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# Association News

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## **Providing travel assistance for young WPSA members and students to participate in regional and global WPSA conferences**

The Association has funds set aside for a limited number of travel grants. These are to provide international travel assistance for young WPSA members (both scientists and poultry producers) from developing countries and students from developed countries to

attend and participate in regional and global WPSA conferences.

The application conditions and the application form can be downloaded from the website ([www.wpsa.com](http://www.wpsa.com)).

## **WPSA Travel Grant programme for older scientists (>40 yrs) from developing countries**

For many years, the WPSA Board has supported a travel grant programme for members 40 years of age and younger, to enable them to attend international WPSA-sponsored meetings in other countries. Application for these grants is open to WPSA members from both developing and developed countries. It is recognised that older scientists from developing countries, even those in relatively senior positions, frequently have considerable difficulty in finding funds to attend international meetings. It is even more difficult for scientists in this age group who have only recently obtained a higher degree. Because of the lack of available training opportunities, many scientists in developing countries are near to 40 by the time they obtain a higher degree and be in a position to present their work at international meetings. The value of interaction with other scientists with similar interests and expertise, is well recognised.

It is for these reasons that WPSA has instituted a new travel grant programme to assist older (>40 years) WPSA members from developing countries to attend and present a paper (oral or poster) at international meetings. The programme is designed to

provide some financial assistance, NOT to cover the entire costs of the travel to and attendance at the meeting in question. As a not-for-profit organisation, WPSA has limited funds to allocate towards the programme, which means that the number of grants and the size of the individual grants, will not be great. Successful applicants are encouraged to use the grant as leverage in application for additional funding from the applicant's institution or other bodies. The programme is competitive and applicants are required to provide information about their research, and current status and about their planned contribution to the meeting in question, as described below and on the application form. Successful applicants will be expected to provide on their return, a brief report on the meeting and on the benefits derived by their attendance.

All applications will be assessed by a travel grants assessment committee set up under the WPSA Board. The committee will make its recommendations to the Secretary, who will advise the applicants in due course. The application conditions and the application form can be downloaded from the website ([www.wpsa.com](http://www.wpsa.com)).

## **WPSA Speakers Bureau Fostering local and regional conferences in the poultry sciences**

During the 34th meeting of the Board of WPSA on August 20, 2000 in Montreal, Canada it was recognised that expertise in several areas of poultry science and production in low income countries is often very limited, and WPSA branches in these countries often do not have sufficient financial resources to fund overseas speakers.

To address this problem, the Board created a Speakers' Bureau to assist branches in low income countries to cover the travel costs of expert international speakers. This measure is consistent with the key objective of WPSA to encourage and facilitate liaison among research scientists and educators, and between those in research and education and those working in the many diverse sectors of the poultry industry. Under the Speakers' Bureau scheme, WPSA will pay only the cost of air travel (lowest economy class). All other expenses such as local travel and accommodation are to be paid by the organizing Branch(es). WPSA will not pay any honorarium to speakers.

Given the high cost of international air travel it is important that optimum value be obtained from this expenditure by WPSA. This can be achieved by insisting that the visiting speaker provides more than just one paper at a conference. The visiting speaker could contribute in a variety of ways, e.g., present a second paper on a related topic, conduct a workshop for graduate students, have small group or one-on-one interaction, especially with students, visit industry groups, visit university groups, etc.

Unless the Branch (or group of Branches) can pay all the speakers' costs itself, a speaker should NOT be invited until approval of Speakers' Bureau funds is made by the WPSA Executive Committee. The Branch(es) should not assume that approval will be given until so advised by the WPSA Secretary.

Where a Branch or a group of Branches wish to apply for Speakers Bureau assistance, there are certain conditions which must be met:

### **Application conditions**

Application must be made using the WPSA Speakers' Bureau application form.

Application must be submitted at least 2 months prior to the meeting.

The speaker must contribute more to the meeting and/or branch than just presenting one paper.

Following approval, the speaker or the local Branch will be reimbursed by the WPSA Treasurer after the meeting.

A maximum of 2 speakers will be sponsored from the Speakers' Bureau per meeting.

The Branch(es) must be up-to-date with their membership payment.

Full details and application forms can be obtained from the WPSA secretariat ([wpsa@xs4all.nl](mailto:wpsa@xs4all.nl)) or you can download the application forms from the WPSA website ([www.wpsa.com](http://www.wpsa.com)).

