

## Minutes of NAPB EC plus meeting, Oct. 19, 2021

1:00 – 2:15 pm EST

### Participants:

Ksenija Gasic, Hannah Senior, Dave Bubeck, Don Jones, Thomas Lübberstedt (TL), Allen van Deynze, Robin Waldo Goose, Jim McFerson, Rick Harrison, Alison Thompson, Amanda Hulse-Kamp, Donn Cummings, Wayne Smith, Amritpal Singh, Lance Merrick, Chandler Levinson, Sarah Turner-Hissong

### Recording of meeting is available:

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### Standing items

- 1) Approve minutes from September 2021 NAPB EC meeting
- 2) Financials

### Standing Committee Reports (written and comments)

- 3) Borlaug scholar
- 4) Advocacy
- 5) Awards
- 6) Commercial Plant Breeding
- 7) Communications
- 8) Education
- 9) Membership

### Other committees/groups

- 10) PBCC
- 11) Graduate Student Working Group
- 12) Early Career Working Group

### Old Business

- 13) 2021 meeting survey

### New Business

- 14) Diversity award name and diversity and inclusion working group
- 15) New NAPB website
- 16) ASTA Seed Expo booth
- 17) Other topics; future meeting topics

## Minutes:

### Standing items:

- 1) Thomas Lübberstedt, Minutes: Minutes from NAPB EC September '21 meeting were approved.
- 2) Don Jones, Finances: Overall NAPB Budget is in good shape, balance increased 9/30/2021 ca. 90k over 9/30/2020. Numbers were provided by ACSESS. Numbers from the 2021 NAPB meeting are still being finalized.

### Standing Committee Reports (written and comments)

- 3) Allen Van Deynze, Borlaug Scholars: New Borlaug Scholars committee member: Hellman [TL: didn't get first name, affiliation]; New fundraising round will commence soon; Donn Cummings will be at the NAPB booth during the ASTA conference, promoting Borlaug scholars; Chandler Levinson is leading an online program facilitating meet & greet of Borlaug scholars and mentors. Corteva invited Borlaug and Diversity scholar for an online session with Corteva, November 29, 9-11 am.
- 4) Robin Waldo Goose, Advocacy: USDA Climate action plan for climate adaptation (<https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/national/climatechange/adaptation/>) includes plant breeding with regard to cover crops, adaptation, and genetic testing; A Congressional visit to DC is coming up, organized by ASA (<https://www.agronomy.org/science-policy/get-involved/congressional-visits/>). Should be announced in NAPB newsletter, Borlaug fellows would be good candidates. NAPB funds 2 trips.
- 5) Jim McFerson, Awards: Better job needed to promote awardees (they were included in the fall quarterly NAPB newsletter); Ksenija mentioned, that the new NAPB web-site will be used to highlight awardees; Recommendations for award committee members needed; ASTA will highlight Andy LaVigne at the December meeting in Chicago; Plaque delivery was affected by supply chain delays.
- 6) Rick Harrison, Commercial Plant Breeding: Currently working on topic identification, matching with ISU meeting theme (Past, present, and future of plant breeding); Connecting with other committees and working groups within NAPB to foster interactions; Connecting with members that are active in >1 committee/working group.
- 7) Alison Thompson, Communications: Next newsletter coming up (targeted release date: October 29; deadline for submission of content Oct. 22); Request for content; There has been no committee meeting yet; Search for secretary; Policy for listserv (for paid members only, updated twice per month) needed to avoid NAPB unrelated messaging - Ksenija: require approval by NAPB president/EC; Need to figure out, who does NAPB messaging in social media – those for Twitter, LinkedIn, Youtube identified, but not for Facebook and Instagram; How to “perk up” newsletter: Wayne asked for “PBCC corner”, Donn for “membership corner”, could be extended to other partner organizations; Suggestion to fix dates of NAPB newsletter publication to stimulate submission of content (deadlines help), currently 3 newsletters / year; Ksenija requested to participate in next communication committee meeting.
- 8) Amanda Hulse-Kamp, Education: Fall webinar series is ongoing, next one on simulation; Potentially there will be a spring webinar series (CIPA); Former chair (Neha Kothari) joined the NAPB @ ISU 2022 conference planning meetings; Space requested on new NAPB web-site, eg, to announce poster winners; Need for an update of mission statement was discussed, including public education, and need to educate general public (Dave); discussion on how to find more volunteers in NAPB committees and working groups; Donn suggested to not only add officers on NAPB web-site, but to also list members of committees; Need to be more explicit, when

