

NAPB Board Meeting, Dec 19, 2017

Present: **Dave Bubeck, Todd Campbell, Emily Combs, Donn Cumming**, Valerio Hoyos-Villegas, Don Jones, Mickey Kantar, Klaus Koehler, Alex Lipka, Jim McPherson, Peggy Ozias-Akins, Sarah Potts, Hannah Senior

Meeting called to order by Todd Campbell.

Minutes from NAPB Board Meeting on Nov. 20, 2017 approved as written.

Committee reports:

- Dawson-Advocacy - no report
- Combs-Communications - no report; will distribute newsletter in Jan
- Potts-Education - no report; working to finalize list of speakers for webinar to start in Mar. CEU option for CCAs. Advertising being explored
- Senior-Membership - received and distributed (discussion below)
- Lee-Meeting - received and distributed (discussion below); survey questions – can they be incorporated into next year’s registration through ACSESS? How will results be compiled? Alex will relay question to ACSESS. Second item from Liz – code of conduct; tabled discussion until Liz could speak with EC in Jan.
- McFerson-awards
- Levina-GSWG
- Gardunia-YPWG
- Bubeck-ASAT liaison - discussions distributed; Part 340, USDA withdrawing revisions was included in report; Agreed with Andy Levine and staff to get update bimonthly on ASTA activities related to plant breeding; Bubeck will reciprocate on NAPB activities. Corn-soybean-sorghum ASTA meeting held recently and had advertising opportunity that Bubeck took advantage of at meeting – encouraged industry participation in NAPB; merged companies need to make effort to get word around to breeders internally
- Koch-NCCPB liaison
- Sherman-Strategic planning
- Evans-PBCC PBCC is developing survey; almost ready to send out for evaluation by a few others; first part will be sent to public sector then subsequently to private. Want to build in survey about capacity with renewal
- Financial - ACSESS report - Lynne Navis - Oct. Statements received and distributed; Still need final report from UC Davis on 2017 meeting; Koehler suggested call with Allen and EC

Old Business

NAPB annual meeting registration; Vote on requirement to use ACSESS for meeting registration after Guelph; Alex doesn’t know if they only do registration but not meeting web site; Koehler said only registration. ACSESS can do membership check

which has been an issue in past. Koehler moved that we approve the proposal to use ACSESS for registration for meetings after Guelph, Hannah seconded, motion was approved.

Communication Comm. Request for 2018 pre-meeting workshop
Workshop approved both from Monsanto and Dow/DuPont to fund workshop for graduate students at Guelph meeting. Prefer on Monday before meeting. Will invite students with a questionnaire then select from applicants. Number may be limited to 20-30. A moderator/trainer will take people through different exercises to achieve understanding of skills needed for team function. May have sponsored dinner in evening with opportunity for company reps to meet with students. Will meet with Liz in Jan to finalize concept and determine how to invite participants. PBCC is willing to help with contacts. Hannah indicated that students are more likely to register early. GSWG also can help with contacts.

NAPB collaboration with TriSocieties to reach out to Am. Hort. Sci. Soc.
Still waiting for response from ASHS

Borlaug NAPB UG Scholars and Borlaug NAPB G Scholars Program
Cumming recapped concept that was inspired by Tri-Soc Golden Opportunities Scholar program. Would like to target a few elite undergrads to attend Guelph with stipends from scholarship. Envisions this as an income stream from professionals who want to support plant breeding through contributions. Provide as a block grant – student required to attend meeting. Need to develop system for nominations and evaluation. Selection criteria – nationally competitive. Asks that NAPB match funds Cumming contributed to NAPB in last couple of years and would like to establish mechanism to sustain scholarship. Can accept cash or stock. Can solicit donations by offering match. Koehler questioned whether ASTA be used as forum to spread the word about program. NAPB could initiate campaign for fund-raising. Should be able to launch early 2018 and create awareness. Might be able to enable donations through meeting registration or membership renewal. Cumming moved that we create a line item in budget for student travel grants that NAPB will match donations up to 15K from general budget for 2018. Protects funding for this use and commits organization to scholarship program. Ozias-Akins seconded. Might call NAPB Borlaug scholarship for students (Cumming will confirm with Julie Borlaug). Motion passed unanimously.

PBCC Congressional visits day 2018
Advocacy committee identified 2 students to participate. Need vote from Board to support travel costs. Koehler moved to approve support. Bubeck seconded. Motion passed.

New Business

Request from Membership for a budget to cover leaflet printing, promotional "cards", and trial subscription to Linked-In

Had to table item due to lack of time; items not requiring budget approval can be addressed via email

Ozias-Akins and Lipka will be at PAG; cloth poster is available to take to meetings – ASTA would support display or advertising blurb – check with Allen van Deynze

Meeting was adjourned at 1 p.m. CST