

AEIC Board Meeting Minutes
February 9, 2004
Washington, D.C.

The AEIC Board met on February 9 at the Monsanto Offices in Washington, D.C. All the Board members were present for the meeting (M. Lipp – President; R. Giroux – VP; S. Charlton – Past President; D. Layton – Treasurer; P. Hunst – Secretary).

The first item of business was the 2004 Spring Meeting. From the AEIC Fall Meeting 2003 minutes, Eurofins and Horizon Ag. had indicated interest in hosting the meeting in Memphis, TN. Randy G. indicated that he would follow up with both companies. The proposed dates for the meeting were April 1-2 or April 15-16. For the Fall 2004 meeting, Gina Clapper of AOCS had indicated that she was willing to host a meeting in Champaign, IL. Gina will be contacted to determine if this is still feasible, otherwise, Monsanto has offered St. Louis as a location.

The Spring Meeting 2004 agenda was then discussed and a rough outline was made. Topics for the meeting include EU traceability/labeling, AEIC Business Meeting, antibody engineering, biology of grain development, reference genes and proteomics. Randy G. is in charge of the agenda and will contact speakers in each of the subject areas.

Treasurer's update: As of October 9, 2003, AEIC had \$34, 712. The projected expenses are approximately \$17, 673 and revenue from 2003 outstanding membership dues is \$1600. Subtracting and adding these amounts, respectively, would leave an approximate balance of \$18, 639. The invoices for 2004 dues will be sent out soon.

AEIC PowerPoint Presentation: The slide set is still currently with Medallion Labs and is awaiting a technical review/edit. The Board would like to see this project finished soon and has decided to ask Medallion to send the editorial comments and then decide how to finish the project. One suggestion is to modularize it, i.e., break the presentation down into "buckets" of subject matter such as general immunoassay, PCR vs. protein detection, small molecule detection, GMO detection, and methods validation.

Proposed initiatives for 2004: The Board discussed possible initiatives to undertake by AEIC. The Board has decided to present the membership with a proposal for workshop/symposium in the US and Canada to bring relevant parties together (AACC, AOCS, USDA, EPA, CFIA, FDA etc.) to discuss policies for method validation and adventitious presence. Markus will draft a proposal and send it to the Board for review prior to presentation to the membership.

PCR validation paper: The paper was being submitted to the Journal of the AOAC the week of February 9.

Symposium proceedings: If a symposium is held on method validation, AEIC may want to publish the proceedings from such a meeting. This would be a possible work product for 2004.

The Board Meeting adjourned at 5pm EST.