

Tuesday, 1/17/2017 1:00 – 2:00 pm Eastern

In attendance: Klaus Koehler, Alex Lipka, Arron Carter, Barry Lawrence, Jane Dever, Jim McFerson, Kate Evans, Sarah Potts, Virginia Sykes, Wayne Smith, Dave Bubeck

#### Committee Reports:

- Did not get an answer from all committees
- Jane: get newsletter items. Deadlines are anytime before a given newsletter comes out
- Membership committee: Barry and Klaus will discuss when they meet in February
- Advocacy committee: Klaus has been in contact with Richard Pratt; Jim has not heard anything about meetings; Klaus will get in contact with the Advocacy committee
- Graduate student working group: Sara Turner sent something about the Graduate Student working group about our initiative to identify candidates to sponsor for the DC trip; the tri-societies meeting is in March and the ASTA is in April. Q: do we want the students to go with the tri-societies? If yes, we should let them know they are funded by NAPB and should use, e.g., the NAPB hashtag when posting on Twitter. Q: Should students go with the tri-societies or ASTA (we need to be recognized for our contribution)? The big difference is how these two different groups operate. The tri-societies meeting in DC is one week, while the ASTA is just for one day. In the past our students went with the tri-societies. Perhaps we can have a conference call with the graduate students we select and specify that they should acknowledge NAPB. “Branding” should be more than name tags; it should be business cards, the headers on corresponding letters. We may have to negotiate this with the tri-societies. Q: Does NAPB have an opportunity to review materials (e.g., what is on the top of the agenda of what they want to lobby for?). **Action item: Klaus will talk with Ellen within the next two weeks and inform the NAPB what the aims of the tri-societies.**
- Sarah Potts’ report on two graduate students who want to participate in the advocacy committee: Proposed a mission statement on what they are and what they represent. See if anybody has any objections with the mission statement. Klaus will send the mission statement around to the EC. Question for Jane: is it of interest to have an article in the newsletter that is written by a graduate student – can Jane get in contact with Sarah about this? Jane: the next newsletter will be prepared by a graduate student liaison; there is already a graduate student spotlight.
- Early career group (Sarah): Main: getting letter of introduction and meeting in shape now that the mission statement is complete
- Arron: Update form the education committee: Aaron put up a list of the webinar series; this will start on March 1 and will continue every week; got a whole bunch of speakers lined up; there are still some open slots. There was also some interest of getting graduate students involved in workshops. Allen is also working on a workshop; the education committee will get in contact with Allen and see if they can coordinate.

- Requesting funds for student poster competition: Finalized the abstract submission. Klaus suggested getting in contact with David Francis to see how they did it in the past. Request for funds: would like to request funds for the award winners; should be between \$600 - \$1,000. What should we do: Option 1: reimburse registration; Option 2: give the winners a monetary award? Wayne likes Option 2. Arron: it would be three awards (first-third place). Klaus made a motion to go with Option 2 (1<sup>st</sup> - \$300, 2<sup>nd</sup> - \$ 200, 3<sup>rd</sup> - \$100). Option 2 was approved (by consensus).
- Discussion with Andy Lavigne: Q: how do we get to the short list of three-four people that meets Andy's qualifications? Have one person identified in Southeast, Northwest, Midwest, and West; two from horticulture, and two from field crop. Which committee can we delegate this committee to? Have all committees make suggestions to the executive committee. Klaus can ask the committees to anonymously suggest some people, and then the EC can discuss it over the next couple of months. There exists a video (developed by DuPont Pioneer – a video of a soybean breeder working from Central Iowa – it gave a story about her story about soybean breeding and also talked about her family, where they live, they grow crops on their farm) that can be used as a template; the video will not be released until the end of January. We want to show what a plant breeder is, what they, do and how they live.
  - 1 – Klaus will send a letter to the NABP committee members (they should identify the crop they are working with)
  - 2 – Klaus will contact the ASTA to get a copy of the video that they produced. Also, the grad student group will be contact to see if they can collaborate with the ASTA on the new video
  - 3 – Klaus can also ask the four people to be judges; or ask people in the grad student and early career working groups to be judges
- Will postpone the 2017 Annual Meeting update until February;
- Special “President’s award”: Declare this award to be an award; it would be a special award that we can give to people that would not have to meet the criteria for the lifetime achievement award. How do we define this award? Can Jim propose the criteria.
- Last Item (this text was written by Klaus): “Jim McPherson is going to develop a proposal with his awards committee for the criteria of the new “Presidents Award” which can be assigned without meeting the established criteria of the existing awards. We will discuss this in the next meeting.”