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The American Society of



Plant Physiologists

April 20, 1976

Office of the President

Professor L. Bogorad
Biology Labs.
Harvard University
Cambridge, Massachusetts 02138

Dear Lawrie:

I just received from Bill Siegelman the report of the Ad Hoc committee on the Future of PLANT PHYSIOLOGY on which you served. I am writing to express the great appreciation of the Society for your efforts on this rather difficult task. A society such as ours couldn't survive without devoted efforts such as these, and we are extremely grateful to you.

Sincerely yours,

Winslow R. Briggs
President

WRB:dcm

cc: Dr. Baker
Dr. Black
Dr. Key

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April 20, 1976

Office of the President

Professor R. H. Burris
Biochemistry Department
University of Wisconsin
Madison, Wisconsin 53706

Dear Bob:

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April 21, 1976

Office of the President

Dr. H. W. Siegelman
Plant Biochemistry-Biology
Brookhaven National Lab
Upton, New York 11973

Dear Bill:

Thank you very much indeed for your careful study on the Future of PLANT PHYSIOLOGY which you and your committee prepared for the Executive Committee of the American Society of Plant Physiologists. The Society is extremely grateful that you were willing to make this effort.

I am sending a copy in advance to all members of the Executive Committee for perusal in advance of the meeting in New Orleans. May I repeat in writing my invitation to you to present the report to the Committee at the Sunday meeting of the Executive Committee. We shall have an agenda put together soon, and I'll let you know what time of day it will be considered.

Once again, many thanks.

Sincerely yours,

Winslow R. Briggs
President

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cc: Dr. Baker
Dr. Black
Dr. Key



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April 6, 1976

Dr. Winslow Briggs
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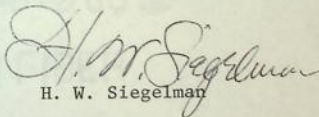
Dear Winslow:

The enclosed report of the Ad Hoc Committee on The Future of PLANT PHYSIOLOGY details our recommendations. The cost of release time for the Editor-in-Chief is \$18,000 including fringe benefits. The Editor-in-Chief has agreed to relinquish the honorarium of \$3,000 currently received so the incremental cost to the Society for the release time is \$15,000. No overhead charges are being made. These arrangements are subject to review by the administration of Brandeis University, but apparently no problems are anticipated.

To avoid constitutional problems, it might be advisable to appoint the Publications Committee as a separate and independent sub-committee under the Editorial Committee. Otherwise a constitutional amendment would be needed to form a new committee.

Best regards,

Sincerely yours,


H. W. Siegelman

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November 24, 1975

Dr. Winslow R. Briggs, Director
Dept. of Plant Biology
Carnegie Institute of Washington
Stanford, CA 94305

Dear Winslow:

Bill Siegelman asked me to send you a copy of the October 30, 1975 report to his committee. If you have any questions about any of the material, I shall be pleased to try to answer them.

Sincerely,

Hunter

Houston Baker, Ph.D.
Business Executive

HB:par
Enclosure
cc: Key, Siegelman, Byerrum, Hardy

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November 18, 1975

Dr. H. W. Siegelman
Biology Department
Brookhaven National Laboratory
Upton, Long Island, New York 11973

Dear Bill:

Enclosed is check #1613 to cover your committee travel expenses to visit Marty Gibbs on November 5-7, 1975, as follows:

570 miles x \$0.15/mile =	\$85.50
Tolls	<u>3.25</u>
Total	\$88.75

I am pleased to learn that my information was useful to the committee.

Please call and suggest a date for your proposed visit in December.

Do you think reprint policy should come under the purview of your committee? I had not thought of its possible relevance until today. Enclosed is some reprint data, in case you consider the topic relevant.

