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**2018-2019 NAPB Education Committee Year End Summary**

**Accomplishments:**

-held monthly calls to discuss committee business. Average attendance ~5 members.

-established NAPB Zoom account for hosting monthly calls and webinars. The webinar platform was used by both our committee and the Early Career Working Group.

-hosted two [educational webinars](https://www.plantbreeding.org/content/webinar-series) on bioinformatics and statistics, featuring Dr. Amanda Hulse-Kemp and Dr. Alex Lipka, respectively. Average live attendance was 39 viewers.

-posted webinars to [Plant Breeding & Genomics channel](https://www.youtube.com/user/plantbreedgenomics/videos) on YouTube, with an average of 87 views per video at present.

-drafted updated [SOP document](NAPB%20Education%20Committee%20SOP%2C%205-29-19.docx) to serve as framework of committee activities.

-coordinated with [ASTA](https://www.betterseed.org/) to show [2018 video contest winners](https://www.betterseed.org/events/justgrowit/) at the 2019 NAPB meeting in Georgia. NAPB is a co-sponsor for this video contest.

-coordinated with [SeedWorld](https://seedworld.com/) to record interviews of the 2019 Borlaug Scholars and mentors, along with key NAPB leadership.

-selected 4 student speakers for the 2019 annual meeting in Georgia based on abstract quality and relevance to sessions

-organizing poster judging for student competition at annual meeting in Georgia. Presently we have ~105 judges to review ~93 posters, which will allow us to achieve 3-fold coverage for each poster, with each judge reviewing 2-3 posters. Upon completion, we will review highest scoring posters and select winners.

**Activities for next year:**

-follow SOP and carry out additional activities based on interest/achievability.

**Leadership:**

-outgoing chair, Chris Smallwood; incoming chair, Rob Duncan; incoming vice-chair, Neha Kothari; incoming secretary, TBD.