

**March 16 2021, 1.00pm EST
NAPB EC Meeting**

Attendees

David Bubeck, Don Jones, Ksenija Gasic, Mark Sorrells, Peggy Ozias-Akins

Minutes from February Meeting

Minutes approved – Moved Mark, seconded Peggy, no objections

Financial Update – Don Jones

\$190-200k in the bank when upcoming payment have been settled. There remain some remaining payments relating to the NIFA grant & Open Water – when these are resolved the final position will be clearer.

Don will do a year-on-year comparison ahead of the next meeting.

Annual Meeting – Mark Sorrells

Seedworld was selected to provide the conferencing platform, which is the biggest expense.

Program

- Field tour videos will be online at and after the meeting. These will be recorded at different seasons prior to the meeting to reflect the optimal time for each crop.
- Schedule for sustainability workshop Monday 5.30-7pm has been lined up with JF Roussouw.
- Almost all speakers confirmed. In another week or two the program can be put online.

Finances

- NIFA proposal revisions will happen in the next month: letter of intent accepted in January but the budget will need a lot of work due to change in meeting format.
- Registration charge has been decided (same as last year) & Tri Societies have developed a registration page. Deadline for early registration 1 July.
- Stephen Kresovich is proactively seeking sponsors. Some push-back from sponsors on account of it being a virtual meeting.

ACTION – Mark to ensure an email goes to the membership as soon as the registration site is live.

Promotion

- There was discussion about how to get word out to potential diversity award recipients to get a sizeable and broad pool of applicants. Cornell's diversity representatives are in communication, and Peggy described that in her experience in

2019 asking faculty contacts in diverse departments (not always NAPB members) to talk to students was highly effective. She has a list, but not up to date.

ACTION – EC to arrange with Seed World some articles promoting the meeting during registration period.

ACTION - Mark to talk to the GSWG about spreading the word regarding NIFA grants.

Mark Sorrells left the meeting.

Annual Meeting Locations 2023 – 2025 – Dave Bubeck

Awaiting final confirmation from Clemson that they will host the 2023 meeting. There is high engagement from the Dean and others, & small organisation committee lined up.

There was a discussion about future events. Corteva in 2024 may not work because it is a return to Iowa after 2022. Other options were discussed including Bayer (St Louis, commercial host), Oregon State (return to West Coast) and Michigan State.

If the 2024 host can be lined up before the annual Meeting we could ask audience for preferences regarding dates.

ACTION - Mark to incorporate a look forward to 2022 meeting in Iowa State into the 2021 Meeting agenda.

ACTION – Thomas Lubberstedt to prepare information to share about 2022 Meeting.

Website & Editor Update – Ksenija Gasic and Dave Bubeck

Website:

- Ksenija has received some ideas on website re-design from Sarah Potts.
- She also described collating suggestions from the Education Committee and student-oriented committees. There was discussion about also seeking wider input eg from committee chairs and EC; also helps with communication. Suggestions will be combined and shared with Dorrie.
- This update can be done for free! The work aligns with a the objectives of their fund dedicated to agricultural improvement, plant breeding etc. They have the knowledge and the people to do this.

Web Editor

- Sarah Potts is committed to her Borlaug Scholar work. She is not keen to re-assign her efforts to being the Web Editor.
- Other ideas were touched on – could an email be sent to the membership to invite applicants? Worked well for finding a new participant for the Advocacy Committee.

Secretary Nomination – Dave Bubeck

It is intended that a shortlist of potential candidates will be developed within the EC and a shortlist sent to the membership for a vote. Potential candidates include:

- Bill Tracy – Uni Wisconsin, sweetcorn breeder
- Rob Duncan – University of Manitoba, Canola. Education committee former chair. Wondered if he was too early in career to be considered, has been active NAPB member. May consider it for another year.
- JD Roussouw – Bayer. Increasingly active in NABP, currently chairing industry committee. Has moved over to veg from field crops – diversity of experience.
- Brian Gardunia – Bayer - now leading cotton breeding group at Bayer? Active in lots of areas of NAPB.
- Allen Van Deynze – UC Davis. Has been very active in a variety of roles. Does he have enough band width?

Aim to run our own ballot to get to a top 2.

ACTION – Dave & EC develop long list & narrow down to two by before / at the May EC meeting ensuring candidates consenting to be considered. Get the ballot out in June.

NAPB By-laws – Dave Bubeck

ACTION - Ksenija and Dave will prepare an edited version for end of March & circulate to EC thereafter for approval.

Meeting closed 14.03