Sincerely,

Houston

Houston Baker, Ph.D.
Business Executive

HB:par

cc: Bogorad, Burris, Briggs, Key

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April 20, 1976

Office of the President

TO: Executive Committee, American Society of Plant Physiologists

FROM: Winslow R. Briggs, President

Enclosed is the report of the Ad Hoc Committee on the Future of PLANT PHYSIOLOGY which was requested by the Executive Committee at its last meeting in Corvallis last August. Since it will be a major piece of business at our forthcoming meeting in New Orleans, I hope you will give it some careful study in advance. I have asked Bill Siegelman to present it and answer any questions we may have about it.

WRB:dcm

Encls:

REPORT OF THE AD HOC COMMITTEE ON THE
FUTURE OF PLANT PHYSIOLOGY

The Ad Hoc Committee on The Future of PLANT PHYSIOLOGY held meetings with M. Gibbs, Editor-in-Chief; R. Hardy, Treasurer; H. Baker, Business Executive; R. Byerrum and B. Stowe, Trustees; and D. Goddard, former Editor-in-Chief. Following these meetings, the committee prepared this report.

The American Society of Plant Physiologists is a non-profit organization of about 2,000 members with an annual budget of about \$350,000. It is developing sound budgetary procedures and maintains a periodic review of its cash flow. The principal expense and principal income of the ASPP is PLANT PHYSIOLOGY which utilizes more than 60% of the total Society budget. In response to the ASPP Executive Committee request for new guidelines for the future of PLANT PHYSIOLOGY, the Ad Hoc Committee makes the following recommendations:

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1. PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE - A temporary Publications Committee should be appointed by the President at the next Executive Committee meeting, May 30, 1976, on the advice of the Executive Committee and the Editor-in-Chief and Editors. The Committee should consist of a chairman and two additional members. The chairman of the Committee should be an ex-officio member of the Executive Committee. All Committee members should have three-year terms; these terms should be rotating to ensure continuity of membership after the first three years. Members of the Editorial Board should not be eligible for appointment to the Committee.

The functions of the Committee are to develop an annual budget estimate for PLANT PHYSIOLOGY with the full consultation and cooperation of the Editor-in-Chief, Treasurer, Trustees, and the Business Executive. The Committee should be provided quarterly reports on the expected and actual budgetary cost of PLANT PHYSIOLOGY. The Committee should serve as the liaison between the Editor-in-Chief and the budgetary aspects of PLANT PHYSIOLOGY. The Committee should carefully review procedures and operations which could result in improved manuscripts and in reduction of journal production costs with due regard for editorial practice and product quality. The Committee

should examine the adequacy of current Redactory and Secretarial services. Other cost savings for example, such as improvements in type setting and printing, reduction of white space, and use of lighter weight paper need consideration from time to time. These actions will relieve the Editor-in-Chief and the Editors of budgetary concerns and allow maximum utilization of their time for a continual improvement of journal scientific standards. The Committee should have the responsibility for nomination and review of appointment of the Editor-in-Chief.

2. PAGE CHARGES - The establishment of page charges is a reasonable means of keeping the journal in a solvent condition. The Committee believes that reinstitution of page charges can only be decided by a careful annual budgetary review and predictions of costs of journal production. Page charges are accepted by funding agencies as a legitimate cost of research. If page charges are to be imposed, consideration should be given to providing each member with five pages per year, non-accumulative, without charge. In addition, the Editor-in-Chief should be given the authority to waive page charges to a limit of 100 pages annually. This waiver will allow the acceptance of manuscripts from members unable to support page charges.

3. MONTHLY AND ANNUAL PAGE NUMBERS - The Committee should annually determine by careful budgetary procedures and consultation with the Editor-in-Chief the number of pages to be published. Printing charges are based on 64-page units. Full utilization of the 64-page units could provide important cost savings. Conceivably a few papers might be delayed in publication if submitted in the second half of the annual year because of the limitation on the total number of pages.

4. COMPOSITIONAL CHANGES - The Committee recommends that publication changes which may provide cost savings be considered by the PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE following discussions with the Editor-in-Chief, the Publisher, and the Business Executive. Attention needs to be given to maintaining good readability, adequate paper strength for library usage, and quality figures and half-tones.

