

Minutes from the NAPB Board meeting 2-17 2015

Present: Barry Tillman; Candy Hirsch; David Francis ; Greg Berger; Jim McFerson ; Kate Evans; Klaus Koehler; Shelby Ellison, Don Jones; Leah Ruff; Bill Tracy; Don Blackburn;

Approve agenda, Bill Tracy Moved. Shelby Ellison second

Approval Minutes. Unanimous Approval Moved Bill Tracy, Second David

1) Treasurer's report (Don Jones)

We have good healthy cash balance of positive balance of \$71,000.00

2) Website redesign update (Candy Hirsch, Seth Murray)

a. Content from Committees

b. Member login page- what details are needed (address, phone, etc. and disclaimers)

We need to get a clear guideline on what new users need to provide, Name, Title, Address, Email, organization. Could add species of interest or gender and ethnicity a optional entries. This could be by the end of the week people should email the names of all the crops that should be included to Candice.

Another question is at what point will non-members become non-members? How will we handle existing members.

Dave Francis: There is no plan of work with access on this. Does not want this issue to be hindering our website to go live.

Motion: Delay membership registration until we have meeting registration ingoing.

Moved: Bill Tracy, Second: Shelby Ellison Unanimously accepted.

Candy would like to have information on how we handle the information in the old site. The communications committee will highlight a breeding program each month on the website. Barry asked Rita Mumm to write a history of NAPB. Is there someone else who knows the history of NAPB that could accomplish this?.

Lynne is working on the meeting registration secure portal.

Candice: Please have anyone on the call look at the old site and see if there is anything that we need to include in the new site.

3) PBCC Update- Rewriting/Planning Meeting (Pat Byrne, Jamie Sherman)

Don Blackburn: Five made the trip to Dallas. The first day we shared information on various areas for plant breeding. Re-write needs to be finalized by July 1. First draft by April 1. March 6 is the deadline for the writing of segments of the report.

Question: Do we need PBCC anymore?

NAPB is working thorough several issues (new membership, website). This would allow an opening to PBCC in addressing the following advocacy subjects. What are the needs in breeding capacity? Where do we stand on infrastructure in plant breeding? Example: National plant germplasm system, PBCC could work on this. Issues on intellectual property in science.

Communication on threats to agriculture, abiotic or biotic stress. Maximize opportunities for public-private collaborations. April 1<sup>st</sup> the rewrite group will start to look for feedback from NAPB. Eric Young was the advisor. Keep the paper 3-4 pages long.

4) Membership Committee update (Don Jones, Donn Cummings)

Don Jones updated membership brochure and had 500 printed. David Francis: requested to post the .pdf file on the website so everyone can download.

- 5) Annual meeting Committee Update (Jim McFerson, Kate Evans )  
Updates on a revised version of the schedule/agenda . The new document is also up on the website.
- 6) Education Committee update (Loren Trimble, Shelby Ellison)  
Webinar series has nine speakers signed so far. Will have a complete list of webinars by the next meeting. The webinar will start most likely before our next meeting. Think about publicizing the webinar.
- 7) Graduate Student working group update (Leaf Ruff)  
Last week's meeting gave an update from all the graduate students.
- 8) Advocacy Committee Update (Bill Tracy, Barry Tillman)  
Develop a white paper to be ready in March to present to the executive committee. There is language for cultivar development in the president's budget. This budget likely will go nowhere. We need to do more lobbying to get our word out.
- 9) Communications Committee (Greg Berger)  
Committee met. Newsletter went out. Next newsletter will go out late March. Connect if the new website is up. There is still content lacking on the new website. We need to allow Candy to roll out the website. Barry will get permission from the Exec Committee before the next meeting.
- 10) Shelby asking for approval of the education committee budget as sent by email. She is asking for adding \$480.- for Rex Bernardo's text books and \$1000.- for the recruitment video. Motion to approve: David Francis Second: Leah Ruff. Unanimously approved.
- 11) Nominations (Barry Tillman)
  - a. Nominations for NAPB Secretary  
Need nominations for a new candidate soon. Committees have so far handled their own succession by themselves.