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2019-2020 NAPB Education Committee Year End Summary

Accomplishments:

- Held monthly zoom calls to discuss committee business. Average attendance ~5 members.
- Hosted 5 [educational webinars](#) on plant breeding software, statistical analysis, UPOV and the implications of gene editing policy. We also worked with the graduate student working group to co-host 4 webinars. Average live attendance was ~30 - 50 viewers with a maximum of 89 viewers.
- The webinars have been posted to the [NAPB channel](#) on YouTube. Viewership ranges from 55 viewers to 1064.
- In the fall, the committee began preparing for an online evaluation tool for the annual meeting poster competition. This will be utilized at the 2020 NAPB annual meeting.
- We have also implemented a new evaluation method for the poster competition to normalize and improve the statistical analyses of the poster competition. This judging and rating system will be utilized at the 2020 NAPB annual meeting.
- The Education Committee also selected 3 student speakers and 1 early career speaker for the 2020 annual meeting based on abstract quality and relevance to sessions
- Recently we have organized the judges for the poster competition. Presently we have 25 judges to review ~82 posters. We are in the process of collecting all posters so that they can be viewed during the meeting and each poster presenter will also have the opportunity to virtually present their poster and answer questions from the attendees.

Activities for next year:

- Continue monthly Education Committee Meetings
- Continue monthly education webinars
- Plan and manage the 2021 poster competition.

Leadership:

- outgoing chair, Robert Duncan; incoming chair, Neha Kothari; incoming vice-chair, Amanda Hulse-Kemp; incoming secretary, TBD.