Savings could be achieved by having authors prepare figures and tables as camera-ready copy. Most figures should be reducible in size to fit a single column. A description in the January and July issues of the requirements

for size of figure, lettering height, line thicknesses would provide authors needed information. Tabular data is expensive to set in type. If detailed guidance for setting up tables by either typewriter or mechanical lettering were followed, camera-ready copy would reduce costs of tabular information. Either authors should be required to type tables with strict size limitations or the Editorial Office should provide secretarial assistance to type all tables in a uniform manner.

5. MEMBERSHIP AND LIBRARY SUBSCRIPTION RATES - Attempts must be made to keep subscriptions to the membership and libraries at an acceptable level. The subscription rates can only be determined by careful budgetary procedures and full regard for inflationary pressures. Serious consideration needs to be given to the library subscription rate which has risen considerably faster than the membership rate. It is common knowledge that increasing subscription costs are wrecking havoc with library budgets. The Committee recommends that the library rate be carefully reviewed and, if feasible, even reduced. The journal represents the most important Society activity and it should be available to library readers. The ratio of member to library subscription rates varies from about 1:1 to 7:1 for many journals, and PLANT PHYSIOLOGY will be at 6.67:1 in 1976. It is hoped that in time the ratio can be reduced to 4:1 or 3:1.

6. EDITOR-IN-CHIEF - The current Editor-in-Chief has served in his present capacity for 13 years. The journal has developed an excellent reputation and has become increasingly more international. The Editor-in-Chief has obtained additional editors, advisory editors, and a large editorial board for rapid review of manuscripts. However, the increasing number of manuscripts processed still occupies a considerable portion of the Editor-in-Chief's personal attention.

The membership has confidence in the current Editor-in-Chief, but the request for released time compensation to reimburse Brandeis University constitutes a substantial financial obligation for the Society and sets a precedent which may be difficult to reverse. The Committee, in recognition of the Managing Editor function provided by the Editor-in-Chief unanimously recommends that ASPP compensate Brandeis University for release time of the Editor-in-Chief. The Committee fully recognizes that the Executive Committee may wish to consult the membership concerning this matter or may wish to defer the authorization until a Publications Committee is constituted.

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The Editor-in-Chief serves the Society with no specific term. The Committee recommends that the current Editor-in-Chief and Editors be appointed for five-year renewable terms. For all new appointments, the Executive Committee should consider an initial three-year term to be followed by a five-year term.

CONCLUSIONS: PLANT PHYSIOLOGY is currently in a good financial state of health. Effective budgetary procedures and careful review of cash flow must be continued to provide the financial support needed to maintain the high scientific standards of a first-rate publication. Every effort must be made to keep journal costs at the lowest possible level compatible with high quality, and to carefully consider a reduction in library subscription costs.

The ASPP is a non-profit organization with assets adequate to cover the costs of a year's operation in case of serious financial exigency. The financial planners of the Society must take pains to avoid excessive journal losses or profits for the Society. Sound business management practices effectively utilized will eliminate financially irresponsible actions.

Respectfully submitted,

L. Bogorad

R. H. Burris

H. W. Siegelman, Chairman

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Office of the President

November 19, 1975

Dr. B. M. Sweeney
Department of Biological Science
University of California
Santa Barbara, CA 93106

Dear Dr. Sweeney:

I am writing to confirm our telephone conversation concerning your membership on the Monograph committee of the American Society of Plant Physiologists. I am delighted that you are willing to serve. Dr. I. Zelitch is the chairman, and you will be hearing directly from him in the not too distant future.

