

NAPB Monthly Executive Committee Minutes
May, 2016

Attendance – Todd Campbell, Don Jones, LeAnn Hague (for Wayne Smith), David Frances, Sarah Turner, Richard Pratt, Kate Evans; Loren Trimble

- I. Agenda
- II. Minutes – spelling correction on Jim McFerson’s name; minutes approved
- III. Committee Reports
 - A. PBCC (Kate) – approval of PBCC annual meeting went out to station directors, implication being that state representatives to PBCC may get some of their travel covered by their dean or station director; word needs to get out to state reps so they can ask their director.

There is a PDF of the PBCC internship recommendations on the NAPB website. More internship content is needed so that this recommendation is not lost.

B. Communication (Todd)

Next newsletter is scheduled to go out before the next meeting. Needs to have meeting announcement, link to registration and statement about meeting in North Carolina as well as information on two competitive grants. A short note with those items needs to go out this week.

SOW for managing email list is now in place. There is a members list, recruitment list, and graduate student list – they are crosschecked so they do not appear on multiple lists. Upcoming newsletter should go out to both members and recruitment lists and there shouldn’t be duplicate emails received. New graduate students are on the members list as well and the graduate student list is only for the graduate student working group emails.

Is there a better way for NAPB to communicate? Communication committee was charged with development of a proposal or communication plan using alternative methods (mail Chimp). Other approaches could give us a new way to manage email lists without going through tri-societies?

USDA National Institute of Food and Agriculture funding opportunities for plant breeding:
Program Contact – Dr. Ed Kaleikau (202) 401-1931 or ekaleikau@nifa.usda.gov

Agriculture and Food Research Initiative - Food Security Challenge Area - RFA
Breeding and Phenomics of Food Crops and Animals, Program Area Priority Code – A5171
Application Deadline – July 7, 2016 (5:00 p.m., Eastern Time)

Agriculture and Food Research Initiative - Foundational Program,
Plant Breeding for Agricultural Production, Program Area Priority Code – A1141
Application Deadline – July 28, 2016 (5:00 p.m. Eastern Time)

C. Education (Loren)

Abstract submission. We need to consider costs of abstract submission site in the Future. David was able to provide this for free the last two years, but was charged \$200.00 for 2016..

Video competition links up. Special recognition of Shelby for her work on this.

Webinar links coming soon.

Request of communication committee. A number of cases where NAPB would benefit from having it's own channel. Suggest a meeting to discuss only this issue.

Education committee. Lost incumbent chair due to change in role. Spend time revising committee structure. Do we need a chair structure that promotes inclusion? Do we need to fill committee roles differently?

Do all committees need the same structure?

Do we need to consider other committees?

Agenda/Focus item for next EC meeting?

Video competition results announcement should go out in newsletter, winners have been notified and the videos are in the process of being posted; request from education committee to ask communication committee if NAPB could have its own Youtube channel to increase visibility and increase ability to post videos of webinars, etc – request highlights value of having own branded Youtube channel – suggested that there should be a meeting to just discuss this issue

Need to decide as a group who will take this on management of a NAPB Youtube chanel– suggested that in the next three weeks there is a meeting with education, communication and EC to decide what the plan forward will be. Loren will organize the single issue meeting to set responsibility and if we start our own or if we take over the plant breeding and genomics

Thanked people responsible for video competition and webinars

Webinar links will be up soon.

Student abstract submission site will have to be paid for in the future so the implications are do we want to continue to use what we have and pay for it or get a bid to go through the tri-societies. If going through the tri-societies it will probably be much more expensive and abstracts may have to be posted to tri-society data base. This is something NAPB needs to be prepared to support out of annual meeting funds

D. Advocacy(Jim)

(See new business)

Rich Pratt – looking for new secretary for advocacy committee; communicating with a person about taking on this position. In August Jim moves off the committee so they are still really looking for two people. They are not restricting their search to people in PR to expand list of potential members.

Have looked at document about international germplasm resources/treaties and they think it is fine to endorse those. There was one treaty (Nagoya protocol) that they had a question about but they assume that people who have an understanding of those have reached a conclusion.

