**AWARDS COMMITTEE REPORT 2019**

**Submitted by Jim McFerson**

The Awards Committee evaluates and selects NAPB awardees for the three NAPB annual awards:

 Early Career Scientist

 Plant Breeding Impact

 Lifetime Achievement

Qualifications for these awards are available on the NAPB web site: <https://www.plantbreeding.org/awards>

A fourth award, Friends of Plant Breeding, is awarded by the NAPB Executive Committee to honor individuals whose career has not been involved in an active plant breeding program, but who, through their professional activities, have contributed significantly to the advancement of the plant breeding discipline. No award was presented in 2018.

Awardees for 2018 will deliver invited presentations on 28 Aug at the upcoming conference in Pine Mountain, GA.

 Early Career Scientist: Jeffrey Endelman, Univ Wisconsin-Madison

 Plant Breeding Impact: Don Bockelman, Monsanto

 Lifetime Achievement: Shawn Kaeppler, Univ Wisconsin-Madison

In 2019, the Awards Committee will select among 10 nominees for the three awards. Current committee membership is provided below:

**NAPB AWARDS COMMITTEE 2019-2020**

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| **Term** | **Surname** | **Name** | **Affiliation** | **Email Address** |
| 2016-19 | McFerson (Chair) | Jim  | Washington State Univ | jim.mcferson@wsu.edu |
| 2016-19 | Linbo | John | HM Clause, Davis CA | john.lindbo@hmclause.com |
| 2016-19 | Kidwell | Kim | Univ Illinois | kkidwell@illinois.edu |
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| 2016-19 | Baltensperger | Dave  | Texas A&M Univ | dbaltensperger@tamu.edu |
| 2018-21 | Potts | Sarah | Dow, Adair IL | SMPotts@dow.com |
| 2018-21 | Duncan | Rob | Univ Manitoba | Rob.Duncan@umanitoba.ca  |
| 2018-21 | TBD |  |  |  |
| 2018-21 | TBD |  |  |  |

Committee members are volunteers who serve three year terms. It is important to fairly represent NAPB membership, so NAPB members with a desire to contribute, especially those in the private sector, are encouraged to volunteer for the committee.