NAPB EC Call

April 16, 2019

**Attendees:** Todd Campbell, Peggy Ozias-Akins, Dave Bubeck, Alex Lipka

**Dave Bubeck** – March 2019 minutes approved as written

**Recent EC approvals and membership – Todd**

1. Balance sheet update
2. NAPB Zoom account
3. Photo contest approval
4. Travel support of for ASHS conference
5. Peggy and CSSP conference

**ASHS conference update - Todd**

Peggy Ozias-Akins and Dan Packer (Post-Doc at Washington St. Univ.) will attend on behalf of NAPB at exhibit. NAPB/PBCC joint poster in scientific meeting.

Meeting is at end of July

Exhibitors have opportunity to give a brief talk

Poster with NAPB and PBCC to provide a poster at the ASHS conference

**2019 UGA meeting update - Peggy**

Workshop – Emilio has finalized the workshop details and Virginia sent out the applications and announcement regarding the workshop

Code of Conduct policy – Wayne Parrot made just a few revisions to our version for this year; Dave, Alex, Wayne and Peggy will be contact names with mobile numbers posted as contacts for the code of conduct

Andy Lavigne from ASTA has 20 minutes – and also consider offering them space for an exhibition booth;

**Action: Todd will schedule a teleconference with Andy LaVigne, Todd, Dave and Peggy to discuss ASTA’s overall involvement, presentation and booth idea for UGA August meetings.**

Videos from ASTA/NAPB Plant Breeding Graduate Student Videos – Room used for lunch and presentations; Peggy will bring these up with the program planning committee and figure out best place to position these in the meeting

Up to about $55,000 total on sponsorships. Still waiting for Syngenta (Heather Mert).

**Action: Dave B. will send an additional request to Syngenta**

We have the NIFA grant to identify people from under-represented groups that are interested in plant breeding – i.e. Mary Brackey in MN for minority contacts; funds to support their attendance and travel- we could do up to 5-6 students travel/meeting support grants. No applicants yet.

**Action: Through Virginia, do an e-mail update on the NIFA grant opportunity above.**

**NAPB EC meeting Sunday morning of annual meeting, NAPB EC dinner Tuesday evening? - Todd**

**Action: schedule travel to make plans for an EC meeting Sunday a.m. of UGA meetings, including incoming Secretary; Peggy can make the reservations and determine the time directly at Callaway Gardens**

**Action: schedule on calendars an NAPB EC dinner for Tuesday evening – conference decompression opportunity, including incoming Secretary; Dinner can be arranged at Callaway Gardens as well.**

**Action: figure out a time during the UGA meetings to connect the UGA planners with the next institution planning committee, George Graef, Univ. of NE; work around Peggy’s schedule**

**Election of Secretary – Todd**

Todd confirmed Ksenija Gasic interest

**Action: Todd will send out a formal call for nominations**

**Action: Todd will contact Julie Dawson at Univ. of WI**

Need to go ahead with election of the incoming Secretary

Jennifer Yates (Bayer) declined at this time

**Membership - Todd**

25 more professional members and 3 more student members at the end of March

People whose membership recently expired – Todd sent message to remind recently expired members to renew their membership

Todd will send out another e-mail for the next month expiring memberships, can this be automated.

**Proposal from the Membership Committee regarding IT services for NAPB - Todd**

Peggy would like to consider working with another IT service organization

Alex commented positively on benefits of working with ACSESS and the web based support they provide

**Action: Todd will ask for clarification of point #3 on the ‘membership committee’ - consider putting together an ad hoc team to look at our options of supporting NAPB; drive this through e-mail discussion and determine whether we put a task force together.**

Borlaug scholars program - from Donn’s e-mail

2019 Nominations:

**71 students total:**

13 Undergrads/58 Grads

41 female/30 male

30 universities

30 states

18 countries of citizenship

Overall number of applicants is up 25%

The committee expects to finalize selection for this year’s awards on May 1.