

NAPB Board Meeting, Oct 17, 2017, 1:00 pm

Participants - David Bubeck, Todd Campbell, Emily Combs, Julie Dawson, Anna Levina, Alex Lipka, Peggy Ozias-Akins, Sarah Potts, Hannah Senior, Wayne Smith, Nick

Meeting called to order by Wayne Smith, President.

NAPB Board Meeting Sept. 19, 2017 Minutes approved as written.

Committee reports

Advocacy – Julie Dawson. Committee has not met and there is no committee roster yet. A solicitation for membership will be sent. An initial objective is to develop a method for NAPB to reach policy positions. Dawson will draft a process recommendation for the EC.

Communications – Emily Combs. Committee did not meet – no report.

Education – Sarah Potts. Report was distributed. Question was raised about cash prizes for poster competition. Committee will draft a recommendation and send to EC for vote.

Membership – Hannah Senior. Report was distributed. Question raised about forging relationships with SIPA (Seed IP Alliance). No one on Board knows much about the organization except that they spoke in the IP session at Aug meeting, but presentation was vague. Need to further explore who they are. Senior will have further conversation with their contact. Sean Brook with Seed World may have some insight. Don't want people to sign up for NAPB and start getting unsolicited emails from too many other organizations.

Old Business

Friends of Plant Breeding Award - issue winner speaking invitation as with other awardees? Decision was tabled in September: general discussion [1] could be an invitation for 15 minutes but not a requirement; [2] EC could request the local comm for time; [3] could pay travel for FPB and ask the organiz. Committee to consider a spot if fits the program theme. Two votes to not invite to speak were received (10.13). General discussion was that we want to maintain flexibility for meeting organizers to invite guest speakers rather than fill too many time slots with standing invitations. Bubeck suggested the Board should reserve right to ask to speak if there is a message to be heard. Will continue to discuss and try to bring to closure in next couple of months.

PBCC request for 2018 mtg - PBCC requested spot earlier in program which was resolved with organizing committee (Lee, 10.13). PBCC meeting is set for Tuesday evening in a room next to where the reception will be from 6 to 7:30.

Communication Comm. Request for 2018 pre-meeting workshop - Still considering to offer. Lee (10.13): there are 2 timeslots that are wide open for any workshops. All day Monday or Friday afternoon. We will be offering a lunch on Friday as part of the meeting registration. If groups are interested in these timeslots, we can work with conference services to set something up. Combs will talk again with Cornell and program directors of various granting agencies, although Ed Kaleikau indicated that the only NIFA program appropriate to fund the workshop would be the same as the one already funding 2018/2019 meetings and additional funding was unlikely. Workshop intended to target graduate students and postdocs, maybe charge for young professionals. Smith suggested to contact

Emilio Oyarzabal and Klaus Koehler to see if sponsorship is possible since industry is so concerned about soft skills.

Items for discussion with ACSESS at Tampa FL. Smith distributed list of items. Some on list already somewhat resolved. ACSESS can't cross-check registration and membership if they don't handle registration. Hannah will request updated membership list to determine if issues have been resolved. Needs spreadsheet with detailed information, not just numbers.

New Business

Liability insurance for NAPB O&D. Smith indicated that paperwork was completed and Don Jones forwarded to Lynne Navis at ACSESS for payment on 12 October.

Web page issues. Smith reviewed organization of webpage to determine if it provides essential information without requiring a viewer to dig through many layers. Would like to include phone number and email addresses for all standing committee chairs/leadership.

Conference web page--Organization Committee request. Conference webpage - Dave Wolyn will be working with conference services on getting the registration web page set up, but he needs to have someone on the NAPB side to set up the conference webpage that the registration webpage can link to. We would like to have this up and running by Jan. 1st. Alex Lipka will be responsible for setting up the conference web page.

Industry mixer--Organization committee request. Industry mixer/after party for the grad students at the meeting was suggested to be held Wednesday evening after the BBQ (probably 9pm) in the space where we have the posters and the welcome reception. We would prefer the industry deal directly with UofG conference services to make arrangements for this event, rather than having us deal with it. So if you could talk to the industry people that want this and pass my name along to them, I can put them in touch with Amanda at conference services and she can set up a contract with them for that event. Smith will contact Emilio Oyarzabal and Klaus Koehler, and perhaps others, to gauge interest, and provide Lee's contact information who will put them in touch with Amanda at conference services so she can set up a contract with them for that event.

NAPB logo--Organization committee request. They would like to have official logo files (high res) to pass along to conference services. No one seems to know where these are located. Lipka just got an image off of the internet to use. He will contact Allen van Deynze to see if they used the official logo.

ASHS and Congressional Visit Day – McPherson indicated that at the recent ASHS meetings in Sep he spoke with the National Issues Task Force about the possibility of their hosting an NAPB student for their Congressional Visit Day. ASHS Leadership expressed interest. This is an activity the Advocacy Committee needs to vet and suggestion action. According to Dawson, advocacy has handled an application process for this previously, and NAPB has sponsored two students each year. Dawson will contact former chairs to get more information and will follow up with McPherson for clarification on request.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:43 CDT.