

## **NAPB Board Meeting, Nov 20, 2017**

Present: Dave Bubeck, Todd Campbell, Emily Combs, Donn Cummings, Julie Dawson, Valerio Hoyos-Villegas, Don Jones, Jim McPherson, Peggy Ozias-Akins, Sarah Potts, Hannah Senior, Wayne Smith

Meeting called to order by Wayne Smith, President.

NAPB Board Meeting Oct. 17, 2017 Minutes approved as written.

### **Committee reports:**

Advocacy (Dawson) – nothing to report

Communications (Combs) - received and distributed; no discussion

Bubeck-ASTA liaison - received and distributed

Education (Potts) - received and distributed; ad hoc awarded 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup>- place grad student poster winner awards of \$300-200-100. Further discussion of future awards under new business.

Membership (Senior) – received and distributed

ACSESS, web site, and membership lists issues discussed in Tampa when Smith, Jones, Lipke, Campbell, Cummings met with Ian Popkewitz, Wes Mexixelsperger, Susan Chapman, and Ellen Bergman. Membership lists are now on the NAPB EC web site and an ACSESS computer glitch was corrected such that renewals are going out. Membership committee is in process of updating; there is only a slight discrepancy now between number provided and actual list number, so greatly improved. Main issues resolved by ACSESS

### **Meeting**

Meeting registration was discussed again with ACSESS, whom we pay for that service, at Tampa. If ACSESS handles then the system automatically identifies NAPB members such that anyone with a lapsed membership would/could renew at time of registration for the meeting.

Don used ACSESS for Raleigh meeting– not as easy as handling locally, but probably can set up on GA website so registration fee goes to ACSESS and separate web portal can collect data.

What data to collect? How students view NAPB relative to other organizations. Most meeting organizers have conducted post-meeting survey, but surveys not archived in one place. Shorter is better.

Peggy will get with Liz to have consistent data for the next two years; perhaps communication committee could become involved; need more standardized approach to collecting and archiving data

Conference web page--Organizing Committee.

Conference webpage - Dave Wolyn will be working with UOGuelph 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. Would like to have webpage up and running by Jan. 1st.

#### Financial

ACSESS rept - Lynne Navis not received as of 11.17.17; Jones indicated that ACSESS is trying to catch up – nothing for end of Oct; no accounting yet from UCDavis on meeting

### **Old Business**

Friends of Plant Breeding Award winner speaking invitation as with other awardees? A 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 organizing committee for time; [3] could pay travel for FPB and ask the organizing committee to consider a spot if fits the program theme.

Jones moved to leave it up to the discretion of the local organizing committee to invite Friends of Plant Breeding award winner as speaker at a following annual meeting; Cummings seconded; vote was unanimously in favor.

Suggested that nomination of another recipient be added to the EC/awards committee workplan.

Further discussions about a post meeting industry-led workshop for graduate students. Need to communicate with Liz and Guelph committee.

Kantar and others on communications committee met at ASA – suggested topic - science communication around plant breeding; something more industry focused; perhaps shorter soft skills workshop before or after meeting funded from Monsanto/Dow-Dupont (Emilio and Klaus); 30-50 students; additional interaction with industry and help to build communication skills.

Cumming raised question of establishing an industry working group. Would function to plan how industry wants to support activities at the meeting.

### **New Business**

#### Awards

Potts recommended that the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup>- place grad student poster winner awards be set at \$300-200-100 to establish consistency going forward. Jones moved to accept, Brubeck seconded, motion passed unanimously.

NAPB collaborates with TriSocieties and recently has reached out to the American Society for Horticultural Science. Ellen Bergfield contacted Mike Neff with ASHS but has not yet received a response.

What type of connection are we seeking? Conversation with organization for now. Establish a liaison to Hort? Have had liaison with Tri-Soc but no one currently identified; do have current liaison with ASTA, NCCPB; table for now until hear more

from Bergfield or Neff; McPherson is an active ASHS member; suggested to partner on congressional visit day? Has spoken with Mike Neff in past about closer relationship; Jim volunteered as an interim liaison; discussion on this as action item for next meeting.

Borlaug NAPB UG Scholars and Borlaug NAPB G Scholars Program – put forward by Donn Cummings. Document circulated.

Cummings – Golden Opportunities Scholars – Tri-Soc ASF has done for several years and are trying to get endowed; should look at bringing in new plant breeding talent; would like to think about endowment of 30K to support student travel grants – use as revenue stream from private members; start with undergrads for Guelph meeting, could go next with grads; 30K from general funds as a line item – not all money has to be spent; money comes partly from donations already received (15K) that could be matched by NAPB. Use as incentive for other contributions. Set aside 25% as carry over. Would drive industry relationships forward and long-term commitment to NAPB. Donn has been in contact with Julie Borlaug and family is OK with identification as long as clearly distinguished from other such awards. Vote will be taken in Dec. Need to take into account budget. Reserve fluctuates considerably – dependent on when sponsor funds received. Would not have to transfer funds to line item until contributions are being received. There are some concerns about repeatedly asking industry for money. What would be the committee structure/selection?

PBCC Congressional visits day 2018 (Dawson)

Dates: March 7-8 but deadline for application is Dec 5 ASHS and Congressional Visit McFerson has had discussion at recent ASHS meetings about their hosting an NAPB student for their Congressional Visit Day. NAPB has been involved last couple of years; need to decide quickly since date moved up this year. Communications will send to all grad stud members (although we don't have a student listserv). Travel will be paid by NAPB (from general fund?) – could be rolled into reporting for NIFA.

PBCC encourages NAPB members to comment on the NIFA listening sessions as time permits Dawson - NAPB could send reminder to membership (through Combs) for comment solicitation. Combs would like to limit number of emails.

Meeting was adjourned at 1 p.m.