- E. Awards (David for Rita)
 - i. See attached membership structure
 - ii. Encourage nominations for 2016 award categories; so far, only one nomination has been submitted, the deadline for submissions is May 22nd. Although there are a number of previous nominations to be considered again this year (nominations are considered for 3 years unless nominee becomes ineligible), it is a grand opportunity to highlight the best and most impactful in our field and attract young people to the profession. Promote nomination of outstanding plant breeders.
 - iii. After this year's annual meeting, there will be 4 seats to be filled on the Awards Panel. Send your suggestions to Rita Mumm. We aim to maintain diversity on the Panel for gender, age, work sector, etc.

An email to breeders asking for involvement for open positions and award nominations would be appropriate.

We have a rigid committee structure that requires a 3 year commitment and that might be a barrier to participation so we might need to reconsider how we view their make-up and their structure. For example - do all of the committees need to have the same structure? There needs to be a discussion about this and is it possible to let each committee decide on its own leadership role structure. It was suggested that this be added as an agenda item for the next EC meeting and have all committees represented and this be the only agenda item discussed.

F. Membership (Aaron, after 3:00)

No representative from membership

Over 300 members at present but all do not show in data base.

IV. Old Business

A. Financial Report (Don Jones)

We need to discuss as a group if we want to take part of carry over and devote it to a staff position which might make it easier to recruit leadership if tasks could be passed on to a staff person

- B. Annual Meeting (Don Jones) – under 40 people are now registered. A concerted effort is needed to go ahead and push people to register now – this needs to happen in individual crops. There is a concern that the hotel had half of that number registered and the cut-off for hotel is July 15. (Note June 2 update has 78 posters, 143 registrations).

- C. Web – mailing list is now organized into two separate, cross checked lists. Community calendar is up and in the testing phase.

V. Leadership (David)

Recruit new members for committees and a secretary for the EC.

<https://www.plantbreeding.org/leadership>

Changes:

Leah Ruff succeeded (followed) by Sarah Turner [sdtturner2@wisc.edu]; (Approval of GSWG)
Candice Hirsch to be succeeded by Alex Lipka [alipka@illinois.edu]; (Executive Committee Action April 27, 2016)

VI. New Business

- A. Meeting Grant (See information under communication)

Breeding and Phenomics of Food Crops and Animals, Program Area Priority Code – A5171
Plant Breeding for Agricultural Production, Program Area Priority Code – A1141
Two opportunities? One for NAPB and one for IP? Is there anyone willing to lead this – write with help. It has to go through grants.gov so it has to go through a university office. Kate said to think carefully before doing a meeting grant for the upcoming but rather for the 2017 meeting because of short notice for dealing with getting grant and allocating funds and also allowing a reasonable timeframe for advertising student travel grants, etc. Bill Tracy is putting in a proposal for funds to support pre-meeting and it was suggested to include travel funds for students as part of this so students could get in for the meeting and then stay in. Sarah Turner will follow-up with Bill Tracy on this and [David] will ask Allen Van Deynze to submit a proposal for the 2017 meeting.

B. Germplasm Treaty (see supplemental attached information)

Senate Foreign Relations Committee will review International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture on Thursday 10:00 AM. John Schoenecker, former ASTA Chairman, will be testifying at the hearing on behalf of the seed industry. Ask: If your organizations would be willing to contact SFRC members and urge them to support the Treaty.

This is not a NAPB response but rather an individual response. Suggested that the advocacy committee draft a letter as a basic template that people could work from for their responses. It would be up to individuals to send the letters to members on the excel spreadsheet or at least letters to their states since letters from constituents count for a lot more. This template should be ready by mid-day tomorrow.

Members from (see attached EXCEL)

CO, CT, DE, FL, GA, ID, KY, MA, MD, NH, NJ, NM, TN, VA, WI, WY

C. Non Discrimination Statement (Barry) statement to assure people that vendors and meeting at north Carolina have a non-discrimination policy to convey message to membership that we want them to feel comfortable and will not be discriminated against. Could not find examples of these from other organizations. This is perhaps an opportunity for us to be a leader in the space and develop a statement for the website. A drafted statement was read and it was moved and seconded that the wording be approved and put on the web. Motion carried and Candice will put on web.