

## Minutes of NAPB EC plus meeting, Feb. 14, 2022

1:00 – 2:15 pm EST

### Participants:

Ksenija Gasic, Hannah Senior, Dave Bubeck, Don Jones, Thomas Lübberstedt (TL), Bill Tracy, Allen van Deynze, John Gill, Alison Thompson, Gurleen Kaur, Valerio Hoyos-Villejas, Amritpal Singh, Donn Cummings, Wayne Smith, Lance Merrick, Nikayla Strauss, Dhyaneswaran Palanichamy (Dhyan)

### Recording of meeting is available:

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### Standing items

- 1) Approve minutes from January 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) SeedWorld agreement with NAPB
- 16) New NAPB web-site and web editor
- 17) Bylaws and NAPB 5-year plan

### New Business

- 18) ASTA Veg Expo
- 19) Other topics ? Future meeting topics ?

### **Minutes:**

### Standing items:

- 1) Thomas Lübberstedt, Minutes: Minutes from NAPB EC January 221 meeting were tabled (delay) and approved after the EC meeting.

- 2) Don Jones, Finances: Waiting for last transfer of funds (ca. 15-20k) from NAPB 2021 meeting at Cornell; has been invoiced.

#### Standing Committee Reports (written and comments)

- 3) Bill Tracy, Advocacy (AdC): Ivonne Manning (The Land Institute) incoming chair, Brigitte Meins (research faculty at Oregon State) is secretary; no meeting/report; 3 students for DC visit
- 4) Awards: no report
- 5) Allen Van Deynze, Borlaug Scholars (BSC): There was mild interest at ASTA Veg Expo, only 1 scholar was there, came with student; SeedWorld will announce Borlaug fellowships; Applications until April 1; 5 min talk at ASTA Veg Expo in main session
- 6) John Gill, Commercial Plant Breeding (CPB): CPB has a session at the 2022 NAPB meeting at ISU: Breeding for sustainable future (company perspective); There will be a webinar (with GSWG) April 14 (soft skills – interviews etc); Internship options were mentioned; Efforts to establish interactions with other NAPB committees under way; Allen vD suggested that CPD should seek interactions with the ASTA sustainable AG group
- 7) Alison Thompson, Communications: Newsletter was delayed, should be sent this week; Admin for NAPB LinkedIn not identified – Hannah Senior mentioned that she knows the Admin – will connect with Alison. New LinkedIn NAPB Admin will be known, and info passed on in a SOP; Dave: admin needs to be active person; Not every NAPB member gets emails from list: ACSESS needs to be contacted to resolve issues; Deadline for next newsletter is May 1
- 8) Gurleen Kaur, GWC Diversity scholars: Scholar application information and promotion will be sent out via newsletter; Applications will be evaluated by GWC group; Funding from USDA conference proposal (10.5k)
- 9) Valerio Hoyos-Villejas, Education (EduC): Seminar on IP planned with CPD; Kevin Falk works on promotional video; post doc awards established: now undergrad/grad/post doc awards; poster specifications: connect with Julie Kieffer at ISU Conference Planning – Amanda, Valerio were added to NAPB 2022 planning meeting to facilitate interaction; award winners to be posted on new NAPB web-site
- 10) Amritpal Singh, Membership: Membership numbers are stable (ca. 470); Challenge: how to increase membership ?; Add membership corner in NAPB newsletter; Each member should try to recruit another member; New membership committee member from Germany; Suggestion was made to connect membership committee to CSSP

#### Other committees/groups

- 11) Lance Merrick, Graduate Student Working Group: Branding webinar organized; next webinar on turfgrass breeding; Webinar from Rex Bernardo coming up; Active on social platforms; Organize NAPB social at upcoming APBA meeting
- 12) Nikayla Strauss, Early Career Working Group: Webinar series planned on partnerships in Ag: public – private, international; Mentoring circle surveys
- 13) Wayne Smith, PBCC: Winner for video competition posted; Template for success stories in plant breeding – disseminate via PBCC

#### Old Business

- 14) Thomas Lubberstedt, 2022 NAPB meeting: Planning work well under way. Because of COVID uncertainties, we decided to make a final decision on the format (in person – hybrid - online) end of March, and open registration April 1. Most likely, we will have an in person meeting, with

some online elements (posters; recorded talks), which was requested (“back-up plan”) by USDA in connection with the conference proposal. NAPB meeting was mentioned in the newsletter.

- 15) Ksenija Gasic, SeedWorld agreement: Tabled for NAPB EC meeting
- 16) Ksenija Gasic, Dhyan, web-editor: NAPB web-site launch pending; Initial time-limited testing phase (for Dhyan - NAPB); time-limit will also be introduced for treasurer; Dhyan: self-introduction – maize breeder at Ingredion; File sharing system in NAPB ?
- 17) Dave Bubeck, Bylaws and NAPB 5-year plan: 5-year plan ends in 2023; Need for revision; Team of 5-6 needed; Dave will do Bylaws review (need for legal council);

#### New Business

- 18) Donn Cummings, ASTA Seed Expo booth: 700 persons attended; SeedWorld did interview with Donn; Different companies that wants to attend 2022 NAPB meeting; Quite different audience from Chicago ASTA meeting, important to be present
- 19) Other topics; future meeting topics: Hannah Senior asked that volunteers interested to be involved in committees should be connected with the NAPB VP – to coordinate and determine, where there is a need. File sharing was discussed – Dhyan will look into options.

Meeting adjourned: 2:15 pm