The completed application forms should be sent by e-mail to [wpsa@xs4all.nl](mailto:wpsa@xs4all.nl) or by fax to: +31 207 508 941

## **Foundation for Promoting Poultry Science Stichting Bevordering Pluimveewetenschappen**

The XIX World's Poultry Congress, held in September 1992 in Amsterdam, was financially successful. This outcome was, to a large extent, due to the contributions received from the 16 main sponsors and over 2500 participants. The terms of reference of the Congress Organizing Foundation required that any credit balance that

resulted after all liabilities had been met should be made available to the Dutch Branch of WPSA as initiator of the organization of the Congress. As a result, a Foundation for Promoting Poultry Science (Stichting Bevordering Pluimveewetenschappen) was founded. The general objective of this foundation are "to

promote the developments and propagation of poultry science in WPSA-structures, and specifically:

1. the stimulation of international congresses and the promotion of participation in these events, and
2. the support of initiative having the objective of establishing WPSA-branches in countries which do not yet have them”.

Individuals and organizations may apply for financial support for appropriate WPSA activities such as conferences, congresses and symposia. Applications for financial support of conferences, congresses and symposia should be forwarded through the local WPSA Branch.

The Foundation has a particular interest in assisting in the process of establishing new WPSA branches and therefore supports these branches by covering for three years part of

the membership fees. Individuals and organizations may apply for financial support by contacting Ir H. Hupkes, Odijkerweg 37, NL-3972 NE Driebergen, The Netherlands, e-mail: [h.hupkes@zonnet.nl](mailto:h.hupkes@zonnet.nl). An application form will be send on request.

The Board of directors of the Foundation meets three or four times a year. In case of requests for financial assistance to attend conferences, congresses and symposia, applications should be received by the secretary at least 3 months before the meeting.

Application forms should be filled out completely and can be send through e-mail and fax. An original application form should be send by regular mail.

It is the Boards policy not to fund individual applicants more than 2 times.

## **WPSA Website: [www.wpsa.com](http://www.wpsa.com)**

The WPSA website provides much valuable information about the organisation and activities of the Association, its regional federations and country branches. In addition there are regularly updated news reports from branch meetings, conferences and symposia organised by the specialist Working Groups, as well as a calendar of future events.

In order to keep it regularly updated, the Association welcomes information and pictures from Branches, Regional Federations and Working Groups concerning activities of the various WPSA organisations, as well as news about appointment of officers and members.

Please send your information to Mrs D.M. Kleverwal, e-mail [wpsa@xs4all.nl](mailto:wpsa@xs4all.nl).

## **World's Poultry Science Journal – Digital Archive**

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## **E-mail WPSA Newsletter**

WPSA has introduced a new version of the WPSA Newsletter that will be e-mailed to individual members, on request. To receive

this, please subscribe to the e-mail Newsletter on the website ([www.wpsa.com](http://www.wpsa.com)).

## WPSA Scholarship Awards 2016

The Foundation for Promoting Poultry Science of the Netherlands Branch of the World's Poultry Science Association has announced that the sixth group of awards will be presented at the XXV World's Poultry Congress during September 5-9, 2016 in Beijing, China. The awards will be made in two categories – Education and Research – in conjunction with the mission of the WPSA logo. An internationally representative committee chosen by the Board of the Foundation will decide the recipients. While it is anticipated that one award will be made in each category, this may vary depending on the number and quality of submissions.

### WPSA Research Award

A WPSA Research Award will be presented at the XXV World's Poultry Congress to an outstanding scientist in recognition of research achievement related to the poultry industry. Only those who have been members of the World's Poultry Science Association for at least two years immediately preceding the Congress will be eligible. The award will consist of a certificate or plaque and €11,000 (currently about US\$12,000).

The award will be made to a scientist who has made an outstanding contribution in his or her field and based on up to five publications in refereed journals. The papers need not all relate to the same research project but they must be in the same general area. The scientist must be the senior author in the case of papers with multiple authors.

Nominations for the award may only be made by a WPSA member. Offprints or copies of the papers (up to five) on which it is based should accompany the nomination (other relevant papers may be cited). The nomination document, which should not exceed 1000 words, should include:

- reasons for making the nomination;
- a brief biography of the scientist being nominated;
- plans for the utilization of that part of the award not given directly to the recipient.

