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### MINUTES OF APIO TELECONFERENCE SEPTEMBER 15, 2011 3:00 P.M. EST

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- Jay Mar welcomed everyone and the meeting was called to order. Also present at the teleconference were Peter Bautista, Angela Biggs, Rebekah DeWind, Libby Reese, Oliver Miranda, Gary Parks, and Yuri Plowden.
- Reports will be presented by the transition committee and the new officers. All the leaders introduce themselves provide a short bio and then provide highlights of activities and vision for APIO.
- It was suggested that members participating in VTC conduct a dry run to ensure their presentation is compatible and technology will work on the VTC meeting day.
- It was determined that Winnie Chen worked with Award Committee led by Shiraz Vira. Subsequently, it was recommended that the former needs to work on this year's power point presentation for the farmer of the year award.
- Mentoring and Career Development will be discussed at the APIO video teleconference. Individuals interested may participate through the national mentoring site.
- Discussion on Bylaws will be entertained and then followed by vote on approval.
- It was emphasized that the new leadership take initiative and be pro-active with APIO operations.
- Some of the new leaders include Rebekah DeWind-Budget, Ways & Means Committee; Phuong Ly-Membership Committee; and Liz Warner-Communications Committee.
- The new APIO and NRCS Proposal Cooperative Agreement FY 2012 Scope of Work was discussed with explanation of each item contained in the document. There were nine items proposed with a total of \$200K of funds requested. Everyone agreed to have the final document be submitted on Friday, September 16, 2011.