

Minutes of NAPB EC meeting, Nov. 16, 2021

1:00 – 2:00pm EST

Participants:

Ksenija Gasic, Hannah Senior, Dave Bubeck, Donn Cummings, Thomas Lübberstedt

Recording of meeting is available:

Agenda

Standing items

- 1) Approve minutes from October EC+ meeting
- 2) Financials

Old Business

- 3) Membership renewal and rates
- 4) NAPB membership in various groups / foundations

New Business

- 5) FFAR
- 6) Diversity award name
- 7) Diversity and inclusion WG
- 8) Post Doc award
- 9) ASTA meeting in Chicago
- 10) NAPB web-site update
- 11) NAPB promotional videos

Minutes:

Standing items:

- 1) Minutes (Thomas) from EC+ meeting in October '21 were approved
- 2) Finances: different options to invest NAPB funds were discussed. A final decision is pending until Don returns. The consensus was to invest 50k.

Action item: Dave writes note about investment options prior to the Dec. 2 meeting with ACSESS (where it was decided to move forward with investing 50k).

Old Business:

- 3) Membership: Ksenija mentioned the need for an automatic reminder to pay membership fees. A reduced fee for early career scientists was mentioned as possibility to attract more respective members. Hannah pointed out that a decision has been made earlier to not reduce rates for early career scientists, to keep management of fees simple.

Action item: initiate automatic membership reminders (Ksenija ?)

- 4) Membership of NAPB, Dave: NAPB is member or client of a limited number of organizations (NCFAR, CSSP, Insurance). It was asked, who is keeping track of NAPB payments to these entities: NAPB treasurer. For insurance, comparative pricing should be checked every other year.

Action item: Don (treasurer): check insurance pricing (get different offers) biannually.

New Business

- 5) FFAR: Dave presented FFAR (<https://foundationfar.org/>) to the group, and mentioned that the interests of FFAR and NAPB are well aligned. He suggested an introductory webinar by FFAR.

Action item: Dave: organize introductory webinar by FFAR to NAPB EC group.

- 6) Diversity award name, Ksenija: the new name for the diversity award, NAPB George Washington Carver (GWC) scholar award, was approved by the NAPB EC.

Action item: Ksenija will inform NAPB about this newly named award.

- 7) Diversity and Inclusion working group, Ksenija (, Lance Merrick): Establishment of this new Diversity and Inclusion working group (DIWG) was approved by the NAPB EC. The DIWG will be responsible for the new NAPB GWC scholar awards, in collaboration with other NAPB WGs. Funding is expected to be provided by annual NAPB meeting organizers (ISU next), and to be built into the budget of the respective USDA NIFA conference proposals. It is planned to have a diversity and inclusion event at the 2022 NAPB meeting.

Action item: Ksenija: connects with DIWG to communicate approval and upcoming tasks.

- 8) Post Doc award: A post doc poster award (\$250 / award) was suggested and approved by the NAPB EC to help keeping early career scientists engaged in NAPB.

Action item: Ksenija will inform education committee about this new award, to be implemented at 2022 NAPB meeting.

- 9) ASTA meeting in Chicago: NAPB will have a booth at the ASTA meeting in Chicago, Dec. 2021. Donn, Ksenija, and Dave will be at the NAPB booth. Ksenija will give a presentation, and present

the 2021 NAPB Friends of Plant Breeding Award to Andy LaVigne. Flyers for the 2022 NAPB meeting are available at the booth.

Action item: -

10) NAPB web-site update: Ksenija: few delays, but coming soon.

Action item: Ksenija waits for next steps/update by Dorrie Main (WSU)

11) NAPB Promotional Videos: Dave: Kevin Falk agreed to lead this effort, needs input from NAPB members.

Action item: Any suggestions on “which story to tell” to Kevin are welcome.

Meeting adjourned: 2:00 pm