These plans must be in sufficient detail to enable the awards Committee to assess the nature and value of the research programme. Examples of eligible costs include the

purchase of leasing of equipment and stipends for graduate students.

### WPSA Education Award

A WPSA Education Award will be presented at the XXV World's Poultry Congress to an individual or group who, in the view of the Awards Committee, have made a major contribution to poultry management education in a five year period immediately preceding the congress. Nominees (or leaders of groups in the case of joint nominations) must have been members of the World's Poultry Science Association for at least two years immediately preceding the Congress at which the award is made. The award will consist of a certificate or plaque and €11,000 (currently about US\$12,000).

Education will be interpreted liberally with achievement being represented by books, other publications, films, videos or the development of training programmes for poultry scientists, managers or workers. Nominations for the award may only be made by a WPSA member and should consist of:

- a description of the work, summarised in not more than 1000 words, which should give details of the educational project (including information on the target group or groups);
- a brief biography of the individual or group (maximum one page of A4)
- an assessment of how much impact has been achieved;
- a clear indication of how the balance of the award would be applied to future educational activities. Examples might include publications, extension of courses, revision of videos etc., or entirely new initiatives.

The nominating document may be supported by additional items in the form of written or other work by the nominee/nominee group, but the nomination itself must be sufficient to stand-alone for evaluation by the Awards committee.

### Nominations

Nominations should be submitted to the WPSA Awards Committee at least six months before the start of the 2016 World's Poultry Congress. The deadline for receipt of submissions will be

March 1st, 2016. Please send nominations to: c/o Dr R.W.A.W. (Roel) Mulder, Secretary WPSA, PO Box 31, 7360 AA Beekbergen, The Netherlands, e-mail: roel.mulder@wpsa.com.

Those nominated must, if successful, undertake to present a report of their work at the next World's Poultry Congress following the one at which the award was made.

## World Poultry Congress 2016 announces its registration fees

The World Poultry Congress in Beijing, China 2016 has announced the following schedule for registration fees:

Category	By March 5th, 2016	March 6th to August 5th, 2016	On-site
WPSA Member	\$500	\$600	\$700
Non-member	\$680	\$800	\$850
Student Member	\$200	\$300	\$400
Student Non-member	\$300	\$400	\$500
Single Day	\$180	\$200	\$250
Accompanying Person	\$180	\$200	\$240

**Youth Programme:** Thirty students will be awarded with full registration to WPC2016, accommodation and one-week visiting in China after congress. Note: Flight tickets are not included.

**Young Scientist Programme:** Twenty young scientists under 35 years old, who are members of WPSA and work in poultry science relevant fields, will be awarded full registration to WPC2016, accommodation, and round trip economy air fare tickets.

**Important Dates:** Open for registration: From September 5th, 2015. Open for paper submission: September 5th, 2015 to February 5th, 2016.

**Official website:** <http://www.wpc2016.cn>

*Dr J. Zheng, Secretary, China Branch, WPSA*

## Successful cooperation between two WPSA branches: Russia and Turkey

The 'Potential for Poultry Production in Developing Countries Congress' was jointly organised by two branches and run in Antalya, Turkey from 15-18 October 2015.

The harmonious cooperation between the WPSA Russian and Turkish branches led to the success of the meeting. The theme of the congress was the untapped potential of poultry production in many developing countries, which is crucial to expanding food production and availability.



The Honorary Past President of the WPSA, Professor Rveyde Akbay attended the XVIII International Scientific Poultry Conference, organised on May 2015 by the Russian Branch of the WPSA in Sergiev Possad near Moscow. In her presentation Prof. Akbay expressed a proposal to gather a scientific meeting in Antalya, Turkey, to give a possibility for poultry scientists from various, mainly developing, countries to get together, share the latest scientific information and discuss actual problems in poultry sector. Prof. Akbay suggested organising this event through the joint effort of the Turkish and Russian Branches of the WPSA. This idea was accepted by the Russian Branch Co-chairs of the organising committee were Professors Rveyde Akbay (Turkey) and Vladimir Fisinin (President of the Russian branch of WPSA). The scientific committee was headed by Professor Servet Yalcin (Ege University, Turkey) and Professor Ivan Egorov (VNITIP, Russia). The members of the organising committee were responsible for the venue of PDC-2015, setting up the programme, inviting of the participants and obtaining sponsors. The scientific committee prepared an interesting and diverse scientific programme, invited key speakers for plenary

