

## **fMinutes for February 20, 2018 NAPB Board Mtg.**

Present: Wayne Smith, Todd Campbell, Don Jones, Donn Cummings, Sarah Potts, Hannah Senior, Jim McFerson, Julie Dawson, Karla Huerta, Mikey Kantar, Peggy Ozias-Akins

Meeting called to order by Wayne Smith

Minutes from Jan 2018 Board Meeting approved as written

### **Committees**

Education: Potts – Are finalizing webinars along with Early Career working group

Advocacy: Dawson - Included paragraph in newsletter soliciting participation; received only 1 response

Membership: Senior – Written report received; Requests distribution of promotional materials to attendees of an event/conference/seminar; identify attendees through monthly check-in with current membership. Smith – will be distributing pamphlets about Borlaug Scholar program at TAMU Pioneer Plant Breeding Symposium event

Meeting: Lee – submitted written report; Requests EC to view 2018 meeting schedule and program on website; will include structured effort to recruit from underrepresented groups – currently funded through the USDA-NIFA grant.

Borlaug Scholarship: Cummings – Approved in December; Account established within Agronomic Science Foundation in January; Funding agreement with ASF distributed in February; ASF/NAPB have approved and signed MOU; NAPB is the first group other than Tri-Soc working with ASF but execution was smooth; NAPB received work order/service agreement request from Ian to do Mentor Application/matching mentor programming; Cummings made motion to request \$900 to do programming for mentor – one-time fee; motion was seconded and unanimously approved. Lipka can add link on NAPB website for Scholars Application procedure

Financial: Jones - Meeting proceeds not received yet but should be this week – total assets \$125,469 – healthier than previous years; probably due to uniqueness of participation at Davis

Awards: McPherson – preparing information for solicitation of award nominations; special award for friend of plant breeding – none proposed for this year

Graduate student working group: Huerta – assembling list of different student organizers for DuPont/Pioneer Symposia

### **Old Business**

Communication Committee's request for a 2018 pre-meeting workshop - No update was provided but still expected to happen with sponsorship from Monsanto and Dow

NAPB collaboration with TriSocieties to reach out to Am. Hort. Sci. Soc. informational only; ----No update; last contact - "Ellen Bergfield has contacted Mike Neff with ASHS: EB email of 11.6.17: I've sent a quick email to Mike Neff at ASHS to let him know that a number of us met while in Tampa recently and I'm cc'ing him on this email as well so that he gets a better sense of who all is involved via NAPB. I figure it might be easiest to start with an email conversation and look at the potential of a conf call or look at

when some of us might be in the DC area where we could say hello to Mike in person as well. Mike, let us know what might work best for you?"

PBCC Congressional visits day Mar 7-8, 2018: Two students are going to Congressional visits day, Matthew Mattia and Tara Burke; will contribute an article to the Newsletter to promote experience. Smith has the protocol and time frame for this event on a "developing" Calendar of Activities for future Executive Committees.

Request from ASTA for success stories: Smith - Some success stories have been received – Charles Simpson, Don Jones; need others sent to Eric Young; McFerson looking for stories in long-lived perennials. Bretting also looking for such stories that point to economic impact of germplasm system.

Request from ECWG for webinar series: ECWG proposes a series of 2-3 panel discussions focused on the future of plant breeding; Gardunia chair – working on doing panels and webinars with GSWG

Annual meeting designation change from NAPB and PBCC annual meeting to NAPB annual meeting – will be discussed in Guelph

### **New Business**

AgForward: Smith - Opportunity to join AgForward, a new alliance of science societies, commodity groups, and others. Annual fee of 5,000, 2,500, or 1,000. Level 2,500 allows NAPB to participate in the Steering Committee. Proposal sent via email received a lukewarm response from the Board. Campbell suggested to wait and see. Senior pointed out it could be a lot of money for uncertain returns.

Events Calendar: Smith – Calendar is on website, but how do we encourage its use? It currently has the 2016 meeting in Raleigh and the 2018 NCSU plant breeding symposium; The leaders of all of the PB Symposia should have posted their events and the 2018 annual meeting should be there. Leadership needs to monitor and indicate to Alex when it needs to be updated, e.g., Plant Breeding Symposia events are incomplete; Huerta will contact symposia organizers; other events could be added by leadership; Don Jones suggests to update and simplify website; unclutter home page – make it easier to find information; EC needs to visit website regularly and provide feedback/updates to Alex.

Kantar – raised question on support of PBCC – set up a MOU of standard operating procedures? This year funds went through Pat Byrne. Way to formalize relationship? \$6000 with no category restriction was contributed to PBCC last year. Suggested to formalize the \$6000 through MOU for current life of PBCC. Will include in discussion at meeting in Guelph.

Senior – requested EC to follow NAPB Linked-In page

**Meeting Adjourned 1:53 p.m. EST**