

Minutes - NAPB Board Meeting – Mar 20, 2018

Present: Matt Mattia, Tara Burke, Wayne Smith, Todd Campbell, Julie Dawson, Sarah Potts, Peggy Ozias-Akins, Donn Cummings, Emilie Combs, Kari Hugie, Karla Huerta, Klaus Koehler, Mikey Kantar, Jim McPherson

Meeting called to order by Wayne Smith

Congressional Visits Day report: Dawson introduced Matt Mattia (UFL) and Tara Burke (WSU). NAPB has participated for several years, two students are selected each year to participate and visit DC to represent NAPB;

Matt – fantastic experience; first opportunity to explain research in broader impact way; training by tri-societies was excellent – how to communicate effectively to congressman, single ask – info to justify plant breeding; many staffers were contemporaries - were very knowledgeable even though most had minimal ties to ag, e.g. some were aware of CRISPR technology; Matt’s expertise is in Citrus breeding so it was helpful to meet with Florida reps, who were very receptive to ask for USDA-AFRI funding; good timing with farm-bill; also expressed need for SPRI

Tara - similar experience but had visited Washington state legislators before; tri-societies training was exceptional – what legislators do or do not pay attention to; talked with 7 offices and 2 legislators directly; good reception from all to ask; impressed with knowledge of ag research which allowed discussion of importance beyond just concepts; very valuable experience to learn about how policy change happens.

Neither had suggestions for how to improve experience. Appreciated opportunity from NAPB for specialty crops to be represented.

Question – anything NAPB should do to improve outreach? Target other key times in legislative process for interaction; invite legislators to appropriate events for education

Minutes from Feb 2018 Board Meeting approved as written

Committees

Advocacy: Dawson - no report other than CVD (above)

Communications: Combs - working with GSWG to finalize webinars (see below); needs any information to be included in Apr newsletter by end of month; recently distributed newsletter announced the Borlaug Scholars program; also posted on facebook and twitter where NAPB gets good following

Education: Potts - no report; working on solidifying schedule for webinars; will distribute on social media

Membership: Senior distributed report; Cummings pointed out that of 398 members, 30% are students

Other Committee/groups

Meeting: Lee had no formal report; Ozias-Akins update on recruiting attendees from under-represented groups.

Awards: McPherson – no report

GSWG: Huerta – report distributed

YPWG: Gardunia/Hugie - Webinar info distributed 3.19.18; first scheduled for 10 April at 12 noon CDT (email announcement from Combs on 3.19.18); education and early career working to find hosts – 4 recruited with 3 moderators; ECWG and GSWG panel discussion webinar scheduled for Apr 10

Borlaug Scholarship: Cummings – first conference call held last Wed – 1 undergrad and 14 grad students working on applications, none complete yet; 3 mentors volunteered from announcement in special edition newsletter; current deadline Mar 28, may extend if numbers low; ACCESS agreement not yet signed – still working on mentor application part; entire 30K transferred to Borlaug Scholar AFS account; Smith – how to increase undergrad apps? Cummings – may need to make direct contacts with those active in undergrad teaching; suggest to grad students to refer undergrads – need more undergrad applicants

Financial: Don Jones - no report; \$15,000 from Cummings and \$15,000 match transferred from NAPB account to ACSESS ASF-held NAPB Borlaug Scholars account 2.22.18

Old Business

Communication Comm. Request for 2018 pre-meeting workshop: Koehler indicated that he has met with Emilio and they have a general plan with financing secured from Monsanto and Dow; have expert facilitator engaged for workshop; date is set - scheduled for Mon before meeting; Klaus will reconnect with Emilio to see how to ensure diversity and what to sponsor for evening event that Corteva (Dow/DuPont) and Monsanto will finance. Should have details finalized by next Board meeting. Keeping Liz in loop.

NAPB collaboration with TriSocieties to reach out to Am. Hort. Sci. Soc.: Smith - no action to report-cws

Request from ASTA for success stories: Smith - update from Eric Young indicating 30 NPGS success stories were received

Annual meeting designation change from NAPB and PBCC annual meeting to NAPB annual meeting: Smith – Smith and Evans will discuss at Guelph

MOU between NAPB and PBCC for support of PBCC travel and other activities: Smith - \$6000 traditionally provided; suggest to formalize with MOU for life of current PBCC authorization; Smith/Campbell and Evans will discuss at 2018 meeting

Events Calendar: Smith – will get with Alex Lipka to modernize and find out how to best keep updated

New Business

Location/contract for 2019 meeting: Ozias-Akins – discussed distributed documents; presented options in Athens and at Callaway Gardens; no objections to latter so will proceed with updating contract and working out tentative budget based on expected attendees/registration fees

Diversity Enhancement Travel Grants: Ozias-Akins - presented application and intent to post on meeting and NAPB website – no suggested changes; Smith can help with lists for minority serving institutions – mentioned 1994 land grant for Native American colleges

Annual meeting and ACSESS glitch: Smith - Last year the ACSESS web site was down for scheduled maintenance prior to the NAPB meeting and it caused some unexpected problems; not anticipated again for this year since upgrade only done every 3-4 years

Meeting Adjourned 2:00 p.m. EST