and section sessions, collected and selected papers and published the proceedings. The PDC-2015 was deemed a successful and productive scientific forum, attended by 292 participants from 27 countries, representing Asia, Europe, Africa and America. There were 113 scientific works presented, among them 16 from invited speakers, 21 oral presentations and 76 poster presentations. At the opening ceremony on October 15th Professor Rveyde Akbay welcomed the participants and explained the goals of the event- the joint efforts of poultry scientists for better development of poultry production. The President of WPSA Dr. Edir Silva (Brazil) emphasised the role of the WPSA in the progress of poultry science and industry on a global level. Professor Vladimir Fisinin discussed current challenges and goals in poultry science, the history of the Russian branch of the WPSA, its activity and the main areas of research and development. The proceedings of PDC-2015 are available on the web-site [www.pdc2015.com](http://www.pdc2015.com). Prof. Dr. Rveyde Akbay

*Prof. Dr. Vladimir Fisinin*

*Dr. Sergey Cherepanov*

## WG1 Economics & Marketing

On the 15th of October 2015, the UK branch hosted a roundtable meeting of WPSA Working Group Number 1: Economics and Marketing in Cambridge. The meeting was organised by Peter van Horne, of The Netherlands WPSA Branch, and provided a good opportunity for information exchange between countries. The meeting highlighted the importance of understanding the operational basis of the poultry sector and, in particular, regional variations. Knowledge in this area gives a solid foundation for anyone hoping to serve the sector through science or commerce. An example of the material covered in the

meeting was provided in two articles by poultry journalist Jackie Linden, but interested parties will soon have access to the proceedings on the website. The details of the articles are as follows: Recovery from crisis - shared experiences of UK and US egg sectors: <http://www.thepoultrysite.com/poultrynews/36052/recovering-from-crisis-shared-experiences-of-uk-and-us-egg-sectors/>

Contrasting UK and Brazilian Poultry Meat Markets: <http://m.thepoultrysite.com/news/36072>

*Report by Emily Burton, UK*

## Branch News

### Azerbaijan

The Azerbaijani Branch is supported by local authorities, and is proud to announce that it is working toward organising and hosting a WPSA International Conference in the Azerbaijan cities of Baku and Ganja on May 15-17, 2016. The inspiration for such an international conference in the ancient cities of our country is supported by the Ministry of Agriculture of the Republic of Azerbaijan, Azerbaijan State Agricultural University, the Ministry of Culture and Tourism of the Republic of Azerbaijan, as well as by the Azerbaijan Convention Bureau.

The Conference will be entitled 'Innovative Technologies in Poultry Breeding', and will be held in the form of lectures and discussions. Topics will include: innovative developments, and conditions and methods of poultry maintenance in large and small enterprises. During the conference, speakers will introduce state-of-the-art programmes, as well as new technical developments to delegates.

It will be a great honour for us to organise a WPSA International Conference, and we look forward to welcoming all of our Azerbaijan WPSA members, as well as delegates from other countries.

*Mahir Hajiyev, President of Azerbaijan branch WPSA*

### Brazil

With the cooperation with the WPSA-Spanish Branch, the book *Poultry Diseases*, edited by the WPSA-Brazilian Branch and FACTA was translated into Spanish and will be available for members in Spain.

*Irenilza de Alencar Nääs*

### Germany

The German Branch continues to grow and currently has 409 members, of which 39 are students.

The branch's professional excursion for 2015 took 25 participants to Uzbekistan. Besides seeing beautiful landscapes and the interesting cultural treasures of this country, participants

learned out about the capacity and efficiency of the Uzbekistan poultry industry.

The German Branch will hold its next annual meeting from 15-16 of March, 2016 in Köthen (Anhalt) and we are looking forward to an interesting programme. Further information will be available in January on our website [www.wpsa.de](http://www.wpsa.de).

The German Branch will support young scientists with travel grants to participate at WPC2016 in Beijing, PRC.

