

Minutes from the NAPB Board meeting 1-20 2015

Present: Barry Tillman; Candy Hirsch; David Francis; Greg Berger; Jim McFerson; Kate Evans; Jamie Sherman; Klaus Koehler; Shelby Ellison, Don Jones; Donn Cummings; Pat Byrne; Liz Lee; Leah Ruff; Tom Koch; Seth Murray; Michael Gore

Approval Minutes. Unanimous Approval Moved David, Second Donn

1. Treasurer's report (Don Jones)
Donn Cummings was recognized for his effort to recruit sponsors to the 2014 meetings. Cash balance is \$72445.38 on December 31, 2015
2. Education Committee update (Loren Trimble, Shelby Ellison)
 - a. Plans for 2015 Meeting- posters, contest, etc.
Most of the effort has been to get the webinars going. The first is scheduled to happen March 4th at 1pm central. Website may not be ready at that time. Please advise for additional speakers at the webinars. Please contact Shelby Ellison.
Still working on the website information on graduate programs and other information. Looking for a call to the plant breeding community to create a short video for K-12 to present what a plant breeder does. We request feedback on this activity. Make sure you have a time range in mind when this should be completed. Plan is to announce the competition at the next meeting. Dave suggests to cast a wide net for the contributions to this concept. This will help people to realize activities of NAPB.

Question is how the education committee could request funds for this activity?

Barry: Request from each committee to submit a budget proposal for how much money will be needed in 2015. Donn Cummings agree that a bottom up approach is the best. Donn: Suggest for every committee to propose a budget with no more than \$ 5000. We currently do not have a budget for FY 2015. Need to approve an annual budget for 2015 at the next meeting once we discuss the cost of the annual meeting. Our fiscal year is Jan. 1 to Dec. 31. Donn: Committees can come up with their own ideas about income generation. The end product would be available on the website to be used in local school districts.

Barry: At the annual meeting planning session we discussed the annual poster session for the 2015 meeting. Will the education committee be ready?

Answer: yes. There is only time for 30 one-minute presentations. Otherwise the committee will be ready to organize once the agenda for the meeting become more clear.

David: Last year the location of the abstract submission was facilitated by OSU. Last year it was a charge with ACSESS. We could possibly try to have this done through our new website (ACSESS) to see if we can do it there. David is still willing to do it this year or have OSU IT-MSE or work with ACSESS to transfer to our website.

Donn: Have a place to volunteer for committee work or poster judging in the new website.

3. Annual meeting Committee Update (Jim McFerson, Kate Evans)

Kate: If more time is needed for the 1-minute presentation we can do that. Last year we had 40 such presentation as upper limit. 40 is a maximum cap.

a. Approval of the budget for WSU 2015

Projected fees are:

Student Reg. fees	\$125.00
Student Non-Members	\$150.00
Professional fees	\$450.00
Professional Non-Members	\$550.00
Late fee	\$100.00
Student late fee	\$50.00
Pre-Tour fee	\$50.00

Should we give more of a discount for members? Keeping it flat may be ok but there is additional cost to get to Pullman.

We can get the station managers to acknowledge that this is an important meeting we can get more attendance.

We will charge \$50 for the pre-tour on Monday. Consider \$50000 for sponsorships to be received. Put in AFRI meeting grant of \$40,000.

Hotel bid is based on room nights. Facilities fee is based on the meeting not being in the hotel . Entertainment is really for the speakers mainly. \$1000 is the Student award.

Audio visuals are included in the facility fee. Speakers fees are higher than 2014.

Pullman ticket is higher than ticket to MSP. We also have more speakers than last year, about twenty. Budget approval is needed.

David: Move to accept the conference management fee of \$14310. Donn second. Board needs to vote the hotel.

Motion Donn Cummings: To approve the proposed annual meeting budget as delivered as a not to exceed the projected 107,785.00 without additional approval. The expenditures should not to exceed to total cost projection amount as stated above. We are giving flexibility in the line items and are not capping the line items. Klaus Second. Unanimous approval.

4. Graduate Student working group update (Leaf Ruff)

Working on information to include in the website to be complete by the end of February.

5. Website redesign update (Candy Hirsh, Seth Murray)

No new report. Draft version of the website will be available on Friday this week. Candy to organize a call with each subcommittee to organize the material to be updated to the website.

Donn: Do we need a standardized photo release form for the photos? We may have to draft a release form. Candy and Seth will further explore solutions to the issue. Don Jones: what is available on Friday? Candy : A beta versions will be available on Friday. This will be only available internally . Later may have a different beta version to test more broadly. Candy will inform the committees when it is available for update.

6. Membership Committee update (Don Jones, Donn Cummings)

Use personal email for Donn in the future donncummings@gmail.com . Membership is flat from the last time. The brochure is ready to print. Last year we printed 750 copies. We spent \$500. We will send out a PDF-file so people can share electronically or print themselves.

7. Advocacy Committee Update (Bill Tracy, Barry Tillman)

8. Communications Committee (Todd Campbell)

The news letter has been drafted and has been sent out to the Exec. Committee. Make sure you let Greg know if you agree or have changes.

9. PBCC Update (Pat Byrne, Jamie Sherman)

Meeting will be in Dallas on February 11, Five people will meet. Develop a plan to sunset the activities and integrate them into NAPB. USDA proposed to considered a sunset of the agreement. Role of the Ag experiment station directors is not clear. David: We should stay firm that PBCC is still needed. The re-write is still needed and we should go forward. Pat: we should still consider that certain roles are taken over by NAPB.

Minutes: Klaus Koehler January 20, 2015