, and Natural Resource Sciences (CAHNRS).

Faculty Reports

The pre-meeting packet sent to the board included a report on faculty accomplishments over the past year. The chair called for questions or comments on the report.

Catherine Daniels was asked to describe the expansion of the Washington State Pest Management Resource Service (WSPRS) and to provide details on crop profile and Pest Management Strategic Plan work. The WSPRS expansion to include a western Washington office has gone very well. WSU Puyallup faculty have been very welcoming and provided the necessary space and facilities. Interaction with westside pest management programs has increased as a result and new opportunities for collaboration have become available. The eastside WSPRS office, with Sally O'Neal Coates, Jane Thomas, Charlotte Parker, and Gerilynn Leonard, continues to operate smoothly through regular teleconferences and site visits by director Daniels. The work on crop profiles continues, but only at the rate funding is available to produce them. Specific funds were received to produce a wine grape crop profile and Pest Management Strategic Plan. The crop profile is completed and on the Web. The PMSP workshop document is expected to be on the Web by the end of May. Under general information liaison funding from the Western IPM Center, three more crop profiles will be produced this year; specific crops for the profiles have not yet been selected.

Chair Ann George asked Doug Walsh about his newly remodeled Environmental and Agricultural Entomology Laboratory (EAEL) lab. Walsh described the location and history of the building. The two-story building sits just east of the main IAREC facility. The EAEL should not be confused with the new Prosser building recently funded by the legislature. Art Linton explained that this building is currently in the design phase and is on a fast track to break ground this summer and be completed by next spring. It was suggested that this facility, if completed, be the site of a face-to-face FEQL Advisory Board meeting in Spring 2005. Board members expressed a strong interest in visiting the EAEL facility as well. Several board members commented that a face-to-face meeting would be a good idea next spring regardless of location, as we will likely have some new members.

Vince Hebert, when asked about his report, emphasized the accelerated pace of his IR-4 work as well as the other laboratory research projects. Through the new FEQL Website, Hebert and Allan Felsot are providing growers with tools to do some of their own in-field assessment. Barb Morrissey asked about the status of Vince's grant for fumigant research; the proposal was still out at the time of the meeting, but word is expected within the next few weeks.

Allan Felsot reported on his many activities including teaching, writing, and national and international speaking. Ann George suggested all board members visit the new FEQL Website (<http://feql.wsu.edu>) and visit Allan's *Virtual Skeptic* page and read his "Have Mouth, Will Travel" columns.

Kim Anderson suggested a schematic or matrix (table) be provided with the next board packet that shows the synergies and relationships between and among the four FEQL principal faculty and their programs. John Baranowski agreed that this would be especially helpful in the case of a teleconference meeting, but felt that the relationships were more apparent in the face-to-face meetings.

New Business

Discussion of the faculty report led to discussion of other types of reports. Barbara Morrissey asked whether the faculty had prepared a report intended for the state legislature as suggested at a previous meeting. The relative merits of doing or not doing a report were discussed. The timespan to be covered by the report was discussed. Faculty members expressed concern that, due to personnel turnover and other factors, it would be very difficult to do a full 12-year retrospective report covering the lab's progress since its inception. Discussion ensued and it was agreed that it is not necessary to recap the entire history of the FEQL. The level of detail was discussed, and it was agreed that only major highlights should be presented in general terms that would "stand the test of time," or be applicable for several years. Exhaustive lists of faculty publications and other such details would be discouraged in favor of a focus on broad-brush, major accomplishments. The report should not be organized by individual faculty members, but presented as accomplishments on the part of the FEQL as a whole. The audience will be both legislative committees and the general public. The term "marketing tool" was used by several board members in describing the report. Ann George suggested that the FEQL draft a report to submit to the board for review in October 2004.

Next Meeting

Frequency and type of meeting were discussed. One annual meeting seems to be adequate to meet the needs of the faculty and the board as long as board members are available for other contact by faculty during the course of the year. Several board members expressed concern that, given their infrequent contact with the FEQL, a teleconference is not sufficiently engaging, particularly if only one meeting occurs per year. Ann George suggested that the 2005 meeting take place in Prosser in order to see Doug Walsh's new EAEL laboratory and the new building, then consider the Puyallup site for the 2006 meeting (budget permitting). Duration of the meeting (half-day? full-day?) was discussed. Several board members, including Kim Anderson, who travels farthest, said as long as they are traveling to a meeting, they would prefer a full day. The group appreciated the faculty report arriving in advance of the meeting. Barbara Morrissey suggested that the faculty remember to leave time for the board to provide input and direction on programs, perhaps even raising some questions with the advance packet so that board members have time to consider the input they might provide.

Wednesday, April 20, 2005 was selected as the date for next spring's meeting, to be held in Prosser.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m.