

Minutes of NAPB EC plus meeting, June 21, 2022

1:00 – 2:10 pm EST

Participants:

Ksenija Gasic, Donn Jones, Hannah Senior, Dave Bubeck, Thomas Lübberstedt (TL), Dhyaneswaran Palanichamy (Dhyan) , Wayne Smith, Alison Thompson, JimMcFerson, Robin Groose, Allen van Deynze, , Sarah Turner-Hissong, Rick Harrison, Kevin Falk, Amritpal Singh, Lance Merrick

Recording of meeting is available: -

Standing items

- 1) Approve minutes from May2022 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) NAPB web-site

New Business

- 16) NAPB Friends award
- 17) NAPB – new secretary
- 18) Other topics

Minutes:

Standing items:

- 1) Thomas Lübberstedt, Minutes: Minutes from NAPB EC May 2022 meeting were tabled for approval at next EC meeting. In future, 2-monthly approval.
- 2) Don Jones, Finances: In healthy shape, 100k up compared to last year. 385,000 right now.

Standing Committee Reports (written and comments)

- 3) Robin Groose, Advocacy (AdC): nothing to add, relative to last newsletter. ASTA EPA meeting (Dave Bubeck): important to align regulations across agencies. NAPB important to voice thoughts (Allen v D) – could be more, use ASTA as vehicle.
- 4) Jim McFerson, Awards: Received 13 nomination packages, several early career, only 1 public sector impact, more from private. More effort / encouragement needed.
- 5) Allen Van Deynze, Borlaug Scholars (BSC): 68 applicants, sponsor 23, 13 women, 7 undergrads. Donn Cummings will present grad students at ASTA EPA. 38,000 funding available. Videos/bios will be prepared by Sarah Potts for NAPB meeting; room mates for NAPB meeting identified across institutions.
- 6) Rick Harrison, Commercial Plant Breeding (CPB): 4 speakers, panel – information to Jode; at meeting: try to broaden committee (more companies). Dave: manual exercise to identify gaps/candidates – no list from ASTA;
- 7) Alison Thompson, Communications: No meeting as committee since last time; listserv still creates problems – working with ACSESS; Information presented via LinkedIn; 700 followers; Some help via reposting; next newsletter in September – mostly on NAPB meeting, scholars, awards etc
- 8) GWC Diversity scholars: no news
- 9) Kevin Falk, Education (EduC): Abstracts until July 8 – physical poster, and virtual/2 min talks for poster competition; centralization of social media accounts under “one roof” – to help identifying, who will create posts. Dhyam Application to Microsoft open account was turned down – but agrees on “one roof” approach
- 10) Amritpal Singh, Membership: Membership crossed 500 for first time.

Other committees/groups

- 11) Lance Merrick, Graduate Student Working Group: nothing to report
- 12) Sarah Turner-Hissong, Early Career Working Group: low attendance for TLI seminar; reinvigorate mentoring circles; request to be more transparent on membership; need to update “early career” status
- 13) Wayne Smith, PBCC: Template for success stories developed – good tool for promotion of plant breeding to young generation and others; Mikey Kantar has story in CSSA news; PBCC secretary call sent out

Old Business

- 14) Thomas Lübberstedt, 2022 NAPB meeting: So far 113 participants; need to advertise intensively now, help from NAPB EC members to send out reminders frequently; Get into CSSA, etc. news – SeedWorld needs to post stories (e.g., key note speakers)
- 15) Ksenija Gasic, web-site: Good progress, ready to be checked by small committee within NAPB (reps from education, communication,..)

New Business

- 1) Dave Bubeck, secretary: Ksenija needs to complete 5-year plan next year; try to be forward looking to prepare future plans; 6 objectives – almost ready to be presented/discussed at the 2022 NAPB meeting; Bylaws received comments, requires revision and legal review at some point. Can also be refreshed/discussed at the 2022 NAPB meeting.
- 2) Dave Bubeck, Friends of Plant Breeding: 2 candidates
- 3) Other: Annual reports from NAPB committees and working groups are due July 15, summaries to be presented at NAPB 2022 meeting in August

Meeting adjourned: 2:00 pm