With warmest regards,

Winslow R. Briggs
President

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Office of the President

November 19, 1975

Dr. James A. Bassham
Department of Chemistry
Lawrence Berkeley Laboratory
University of California
Berkeley, CA 94720

Dear Dr. Bassham:

I am writing to confirm our telephone conversation concerning your membership on the Monograph committee of the American Society of Plant Physiologists. I am delighted that you are willing to serve. Dr. I. Zelitch is the chairman, and you will be hearing directly from him in the not too distant future.

With warmest regards,

Winslow R. Briggs
President

WRB:kk

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Plant Physiologists

Office of the President

November 19, 1975

Dr. I. Zelitch, Chairman
Biochemistry Department
Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station
POB 1106
New Haven, CT 06504

Dear Zuni:

I am writing to bring you up to date on the status of the Monograph committee membership. I have now asked and received acceptances from Dr. J. A. Bassham at Berkeley, and Dr. B. M. Sweeney, from the University of California at Santa Barbara. I assume that you can get in touch with them directly to let them know their duties. Since I was forced to miss the dinner of the Monograph committee, at the Corvallis meetings, I wonder whether I could impose on you for a brief report as to where things stand. That would be very useful.

With best regards,

Winslow R. Briggs
President

WRB:kk



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November 24, 1975

Dr. Winslow R. Briggs
President, ASPP
Carnegie Institute of Washington
Department of Plant Biology
Stanford, CA 94305

Dear Win:

Thank you for the information about the new members on the Monograph Committee. I believe they will be excellent choices.

I am enclosing a copy of a memo sent to the members of the Committee on September 24. This will help bring you up to date on our activities. Since that note was written, O. Gamborg has informally agreed to write a monograph on "Plant Protoplasts."

Sincerely yours,

Zuni

Israel Zelitch
Chairman, Monograph Committee ASPP

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Enclosure

July 21, 1976

Dr. Israel Zelitch
Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station
123 Huntington Street
Box 1106
New Haven, Conn. 06505

Dear Zuni:

During the past several years, Peter Ray has accumulated a tremendous amount of information on the Golgi, particularly in peas. It is clearly ripe for monographic treatment, and I happen to know that he would be particularly interested in doing so. It occurred to me that the Monograph Committee of the ASPP was an ideal route, and I hereby submit his name and topic for your consideration. I think that I am allowed to do this as a member ex officio.

With best regards,

Winslow R. Briggs,
President

WRB rfm



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July 27, 1976

Dr. Winslow R. Briggs
Carnegie Institute of Washington
Stanford, CA 94305

Dear Win:

I have received your suggestion that Peter Ray might be interested in writing a monograph on the Golgi Apparatus.

I have written him today inviting him to write such a book, and I thank you very much for the suggestion.

Best regards.

Sincerely yours,

Israel Zelitch
Chairman, Monograph Committee, ASPP

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September 24, 1975

Members of the Monograph Committee ASPP:

✓ M. Gibbs
P.J. Kramer
G. ~~S~~ Laties
A.C. Leopold

D.B. Dickinson
R. Rabson
F.C. Steward

I would like to bring you up to date on the status of monographs.

Varner's intended monograph on "Hormones in Plant Development" was endorsed by a majority of the Committee. In spite of the briefness of his outline most members seemed to agree that Varner is "to sensitive and proud to turn out an unworthy monograph... and the result will be a first-rate publication." Academic Press has agreed to offer Varner a standard contract.

I have had a recent letter from Biale indicating that he was making final revisions on his book on "Senescence in Plants", but it appeared that since his official retirement he has been extremely busy and there have been apparent delays because of secretarial and other problems. I hope his manuscript will be turned in soon.

Spanswick has told me that he hopes to be writing this fall and next summer and that his monograph tentatively called "Electrogenic Pumps in Plants" will be ready in December, 1976.

Correspondence with Walker indicates he has not made very much progress on his book, and at the moment I am not terribly optimistic.

Several good suggestions came up during our discussions at the dinner-meeting in Corvallis, and I hope these will be pursued during the coming months.

Sincerely yours,

Zuni

Israel Zelitch
Chairman, Monograph Committee ASPP

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