

Minutes of NAPB EC meeting, Sept. 20, 2021

1:00 – 2:00pm EST

Participants:

Ksenija Gasic, Hannah Senior, Dave Bubeck, Don Jones, Thomas Lübberstedt

Recording of meeting is available: https://clemsun.zoom.us/rec/share/KP3vP5BgHH8AwIS-ID9vaABogWbGRzzYzJ68KSQZCd2O-wRyCvaALSUMAH-S3gwf.jLQXKJbtBE_B3lid

Agenda

Standing items

- 1) Approve minutes from August General Business meeting
- 2) Financials

Old Business

- 3) 2021 annual meeting - reflections on the meeting
- 4) Review of 2021 Annual Committee reports and Strategic plan report
- 5) White paper for USDA

New Business

- 6) NAPB website update
- 7) NAPB & SIPA Trade Membership Proposal
- 8) ASTA meeting in Chicago
- 9) NAPB Promotional Videos
- 10) Review 2021-22 EC and Committee Chair meeting schedule; Brainstorm briefly about topics for us to address in 2021-22

Minutes:

Standing items:

- 1) Minutes from General Business meeting were approved (1 minor change), final version circulated by Hannah
- 2) Don, Finances: no news since annual meeting in August; Meeting expenses / budgeting still needs to be finalized. Budget was in good shape in August, no major changes expected. Funding from USDA NIFA is still pending.

Old Business:

- 3) 2021 NAPB meeting - Ksenija shared the survey outcomes (78 participants). EC members felt, that the meeting was well organized, interesting sessions, technically well handled by Seed World team overall.

Some EC comments:

- a training session would have been helpful on navigation of the conference web-site;
- within the scientific sessions, it would have been good to have some moderation between talks (which were sequenced with no transition), perhaps introduction of speakers;
- there was a glitch for the PBCC meeting, with two Zoom rooms offered initially – needed some shepherding to get all participants into a single Zoom room;
- there were some issues with the education committee session.

Main survey outcomes:

- Overall positive feedback
- There was some difficulty in finding the tours of breeding program (assigned to first day of the meeting - Sunday), which did get little attendance
- There was a strong preference for in person meetings in future / 2022
- There was limited interest in online participation, if a meeting is offered in person
- Also hybrid format was not of major interest.

Action item: Ksenija needs to prepare a meeting survey recap for the EC+ meeting.

- 4) Reports, Dave: Strategic plan and bylaws need editing, Dave will be point person.

Action item: Dave will initiate work on 2021-2022 review of strategic plan and bylaws.

- 5) USDA white paper: Mark Sorrels and Ksenija led white paper development with input from NAPB and PBCC. White paper was requested in response to the NAPB meeting support by USDA, format was not spelled out. White paper combines concisely written priorities of NAPB and PBCC. Final version of the white paper was submitted by Mark Sorrels to Ed Kaleikau / USDA.

New Business

- 6) NAPB website update, Ksenija: Mock-up site from Dorrie Main (WSU) not yet available, likely at next meeting.

Action item: Ksenija with WSU team – complete Mock-up for upcoming EC+ meeting.

- 7) NAPB & SIPA Trade Membership Proposal, Dave: SIPA = Seed Innovation and Protection Alliance (<https://www.seedipalliance.com/about-us/who-we-are/>). Dave/NAPB was contacted by Eloy Oliveira / SIPA regarding a possible institutional membership. Dave mentioned, that NAPB thus far has only memberships for individuals, not organizations. However, Dave mentioned that Corteva has an institutional membership for ASTA – which allows free participation of Corteva employees in ASTA meetings. While Dave suggested to discuss pros and cons of institutional memberships for NAPB, the decision was to develop a MoU between NAPB and SIPA to formalize the partnership. Similarly, the mode of interaction with the new phenotyping organization NAPPN (<https://www.plantphenotyping.org/>) was discussed, trying to support each other, e.g. with meeting announcements.

Action item: Dave, Ksenija: contact SIPA to suggest MOU development

- 8) ASTA meeting in Chicago: NAPB will have a booth at the ASTA meeting in Chicago, Dec. 2021. It was discussed, what should be available at the booth. Suggestions included a monitor (endless loop video), so that NAPB promotional videos can be shown (involve Kevin Falk); NAPB flyer as hard copy (older versions are available, may need updating); Flyer for the 2022 meeting at ISU (to be provided by Thomas); perhaps posters (such as PBCC infographics); QR codes for relevant materials. Dave and Ksenija will be at the booth.

- 9) NAPB Promotional Videos: Dave suggested to involve Kevin Falk in this, with input from NAPB members.

- 10) Review 2021-22 EC and Committee Chair meeting schedule; Brainstorm briefly about topics for us to address in 2021-22: The suggested monthly meeting schedule will be followed with alternating EC and EC+ meetings. Ksenija mentioned, that the NAPB @ Clemson meeting in 2023 will be held around July 19 (Hyatt). Ksenija will address vision / brainstorm topics for upcoming year at next meetings.

Action item: Ksenija will send Outlook invitations for meetings in upcoming year.

Meeting adjourned: 2:10pm