*Anke Förster, Secretary German Branch*

### Indonesia

On November 18, 2015, The WPSA-Indonesian Branch organised a symposium on 'Use of feed additives for reducing cost of production and feed formulation in poultry.' The symposium was held in the ICT Center, University of Diponegoro, Semarang, Central Java. The Keynote presentation was given by Dr. J.F. Huang from WPSA-Taiwan, and was sponsored by the Speaker's Bureau of WPSA. Other scientific presentations were given by the following speakers: Dr. V. Ravindran, DSM Nutritional Products International Inc. 'Feed Additives: Past, Present, and Future'; Rodel Cueno, M.Sc., Novus International Inc. 'Cutting Cost Through Increasing Protein Digestibility'; Dr. Alex Wu, Adisseo Asia Pacific Pte Ltd. 'Using Liquid Source of Methionine to Reduce Costs of Feed Formulation and Processing'; Dr. Neil Gannon, Biomin Asia Pacific Pte Ltd. 'Strategic Application and Combination of Feed Additives Maximises Feed Efficiency in Poultry' and David Zhu, Ph.D., Trouw Nutrition Asia Pacific Pte Ltd. 'Maximise Anti-Oxidant Status to Manage Oxidative Stress for Poultry'.

The event was sponsored by national feed milling companies, international pharmaceutical and feed additive companies, and was attended by about 100 people consisting of nutritionists and feed formulators, animal scientists, home-mix farmers, feed suppliers, members of WPSA-Indonesia, lecturers and students. The symposium was organised in conjunction with the '5th National Seminar on Local Poultry Developments', by the Faculty of Animal

Husbandry, University of Diponegoro. In this seminar, Dr. J.F. Huang shared information on the development of the local duck industry in Taiwan.

The symposium was followed by the 4th Congress of WPSA-Indonesia, in which new officers were elected to continue the excellent work of the officers from 2003-2015 periods. Dr. J.F. Huang gave some opening remarks for the Congress. During the Congress, Professor Dr. Dwi Sunarti, from University of Diponegoro, was unanimously elected as the new President of WPSA-Indonesia for the next five years. She was given a month to establish her new team.

*Dr. L. Hardi Prasetyo, Secretary, WPSA-Indonesia*

### Japan

The 2015 Autumn Meeting of the Japan Poultry Science Association (JPSA) was held at Rakuno Gakuen University in Hokkaido during 9-10 September. The meeting included a total of 49 paper presentations, an open symposium, as well as council and general meetings. A total of 141 participants attended the meeting.

The open symposium entitled 'Current status and issues on animal welfare for meat-type chicken production' contained four keynote addresses and a panel discussion. Over 80 people attended the symposium. The discussions were lively with an active exchange of opinions about animal welfare issues for broiler chickens.

During the Autumn Business Meeting, the JPSA Award was presented to Dr. Tomohiro Sasanami, Shizuoka University; and, the JPSA Encouragement Prize was presented to Dr. Tatsuhiro Goto, Ibaraki University, for their brilliant research achievements. The research topics of Dr. Sasanami and Dr. Goto were as follows: 'Studies on the molecular mechanism of avian fertilisation,' and the 'Identification of quantitative trait loci for egg-related traits in chickens', respectively.

In addition, Kiichi Minami (Kobe University), Shoko Namekawa (Ibaraki University), Tatsuya Koyama (Tokyo University of Agriculture and Technology), and Mana Kawaguchi (Kagoshima University) received excellent presentation awards in the category of 'students' or 'members aged 30 and below' for the following presentations:

'Exhaustive gene expression profiling analysis on the asymmetric morphogenesis of embryonic chicken gonad'; 'Interaction of STAT3 and STAT5 in the leptin signal transduction'; 'Effects of leucine and isoleucine supplementation on myogenesis in broilers'; and the 'Effects of delayed feed intake on growth performance and intestinal flora in broiler chicks', respectively.

The 2016 Spring Meeting of JPSA will be held on March 30 at the Nippon Veterinary and Life Science University in Musashino, Tokyo.

*Naoki Goto, Secretary of WPSA Japan Branch*

### Sri Lanka

The Annual Convention and Scientific sessions for the Sri Lankan Branch were held on 5 October 2015 in Colombo Sri Lanka. The Netherlands Ambassador in Sri Lanka, Joanne Doornewald, graced this occasion as Chief Guest. The morning session commenced with a seminar on 'Safe poultry products - farm to table'. The key note speaker on this occasion was Dr. Roel Mulder, the General Secretary of WPSA. The guest of honour was Pierre Colin – Emeritus Professor of University of Brent who gave a presentation on the 'European approach to control of *Salmonella spp.* and *Campylobacter spp.* in poultry production.'

