

# **MAGRUDER COMMITTEE MEETING**

Monday, February 16, 2004, Tampa, FL

Ed Huber, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 10:12 a. m. Twenty-one were in attendance, including 9 committee members. Minutes were approved from the August 6, 2003 Denver meeting. Harold Falls moved to accept with a second from Laure Taylor.

Joel Padmore gave the Treasurer's report on the Magruder program. Total assets are \$28,127.31 as of December 31, 2003. Magruder is losing around \$17 to \$20 per year for each lab. Joel made a motion to increase the yearly dues to \$204 from \$150. It had been 5 years since the last increase. Alan Hanks made a second. The motion passed.

The Magruder program is losing international labs. There is not a requirement for any US lab to be a member of the Magruder program. There is a requirement for Canadian Labs to be in the Magruder program if they want to be recognized by the CFQAP, (Canadian Fertilizer Quality Assurance Program). Very few labs are running trace metals maybe as few as 10. It is thought that we may have fewer labs in the Magruder program in the future.

The Certificates of Deposits have just been cashed in and the funds are in a checking account. It was decided that we should not do anything with the funds until we have a new Treasurer.

Dr. Hanks gave the nominating committees report. Greg Haberkost may step down to serve on another committee. Greg will let us know at a later date. Chris Mason was nominated to replace Joel Padmore. Jim Balthrop was nominated to replace George Latimer. Nancy Stouffer will stay on the Committee. All other officers will remain on the committee. Bill Hall made a motion to accept the nominating committee's report with Harold Falls making a second. The motion passed.

Ed Huber indicated he would like to step down as chairman of the Committee and during the remainder of the meeting Alan Hanks sought out and found someone who had excellent credentials and would assume the chair, if asked to do so. Individually all but one committee member attending the Mid-Year AAPFCO Meeting was reached and consulted on this subject before the close of the meeting. All agreed that this would be acceptable.

Samples were reviewed for 2004-2005. The list was finalized and will be sent out in the next few days. We have 3 years worth of data on the Web site. Joel will drop a check sample from the web site as new ones are added.

Uniformity of the check sample was questioned. Material from the 2003-11 sample was sent to NIST to be reground and remixed. This material will be used as a future NIST standard. This added an additional expense.

Harold Falls will receive 10, 2003-11 check sample packets from Bill Hall. Harold will run the trace metals on the samples and report back the results at the August 2004 meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 11:35 a. m.