

Minutes from the NAPB Board meeting 3-17 2015

Present: Barry Tillman; Candy Hirsch; David Francis; Jim McFerson ; Kate Evans; Klaus Koehler; Don Jones; Donn Cummings; Pat Byrne; Liz Lee; Leah Ruff; Bill Tracy;

Approval of agenda Moved Bill Tracy, Second Liz Lee

Approval of minutes. Moved Bill Tracy, Second Dave Francis

1) Treasurer's report (Don Jones)

The ACSESS CFO requested increase of fees from \$4000 and \$6000 and increase of \$2000 per year which amounts to \$75 per hour. This is for the front office support of NAPB. Need a clear definition of what services are provided for this fee. Proposal to have a call with Don and Candice with ACSESS. Donn will contact ACSESS to find out more on what the cost package is. Some of these cost may go away because there is duplication.

Plan B: We do not have time to wait for the roll out of the membership. We need to move forward with the meeting registration and need to remove the extra fee for non members.

Done Jones: We may be able to get the website online very quick.

Barry: We need to know by next Friday and would need to be operational by April 6 for registration. Otherwise we will go with plan B. Barry and Don will get with ACSESS to find the answer and then respond.

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

a. Basic website

b. Statement of Work for Membership database

We have the option of staying in the umbrella of crops. Our expenses could be decreased if we stay in crops. There is a desire to be separate for the website. The horticulture side sees us closely aligned with the tri-society. There is some sensitivity there.

Candice: The \$26 is for emails to renew membership, maintaining the data base. The check writing is not included here. Candice will mail out to organize a meeting with ACSESS.

The URL currently is wwwtest.plantbreeding.com

If we want to have registration to open on April 6 we need to postpone the membership fee.

Motion: Liz moved to implement plan B. Unanimous approval. David Francis second: Open registration immediately and work on membership fees later.

Annual meeting budget will not need to be reapproved. Use a \$500 fee for professionals and \$125 for students.

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

A draft will be coming soon.

4) USDA- NIFA- Next steps with the plant breeding roadmap (Ann Marie Thro)

The plant breeding roadmap was up on the web. The period for comments has been extended. We are seeking a candidate to further work on this project. Could be from public or private. The white house has invited us to have a summit on plant breeding. This could help us to learn how to manage such event. The new person would come in after the white house event.

What commitment is required to attend the meeting at the White House? It does not have to be perfect but inspirational. The timeline is May or June. We need more information for what is required.

Ann Marie to send out the information on what is required. They would like this to be education about the need for plant breeding. Ann Mare to set up a conference call separate in two weeks.

5) Advocacy Committee Update (Bill Tracy)

a. New gene editing technologies

Can we work with ASTA to understand how to work with this? Currently the public sector is not capable to transform or to enable gene editing. What is the role of NAPB? This would be more of an educational role. We need to get out front with ASTA to help in the education of the public and Congress. The plant breeding community was silent when the gene editing was first suggested. This could be handled in the education committee and the advocacy committee. The audience is the public and the science community. ASTA is very interested in working with us on this subject.

PBCC also plays a role here. They are completely in the public sector.

David Francis: The advocacy committee (Bill Tracy) to draft a statement to be reviewed by PBCC.

Thomas Lubberstedt comments, that a coordinated Initiative exists at ISU around genome editing. <http://cropbioengineering.iastate.edu/> Other surrounding states are also involved in this initiative. The initiative is addressing the technology but also legal and societal issues on the subject. .

6) Communications Committee (Greg Berger)

The upcoming news letter will outline the upcoming webinar series.