

Minutes from the NAPB Board meeting 4-21 2015

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

Barry Tillman, chairing
Klaus Koehler, minutes

Approval of agenda: Moved Donn Cummings, Second Shelby Ellison, unanimous
Approval of minutes from March Telecom: Moved Liz Lee, Second Candy Hirsch, unanimous

- 1) Don Jones (Treasurers Report) March 31: 66,000 plus dollars in the account.
- 2) Membership Committee (Don Jones)
 - a. Paid Membership- how do we move forward?
 - i. ACSESS proposal

Asked for more clarification on the \$15,000 proposal for cost. Will need a few more days to get an answer from them.

Membership committee would like to roll out a paid-for membership by the summer meeting in Pullman. Other options that we would have for administration would have other downsides. ACSES has a good system to track taxes.

Donn Cummings. We will be negotiating every year with ACSESS on the fees. We just need to keep the ball rolling and keep moving.

It was \$80 for annual membership and \$25 for a student.

Question is annualized or calendar membership. Advice was to go with a annual renewal per member on the anniversary date of joining. The quote is for an anniversary renewal including a renewal email to remind members to renew.

We should offer a discount for people who sign up right away. There is a waiting period of six to eight weeks to get the membership system in place.

Motion by Liz Lee: We move to accept the proposal from ACSES for the membership data base. Candice second.

NAPB Officers are: Treasurer, Web Editor, Past President, President, Vice- President, Secretary. An expenditure of \$2000 requires the approval of four officers. We have quorum to make a vote. Don, Liz, Barry, Candice, Klaus agree. Motion is approved.
- 3) Annual Meeting Update (Jim McFerson, Kate Evans)
 - a. Registrations

Kate Evans: Registration is up and running. Hopefully everyone could register. Only one enquiry from someone who could not register.

Barry: Do we need to send a registration reminder? Kate: send out towards the end of this month (April). Every two weeks will be a good frequency for sending out additional reminders for registration.

Question of award recipients to give a presentation? Barry: The three professional awardees and the three student awardees will get a time slot to give presentation. We normally set time at the Banquet for the awardees to give their talk. They would get their travel reimbursed and get a free registration.
 - b. Sponsors

We are beginning to receive sponsorships. Submit an AFRI conference proposal for \$37000 travel funds. Past sponsors will be contacted.

- 4) PBCC Update- Rewriting/Planning Meeting (Pat Byrne, Jamie Sherman)
PBCC renewal proposal was circulated as a draft to state station directors. We have been getting good comments. These will be incorporated into a new draft. One of the proposals is to have a symposium in Washington DC to highlight the use of plant genetic resources in plant breeding. The SSS meeting will be held in February 2016. This proposal is to be finalized by Friday, April 24.

Liz Lee: Future annual meeting host requests have been sent out: After North Carolina in 2016; 2017 meeting will be at UC Davis CA; 2018 will be in Saskatoon SK, Canada; 2019 possibly at University of Georgia; 2020 the meeting should be in CIMMYT, Mexico City.

- 5) Education Committee update (Shelby Ellison)
The main focus has been on the webinar series. There are usually around 100 registrants with 40 people attending. The webinars will be posted on YouTube two weeks after they have been held. We should mention the remaining webinars on the newsletter. All the other ones are posted to the website. Please advertize these as you see fit. The video contest will be rolled out at the annual meeting and the submission deadline would be two months later. The submission would be a technical problem at the website and we would need to find out how and where people could upload these video. Large file transfers are possible. Just need to find out how to do this done the best.
- 6) Graduate Student working group update (Leaf Ruff)
The webinars are going on. The students are hosting these. David: They are doing a good job. The students are working to collect profiles of breeders to show on the website. The graduate students have been working on a travel facilitating activity to organize rooms shares and ride shares.
- 7) Website (Candy Hirsch)
We made our goal date for the big rollout. Changing the hot topics on the website will be good to keep it fresh. The students could provide a featured plant breeding program each month.