committee meetings are happening, not obvious; perhaps announce on web-site to increase participation;

- 9) Amritpal Singh, Membership: New officers of this committee are Amritpal Singh (VC), Luis Mass (S), New member is Katy Rainey; Request of membership corner in NAPB newsletters (updates, membership numbers); Membership recruitment challenging: stated goal in 2018 was 650 members, currently there are 485 members; Create incentives for recruiters, send renewal reminders; Dave: main challenge is to retain students when they become professionals – thus focus on early career members.

#### Other committees/groups

- 10) Wayne Smith, PBCC: Discussed success stories, and getting them to decision makers; Need for professional writer to get successes published; conducted survey (U.S. PLBR programs), where PhD students go upon graduation for 2015-2020 period: 48% took positions in the public sector (incl. post docs), 42% in the private sector, 10% had no position upon graduation.
- 11) Lance Merrick, Graduate Student Working Group: all positions in the committee were renewed; a global webinar will be organized in November with APBA; GSWG will organize “town hall meetings”, open to anyone in NAPB, not only GSWG members; Request for permission by NAPB, to hold a social meeting of NAPB GSWG at ASA-CSSA meeting – Ksenija was supportive and suggested to promote it.
- 12) Sarah Turner-Hissong, Early Career Working Group: Current committee Sarah Turner-Hissong (C), Chandler Levinson (VC), Nikayla Strauss (S); Will continue webinar series, focusing on public-private partnership; Will arrange informal coffee chats, to be posted in NAPB newsletter; Will organize a mentoring circle.

#### Old Business

- 13) Ksenija Gasic, 2021 meeting survey: Will prepare a written report regarding the 2021 NAPB meeting; The next NAPB meeting at ISU, August 8-11, 2022 will be in person (strong preference in survey); Elements from online meetings will be retained, such as online poster availability, and 2 min poster presentations.

#### New Business

- 14) Ksenija Gasic, Diversity award name and diversity and inclusion working group: A suggestion for naming the diversity award has been made (G.W. Carver Award), pending availability of any legal restrictions (currently investigated by Jamie O'Rourke, USDA-ARS in Ames with ISU), alternative suggestions will be requested via the NAPB newsletter.  
Chandler Levinson, Lance Merrick: Formation of a diversity and inclusion working group has been suggested; Donn: should it be formed from two existing working groups (GSWG, ECWG) ?; Ksenija: diversity topic should be covered throughout the year, not only at the annual meeting; Topic will be added to NAPB EC meeting list.
- 15) Ksenija Gasic, New NAPB website: There were some delays, but a mock-up version is planned to be available from Oct. 22 on; Web-site will be implemented on WSU server on Oct. 29; Web-site should go public by end of November 2021.
- 16) Donn Cummings, ASTA Seed Expo booth: Donn and Ksenija will have a NAPB booth at the ASTA meeting in Chicago (December '21); Rental of monitor turned out to be very expensive, EC needs to do final decision on whether to rent a monitor; Instead, flyers and other materials will be presented, including a flyer for the 2022 NAPB meeting in Ames (provided by Thomas).
- 17) Ksenija Gasic et al., Other topics; future meeting topics: It was decided to have the next NAPB EC+ meeting one week earlier than planned: Dec. 14 instead of Dec. 21 (same time).

Meeting adjourned: 2:10pm