

## Minutes of NAPB EC plus meeting, Dec. 14, 2021

1:00 – 2:15 pm EST

### Participants:

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

### Recording of meeting is available:

<https://clmson.zoom.us/rec/share/-6ThbOoMCcT3Uo4QIEATGk367J9BUcncmukdEALYjlue96ZFROyNPBv49pWOiRTT.4E-LnQ196ncxBGnr>

### Standing items

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

### Standing Committee Reports (written and comments)

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

### Other committees/groups

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

### Old Business

- 13) Web-editor

### New Business

- 14) Diversity and inclusion working group
- 15) ASTA Seed Expo
- 16) New NAPB website
- 17) Other topics ? Future meeting topics ?

### **Minutes:**

#### Standing items:

- 1) Thomas Lübberstedt, Minutes: Minutes from NAPB EC November '21 meeting were approved.
- 2) Ksenija Gasic for Don Jones, Finances: Overall NAPB Budget is in good shape, balance increased by ca. 50k from 2020 to 2021. There will be additional 31k from the NAPB meeting at Cornell. 50k have been sent for investment.

### Standing Committee Reports (written and comments)

- 3) Robin Waldo Goose, Advocacy (AdC): Report from AC was in latest NAPB newsletter. Congressional visit will be virtual. NAPB funds 2 trips; could be more in future. While those are ASA supported, it should be made clear to go through and represent NAPB. Robin gave talk at ASA: Staying relevant after retirement
- 4) Jim McFerson, Awards: Awards have been sent to awardees; Survey developed: what excites awardees ?; Jim is in touch with Jode Edwards regarding the awardee session at the 2022 NAPB meeting at ISU; Allen has 5 min speech at ASTA Expo in San Diego
- 5) Allen Van Deynze, Borlaug Scholars (BSC): Refining applications for undergraduate and graduate students; goal: more undergraduate student applications; New form to nominate undergraduates for advisors; Two new members joined the BSC; Beginning of fundraising
- 6) Rick Harrison, Commercial Plant Breeding: Monthly meetings; Connecting with other committees and working groups within NAPB to foster interactions; Donn requested to post internship opportunities on new NAPB web-site; Hannah asked, who is allowed to post internships – should be possible and of interest to post international internships; Outreach session on interviewing and soft skills organized by Klaus Koehler with TAMU (October) and ISU students (November) was well received; offered to other universities
- 7) Alison Thompson, Communications: Nov. 1: newsletter came out in new format, was well received; Next one will be Feb. 1, 2022, deadline Jan. 30; Request for ASTA writeup and fotos for Feb. 1 newsletter; Looking for new secretary; Donn: members of committees should be added to new NAPB web-site
- 8) Amanda Hulse-Kamp, Education (EduC): DeltaGen seminar series finished; Will be posted on Youtube; EduC works with NAPB 2022 organizing committee to get posters on conference web-site; Kevin Falk is tasked to prepare a video; Post Doc awards (posters ?) are discussed, need clarification at next EduC meeting; Spring '22 webinar series is planned with focus on IP, among others
- 9) Amritpal Singh, Membership: No report; Donn: add membership corner to newsletter

### Other committees/groups

- 10) Lance Merrick, Graduate Student Working Group: Global webinar with African Plant Breeder Association (APBA) organized, 200 participants; more seminars coming up (monthly); Holiday social event (NAPB only); Various events planned for spring '22; Allen suggested in-person NAPB student member meetings at upcoming conferences (PAG, ASTA vegetables)
- 11) Sarah Turner-Hissong, Early Career Working Group: First coffee hour talk done; three webinars planned for spring '22, around public – private partnerships; end of January meeting across mentoring groups planned; regarding drop-off of early career plant breeder NAPB memberships: membership reminders should be more convenient; there could be issues with listserv (contains current NAPB members), mails ending up in junk folders; better highlight EC researchers in NAPB newsletter
- 12) Wayne Smith, PBCC: Survey finished (U.S. PLBR programs), where PhD students go upon graduation for 2015-2020 period: surprisingly large number of public plant breeders (includes post docs). 48% took positions in the public sector, 42% in the private sector, 10% had no position upon graduation; Past PBCC will be put in charge to collect and distribute success stories

## Old Business

- 13) Ksenija Gasic, web-editor: Dhyaneswaran Palanichamy (Dhyan) from Ingredion is interested to be NAPB web\_editor; position would be longer term (like treasurer)

## New Business

- 14) Lance Merrick, Diversity and inclusion working group: First meeting will be Jan. 22, 2022, after which leadership positions will be filled;
- 15) Ksenija Gasic, ASTA Seed Expo booth: Donn and Ksenija attended the NAPB booth at the ASTA meeting in Chicago (December '21) – Donn got it to a prominent place at the exhibition; At that event Inari was agreeing to sponsor the Borlaug breakfast; A new member from Finland was recruited; More to come in the NAPB newsletter
- 16) Ksenija Gasic, New NAPB website: Final timeline (Dorrie Maine): full mock-up version available Dec. 20 for feedback by Jan. 8, '22; Jan. 22 web-site ready and functional, Jan. 28, 2022 accessible to the public
- 17) Other topics; future meeting topics: Ksenija and others were contacted by Giacomo Bastianelli, who created an App “Plant Breeding Network”, on whether NAPB wanted to join forces. It appeared somewhat like a “phishing expedition”, but seems to be a top down approach to establish a network of plant breeders, possibly to earn money with fees for information. While not connecting with PLBR Network, they do have some functionalities on their web-site, which may be of interest for NAPB – such as adding key words to members, so that it is possible to find possible collaborators, etc.

Meeting adjourned: 2:10pm