

## **Minutes - NAPB Board Meeting - April 17, 2018**

Participants: Wayne Smith, Dave Bubeck, Todd Campbell, Emily Combs, Donn Cummings, Kari Hugie, Mikey Kantar, Klaus Koehler, Alex Lipka, Jim McPherson, Peggy Ozias-Akins, Sarah Potts, Hannah Senior, Chris Smallwood, Virginia Sykes

Meeting called to order by Wayne Smith

Minutes from Mar 2018 Board Meeting approved as written

### **Committee Reports** (written and comments)

Advocacy: Dawson (report submitted)

Communications: Combs - no report; next newsletter to issue in about 2 mo

Education: Potts - no report; next webinar on 26<sup>th</sup>, series on track with speakers

Membership: Senior - March statistics report-distributed; membership picking up – linked with registration for meeting; liaising with Lee and Guelph team to cross-check registrants and members; will take tough line on membership coincidence with registration category; target of 480 may be achievable; exploring hoot-suite to synchronize or schedule twitter messages

Awards: McFerson – no report

ASTA: Bubeck – update – retitling summer meeting – Policy and Leadership Conf Jun 9-14 in Washington DC. Storm-the-Hill lobbying event at end; action item - NAPB can suggest items through Bubeck; Plant Breeding Innovation working group, effort continues; meeting in CA in May with follow-up at Policy Conf. Smith – will ask Advocacy to develop a couple of talking points and get to Bubeck by end April/early May

GSWG: Huerta – no report

ECWG: Gardunia/Hugie – report distributed; held first panel discussion last week with around 40 live participants; successful first try; posted to YouTube; second scheduled for June 7-8 - theme breeding for Horticulture/minor crops and Women in Ag

Borlaug Scholarship: Cummings – report submitted; today is close of undergrad self-nominations, 7 complete; have some excellent nominees; committee is meeting tomorrow to select 5-6 graduate and undergrad students; 5 mentor applicants but more will be accepted; need to do some fund raising for next year; visited Monsanto recently and reemphasized importance of mentoring program; perhaps advertise program in SeedWorld; van Deynze working with Lee to set up breakfast for 18 – mentors, committee members, awardees

Financial: ACCESS report, Lynne Navis – distributed; Jones – no report

PBCC (Kantar) - please fill out breeding survey

### **Old Business**

Events Calendar: Lipka - is only one with ACSESS privileges to modify (remove events from) calendar; he will remove any outdated events; will post webinar series on Hot Topics

2018 NAPB meeting: Koehler: - preconference workshop – proposal developed; will communicate application on website; change deadline since it has not been distributed yet. Smith – move deadline; Ozias-Akins – update on applications for travel funding from underrepresented groups – 8 received so far so encouraged BOD and committee heads to distribute to any contacts; Combs will remind through social media and email and point to video from past participant on LinkedIn

2019 Meeting update: Ozias-Akins – Contract from Callaway Gardens needs to be signed by April 28 for them to hold space, otherwise they are only obligated to give a 2-d notice. Smith – EC delegates authority for local meeting arrangements to meeting organizers – UGA can sign the contract

### **New Business**

Seed World contract for 2018: Smith – current contract distributed; suggestion from Lee that agreement with Seed World should be handled at EC level rather than annual meeting organizer level. Approximate value provided. Sean Brook of Seed World would prefer annual rather than multiyear agreement. Cummings moved to accept; Koehler seconded; motion passed unanimously; Smith will communicate with Brook and Lee

Senior – still sending cards and leaflets to events – let Senior or Yates know if anyone needs

Meeting adjourned – 1:49 p.m. EDT