Two local scientists gave presentations, including Dr. Ruwani Kalupahana, head of the Department of Veterinary Public Health and Pharmacology, Faculty of Veterinary Medicine and Animal Science, University of Peradeniya, who gave a presentation on '*Salmonella* and *Campylobacter* in poultry products – challenges for Sri Lankan poultry producers'; and, Dr. Tharanga Ranasinghe, Assistant Production Manager, CIC processing plant, on 'Safety and quality of chicken meat: risk management practices from farm to table'.

The afternoon session was devoted to paper presentations by local poultry experts and young scientists. Seven papers were presented during that session.

The Annual General Meeting of the Sri Lankan Branch was held during the evening of the same day, followed by an Awards Presentation Ceremony and a cocktail party. For the awards ceremony, The guest speaker was Mr. S. Thiyagarajah, CEO, NDB Bank, Sri Lanka.

Three individuals were recognised for their service to the poultry industry in Sri Lanka, Dr. D.D. Wanasinghe (in absentia), Dr. Mrs. A.L. Godwin and Mr. Francis Fernandez were honoured on this occasion.

*Dr. M. Somaratne, Secretary, Sri Lanka WPSA Branch*

## USA

The 2016 World's Poultry Congress will be held September 5-9, 2016 in Beijing, China. The USA Branch of the WPSA will award travel grants to attendees meeting the following conditions:

1. The applicant MUST BE A WPSA-USA MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING IN 2015 AND 2016.
2. Applicants must have an oral or poster presentation accepted for the WPC 2016. Abstracts to be submitted via WPC2016 website (<http://www.wpc2016.cn/>) by February 5th, 2016.
3. The application deadlines and submission procedures will be communicated to WPSA-USA members by January 1, 2016. Travel grants will be up to \$1000; the amount awarded to each awardee will depend on the number of requests and their subsequent approval of the WPSA-USA Board.

**WPSA-USA Branch will partner with the 2016 Alabama Poultry Nutrition and Milling Seminar and with the 2016 Mid-Atlantic Nutrition Conference:** During 2016, the USA Branch of the World's Poultry Science Association is pleased and proud to cooperate with: The Alabama Poultry Nutrition and Feed Milling Seminar and The Mid-Atlantic Nutrition Conference. The Branch will promote these events and provide assistance where appropriate; the meetings will be listed on the WPSA calendar. The 2016 Alabama

Poultry Nutrition and Milling Seminar will be held on April 13-14, 2016 at Lake Guntersville State Park Lodge in beautiful North Alabama. The venue for 14th Mid-Atlantic Nutrition Conference (MANC) will take place north of Baltimore at the Hunt Valley Inn on March 23-24, 2016 in picturesque Hunt Valley, Maryland. Dr. Jan Dirk van der Klis will travel from the Netherlands to give the WPSA-USA lecture, 'Net energy system: merits and limits in feeding commercial poultry', on the poultry programme of the MANC. Be sure to reserve these dates on your calendars for what promise to be interesting and productive meetings.

**WPSA Canada and USA Lecture at the 2016 Poultry Science Meeting:** The USA Branch is responsible this year for the selection of a speaker to give the WPSA Lecture at the 2016 Poultry Science Meeting. The meeting will be held at the Hilton New Orleans Riverside Hotel in New Orleans, Louisiana on July 11-14, 2016. If there is a speaker that you would like to hear please get your suggestion(s) to anyone (Bob Buresh, Olivia, Bob/Robert Taylor, Curtis, Chris, or me) on the USA Branch Executive Committee.

**Investment Advisers and Asset Allocation:** The PSA Board has conducted an audit of the investment advice it has been receiving from its current adviser, Morgan Stanley. They have come with up with options which have yet to be finalised. In any event, the Executive Committee of the Branch will review the decisions of the PSA Board and adjust Branch investments as needed. In addition, the Executive Committee has decided to communicate more closely with Morgan Stanley and may consider a shift in the asset allocation of its current investments.

*Ernie Pierson, President, USA Branch*  
*Bob Buresh, Secretary, USA Branch*