

**20 July 2021, 1.00pm EST
NAPB EC Meeting**

Attendees

David Bubeck
Hannah Senior
Don Jones
Benjamin Trampe

Ksenija Gasic
Peggy Ozias Akins

New NAPB Website

- Ksenija talking to Dorie Main – seem to be making good progress, hoping to have a new outline to discuss at annual meeting. The work will be done for free. Not yet decided where it will be hosted.
- Seems to be a problem with the NAPB website at the moment – the menus seem to be missing?
- Acknowledged that we need to replace Ben as our web manager – just don't have a solution at present.

ACTION – Dave to raise website issue with ACSESS

Minutes from June Meeting – Hannah Senior

- Amendments received from Peggy
- Peggy – moved to approve, Ksenija seconded. Minutes approved

Financial Update – Don Jones

- Current Net Assets stands at \$>300,000, \$!00,000 up on last year. Donations are about the same as last year, balance sheet healthier.
- There was a discussion about the NIFA grant – it was not clear whether the decision has been made and therefore what the impact of this on the overall financial position will be. Costs for the meeting are covered by donations.

2021 Annual Meeting – David Bubeck

- Lots of questions coming from SeedWorld –Mark is in the middle of harvesting season, Dave has stepped in.
- Deadline extended for the poster session to 30th July – absolute latest date. Fewer posters than previous years - Low 50s vs >100 in Georgia & Lincoln.
- Fewer registrations than last year but with sponsorship we're confident of covering costs.
- Promotional activity has been less / later than previous years – Seed World a bit in the promotional activity which hasn't helped.
- It was agreed that the President should be on the Annual Meeting Planning Committee from the start along with the immediate Past President to ensure continuity from one year to the next. The meeting SOP document – needs to be updated and passed on from one meeting organiser to the next.

ACTION – Dave to follow up with Seed World re promotional activity for the annual meeting and to try to have a late push of emails to NAPB members to drive final registrations.

ACTION – Ksenija and Dave to sit on the Iowa State 2022 Meeting planning committee.

Awards – Dave Bubeck

- Nominations were more limited than in previous years. Updating the nominations information on the website was discussed and whether the membership was emailed about dates for nominations – it was agreed that logistics and communications had some shortfalls. Nonetheless, nominations were received
- It was noted that Jim sought some more Committee members earlier in the year – it is not clear whether a shortage of volunteers was a contributing factor.

Friends of Plant Breeding

- Andy LaVigne was the only formal nomination. There was a unanimous vote in favour.
- It was agreed that this should remain an award made at the EC's discretion without seeking nominations on an annual basis.

Incoming NAPB Secretary – David Bubeck

- Incoming secretary will be Thomas Lubberstedt, who gained more votes
- 138 people voted in total between the two candidates.
- It was agreed that JD Rossouw would make an excellent President and should be encouraged to stand again.

ACTION – Dave will call both Thomas and JD to let them know the outcome.

Borlaug Scholars – Don Jones

- The new cohort is on board, high energy. The 2021 cohort has more Scholars born outside the US than in previous years, but with a more even split between male and female than last year (which was more female than male)
- Allan Van Deynze will be new chair from December.

Ben left the meeting at 13.00

Any Other Business

- The By Laws do need updating, but this hasn't been achieved so far - Dave offered to take this on as a Past President.
- Agenda for the Annual Meeting's Business Meeting is to be agreed by email. Not all committees meet at this time (eg Borlaug Scholars are on a different cycle)
- Annual reports from Committee Chairs are sought – they need to be completed with some urgency.
- This was Peggy's last EC meeting. Dave thanked her on behalf of all the EC for her tireless work. Dave also thanked the EC for its work during the preceding year.

Meeting closed at 1.11pm