



Improving Plants to Improve Lives
National Association of Plant Breeders
2022-23 Annual Report
Advocacy Committee

This year's committee:

Officers	Other members
Past Chair: Robin Goose (University of Wyoming) Chair: Brigid Meints (Oregon State University) Vice Chair: Yvonne Thompson (The Land Institute) Secretary: Dave Bubeck (Corteva)	Bill Tracy (UW-Madison), Julie Dawson (UW-Madison), Peggy Ozias-Akins (UGA), Jim Parks (Corteva), Jim McFerson (WSU), David Baltensperger (Texas A&M), Allen Van Deynze (UC Davis), Ksenija Gasic (Clemson), Chase Krug (UMN)

Major Goals for the Year 2022-23

- Farm Bill 2023 Initiatives
 - Increase AFRI Funding to \$500 million per fiscal year.
 - Increase NIFA Funding
 - Increase plant breeding funding for adjacent agencies such as National Science Foundation, Department of Defense, Department of Energy, National Institutes of Health, etc...
- Survey members to create comprehensive policy platform.
- Select students to attend the 2023 Congressional Visit Days.

Major Highlights / Accomplishments for the Year 2022-23

- Got NAPB signed onto a number of important letters to congress supporting research asks in the Farm Bill, funding for SARE, the Seeds & Breeds Act, support for organic agriculture research funding, extramural agriculture research facilities, and others.
- Received a dozen student applications to attend the CVD, selected and sent two students.
- Submitted a letter with our asks for the 2023 Farm Bill to the Senate Ag Committee.

Lessons learnt

- Better attendance at meetings occurs if a regularly scheduled monthly time is selected and placed on the calendar at the beginning of a committee year.



Loose ends &/or Goals for Next Year 2023-24

- We came up with a list of topics to prepare statements/white papers on that reflect NAPB's positions. We need to find folks to help write these statements for 2023-24.
- Get a designated email address for the advocacy committee chair to get on listservs and make signing onto letters simpler.
- Streamline the process of signing onto letters (combined advocacy and EC effort).

Incoming Secretary

- TBD

Details on any collaborations between committees

- The communications committee posted write-ups from the students who attended the CVD to the website/newsletter.
- In the future it might be nice to work with the education committee to put together a webinar on advocacy opportunities for members.