

JAEMB Conference Call Agenda  
August, 27, 2010

Roll Call: Anna Ball, Matt Baker and Grady Roberts

Old Business:

- Updates regarding online library access—Barry Croom and Grady Roberts
  - Barry was going to check on the financial side and Grady was checking on whether or not the system could handle it. Our system is capable of handling online subscriptions. Barry checked on the financial ramifications and the NCSU libraries would prefer an online system. It's recommended that each of the JAEMB members talk to their libraries to see if they prefer the change to an online subscription system. Anna Ball will follow up to the JAEMB members.
- Appointment of Southern Region Representative to JAEMB-Anna Ball will follow up with Tim Murphy to have another individual appointed to replace Tracy Kitchel on the southern region.
- Election of Chair-postponed to next meeting.

New Business:

- Approval of Minutes-postponed to next meeting.
- Updates from the Editor
  - Volume 51(3) is close to being ready to publish.
  - We are starting to prepare 51(4). We are starting to build a backlog of articles. Today (August 27) there are between 30 and 35 articles that have been accepted for publication. There are between 15-20 currently under review. The articles going in Vol 51 were accepted in January/February of last year. Grady discovered that close to 200 pages can be printed in the binding of the current journal. Thus, for Vol 51(4) they will print more articles to try to decrease that backlog. If we elect to go to an online delivery for libraries, we can fix the backlog quickly. If we don't elect to go to an online delivery for the libraries, we need to vote to have the size of our editions be larger to accommodate more articles.
  - We have begun checking AAAE membership and have already caught several people that needed to pay dues.
  - All old editions of JAE/JAATEA are scanned and we'll begin posting soon. Posting is a multistage process that involves cataloguing in the Fastpress system as well as registering them in DOI numbers.
  - Fast Track had major problems over the last few weeks. George says that they should be all fixed now. We'll see what bugs we find. We need to make some decisions regarding how long is too long to let the system be down and/or inaccessible, and at what point we need to decide that Express Academic isn't meeting the terms of their contract, and if we need to look for other solutions. Grady plans to discuss alternative solutions with them if he doesn't hear back from them early next week (1<sup>st</sup> week of September).

- Emily Rhoades is now the AAAE membership coordinator. I have given her "manager" powers which will allow her to add new members to Fast Track and Fast Press
- New Items of Discussion from the Editor
  - We have been approached by Gale/Cengage about licensing JAE. Grady contacted other editors from agricultural journals that use this or similar system and he has learned the following:

Pros

- This will generate some royalties for JAE/AAAE (probably \$100-500 annually)
- Our work will be accessible by a much larger audience
- It wouldn't take much extra effort on our part
- The agreement is non-exclusive (we could still make other arrangements with other databases and it won't affect our current practices)

Cons

- We'll need to provide each edition of the journal shortly after we create it (they wouldn't be password protected for the first year)
- There is a slight possibility that if libraries discover JAE is in the Gale system (that they are already purchasing) they may not wish to pay for a subscription. John (Gale's rep) said that in his experience that this hasn't happened very often - but it is a possibility

Grady will pose back to the Gale representative the database and or databases our journal would go into and of our university membership, which universities subscribe to Gale.

- Selection of Fall Conference Call dates—Anna will send out a Doodle request for the dates of October 4-11 and encourage all members to make this a priority in their calendars.

Meeting was adjourned.