Early Career Working Group

National Association of Plant Breeders

Committee Report

**March 14, 2019**

The Early Career Working Group has the following items to report:

1. **Planning progress for our 2019 webinars**

The theme of these webinars is “From there to here, the twists and turns of a plant breeding career”

* 7 confirmed participants from academia, government, extension, and the private sector will be interviewed in 3 webinars
* The following webinar dates have been scheduled and confirmed:
  + Wednesday, April 10 11am-12pm CST
  + Tuesday April 23 1-2pm CST
  + Tuesday April 30 1-2pm CST
* A flyer announcing these webinars was emailed to Virginia Sykes on March 12th to be included in the next NAPB informational email

Pending matters:

* Communicating with the Education Committee about use of the Zoom account for hosting the webinars.
* Curating questions for the webinar
  + Will be done within the ECWG, the GSWG will be invited to submit questions
* Webinar practice sessions.
  + Each webinar host will have a practice session 1-3 weeks before the webinar to ensure everything works.
* Emailing webinar links to the wider NAPB once they have been established

1. **Hosted a February “Virtual Coffee” hour social event**
   1. Friday, February 22
   2. Online video call meant to be a casual social event to get to know each other better