

Minutes of NAPB EC meeting, Jan. 18, 2022

1:00 – 2:00pm EST

Participants:

Ksenija Gasic, Hannah Senior, Dave Bubeck, Don Jones, Donn Cummings, Thomas Lübberstedt

Agenda

Standing items

- 1) Approve minutes from December EC+ meeting
- 2) Financials

Old Business

- 3) Web-editor
- 4) GSWG fundraising proposal

New Business

- 5) NAPB annual meeting – funds and COVID
- 6) FFAR
- 7) ASTA expo in CA
- 8) NAPB web-site update

Minutes:

Standing items:

- 1) Minutes (Thomas) from EC+ meeting in December '21 were approved
- 2) Financials: 346k total for NAPB, 135k invested, 211k cash. Cornell (Mark Sorrels) has been contacted / invoice (ca. 30k) sent to close books for the 2021 NAPB meeting. Invoice for ACSESS was obtained (like last year) and approved. It was requested to send the membership breakdown to the EC more regularly.

Action item: Ask ACSESS to send NAPB membership to EC members on a monthly basis.

Old Business:

- 3) Web editor: Dhyan Palanichamy from Ingredion volunteered for the Web editor position, and has the OK from his company to be available for this position. It was decided to set a time limit to this position, to be incorporated in the NAPB Bylaws. In addition, it was decided to offer a trial period (7 months) initially, so that both Dhyan and NAPB can evaluate at the 2022 NAPB meeting, whether working relationships, editor tasks and performance meet the respective expectations. At the same time, it was suggested to add a time limit for the NAPB Treasurer in the Bylaws as well.

Action item: Revise Bylaws to incorporate time limit for Web editor and Treasurer(Ksenija, NAPB EC)

- 4) GSWG fundraising proposal: Don suggested that this should be kept simple (only few items), and that it likely has limited value to raise funding (while requiring quite some effort to coordinate, maintain). However, it could be good for awareness of NAPB (NAPB mugs, hats or similar). Don suggested to rather invest NAPB funding into GSWG, to stimulate ideas and develop a plan for raising NAPB membership.

Action item: Further discussion with GSWG is needed.

New Business

- 5) ISU RF Baker Center for Plant Breeding (RFBCPB) funding for NAPB 2022 meeting: Thomas mentioned that RFBCPB is considering to support the 2022 NAPB meeting with up to 10k. He requested suggestions, to not duplicate already available fellowships etc. Dave suggested that both travel / registration support for early career scientists would be helpful, and suggested that supporting and engaging alumni might be worthwhile as well. Regarding COVID, it was agreed that we have to wait for another 1-2 months, to make a final decision on the meeting platform (in person vs. online).

Action item: Suggestions will be taken to RFBCPB, decision made there.

- 6) FFAR: Dave worked with Alison to set up an introductory webinar for FFAR. Dave works with Catherine Maxwell from FFAR to arrange a meeting between NAPB EC and FFAR to discuss possible interactions.

Action item: Dave: organize meeting between NAPB EC and FFAR.

- 7) Asta Expo CA, Donn: Donn and Allen van Deynze will represent NAPB.

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- 8) NAPB web-site update: Ksenija: January 27: web-site beta version available for review.

Action item: Dorrie Main (WSU) will make NAPB web-site available on Jan. 27 for review.

Meeting adjourned: 2:00 pm