

Minutes of NAPB EC plus meeting, Apr. 19, 2022

1:00 – 2:10 pm EST

Participants:

Ksenija Gasic, Hannah Senior, Dave Bubeck, Thomas Lübberstedt (TL), Allen van Deynze, Alison Thompson, Gurleen Kaur, Amritpal Singh, Donn Cummings, Wayne Smith, Lance Merrick, Sarah Turner-Hissong, Dhyaneswaran Palanichamy (Dhyan)

Recording of meeting is available: -

Standing items

- 1) Approve minutes from March 2022 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) GWC Diversity scholars
- 9) Education
- 10) Membership

Other committees/groups

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

Old Business

- 14) NAPB annual meeting
- 15) New NAPB web-site

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- 16) NAPB Friends award
- 17) NAPB – new secretary
- 18) File storage

Minutes:

Standing items:

- 1) Thomas Lübberstedt, Minutes: Minutes from NAPB EC March 2022 meeting were approved after the EC meeting.
- 2) Don Jones, Finances: No news from ACSESS/Don; Donn: 87k in Borlaug fund (healthy)

Standing Committee Reports (written and comments)

- 3) Advocacy (AdC): No news
- 4) Jim McFerson, Awards: James Parks (Corteva) is new member; good balance public-private among members; award packages are updated, nomination criteria not changed, deadline June 10 for 2022 awards; Outside these NAPB awards is "Friends of Plant Breeding" award (not given each year) – NAPB EC votes on suggestions (by June 10)
- 5) Allen Van Deynze, Borlaug Scholars (BSC): 10 members currently incl. graduate students; Applications closed: 52 grad, 16 undergrad applications – decision within next month; mentors identified, more needed (requests sent out). Goal: ca. 18-20 scholars
- 6) Rick Harrison, Commercial Plant Breeding (CPB): Monthly meetings; organized sustainability session for NAPB 2022 meeting (Christine Diepenbrock one of the speakers); Other speakers from Corteva and Bayer, and Kevin Smith (Minnesota) – Forever Green initiative; Outreach to other committees (webinar with GSWG on interviewing; other on IP-PLBR); Interviewing workshops with U Minnesota (Rex Bernardo), ISU; Plan to reach out to other companies for membership at NAPB meeting; Klaus Koehler big help to group; Wayne: future use of recorded webinars ? Rick: needs discussion in group; Donn: internship program status ? Rick: internships posted on NAPB web-site; Wayne: shorter industry visits (1 week or so, could also be for undergraduates), as internships often not convenient/too long (too long, students have to work on their programs, unavailable during summer season)
- 7) Alison Thompson, Communications: NAPB listserv was giving trouble over 2 weeks or so; Need for ACSESS independent listserv/distribution list; LinkedIn works well, something is posted every day – increase by 400 followers; LinkedIn better tool to get the word out than listserv (incomplete messaging); Dave: push ACSESS to make the listserv work; Successful webinar with FFAR; deadline for newsletter (NL) is May 2, deadline for content is April 28 (will advertise NAPB 2022 meeting); Dave: Kevin Falk will have promotional video – include link in NL;
- 8) Gurleen Kaur, GWC Diversity scholars: Application for GWC scholars open, deadline May 2, contacted universities, underrepresented schools etc., 8 applications thus far, sufficient mentors; Need for more applicants; Allen vD: USDA has list for additional schools connects with Gurleen; Dave: Tabare Abadie can help; Alison: send link to Communications committee (LinkedIn); Donn: referral of Borlaug applicants
- 9) Education (EduC): No news
- 10) Amritpal Singh, Membership: Membership numbers are up (476); Goal cross 500 for first time; Include something in next newsletter (membership corner);

Other committees/groups

- 11) Lance Merrick, Graduate Student Working Group: Good webinars in last 2 months; 80 attendees with Rex Bernardo; Social with Donn Cummings
- 12) Sarah Turner-Hissong, Early Career Working Group: Webinar series in progress (trying to solicit speakers) – next ones in May
- 13) Wayne Smith, PBCC: Template for public breeding success stories near completion; teaching award in development; Opportunities for faculty for short courses at universities with limited access to plant breeding courses;

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- 14) Thomas Lubberstedt, 2022 NAPB meeting: Registration open; Need everyone's help to advertise meeting – motivate in person participation.
- 15) Ksenija Gasic, Dhyan, web-site: Now news on new web-site; update old one

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- 16) Dave Bubeck, Friends of Plant Breeding: Send suggestions to NAPB EC by June 10
- 17) Dave Bubeck, secretary: Suggestions for new secretary to Dave / NAPB EC
- 18) Dhyan, file storage: no update

Meeting adjourned: 2:10 pm