

Minutes from the NAPB Board meeting 5-19 2015

Present: Barry Tillman; Candy Hirsch; Jim McFerson ; Kate Evans; Shelby Ellison, Don Jones; Donn Cummings; Leah Ruff; Bill Tracy; Don Blackburn; Klaus Koehler;

Barry Tillman, chairing
Klaus Koehler, minutes

Approval of agenda

Moved Shelby Ellison, Don Jones second, Unanimous approval

Approval of minutes from April NAPB meeting

Moved Donn Cummings, Second Don Jones, Unanimous approval

- 1) Don Jones (Treasurers Report)
Not all the committed donations have been paid yet.
- 2) Membership Committee (Don Jones)
 - a. Update on ACSESS progress on membership portal
Should be up and running by the end of June.
- 3) Annual Meeting Update (Jim McFerson, Kate Evans).
 - a. Meeting promotional materials: Where are they and can they be sent out to Pullman? 500 brochures were made by Don Jones. They are new ones which were updated. We should also send an email to Heather to see what is still available. It will depend a lot on if the website is available.
 - b. Conference agenda. Is the current timing on the business session acceptable? Is there a need for additional break-out rooms? The feedback from last year's meeting was that the business session was too long. No issue to tweet the conference live. The grad students are willing to take charge of that. You will need a common #-tag. Can we manage/moderate if people are tweeting data? It should be announced that any tweeting should be respectful of data.
 - c. Awards: Ted Crosbie participation is tentative. *Maria Salas Fernandez* – Yes, - *William Meyer* -- No. There preferred option is to make sure we have the 2015 awardees speak at the 2015 meeting. If people cannot attend in person we could use conferencing technology to manage their presentation.
 - d. Sponsors: We are on our way to secure the corporate sponsors at the same level as last year. Also the AFRI funds came through at a significant level \$35,500. There are spending targets attached with the AFRI funds. How much money is allocated to each group? We can use the funds to fund the three students that are selected to give oral presentations. It will be hard to select the top ten students for support based on abstracts before the meeting. The top three to give an oral presentation would then be selected from those to pay their full cost. The selection of the top ten posters will be easier based on the final poster. Grad student would be awarded \$ 1000 to offset costs. We could have a nomination process for the students who are awarded the travel funds.
Decision: Jim McFerson, Kate Evans and Shelby Ellison will work out the details of this nomination process.
 - e. Other Video: Have a video competition to make to be an introduction to plant breeding as a recruiting tool. This would be announced at the meeting and then followed through after the meeting.

- f. Registrations are at 44 to date. 12 of them are graduate students and the rest are professional.
Check to see if we can get the meeting scheduled on the public calendar of ACSESS. Kate will contact Greg to send a meeting reminder as the front page of the new letter.
- 4) Secretary election update (Barry Tillman)
 - a. Two candidates so far nominated, Bill Tracy and Wayne Smith
 - b. By-laws state that elections are to take place at the Annual Meeting- could we amend the by-laws to allow election prior to the meeting (i.e. via web)? There would be advantages. Should we have this vote at the meeting. When will we select the new secretaries of the committee? Barry: You could vote as part of your normal business to vote for a candidate. Shelby: It would be good for each committee to decide on a candidate for committee secretary before the meeting. Barry agrees with that approach for committees. Donn Cummings agrees too. For the secretary we will need to have a discussion by email. Barry to present a Motion to the Exec to allow voting for candidates online via email.
- 5) PBCC Update- (Bill Tracy)
The renewal proposal for the next five years is undergoing review by the Ag Expt. Station Directors.
- 6) Advocacy Committee Update (Bill Tracy)
How can NAPB advocate around the “plant breeding road map” Anne Marie Thro? On the funding aspect we discussed AFRI, that has been somewhat successful. Organic research initiative has also contained some breeding funds. “FFAR? Initiative”. “National Coalition for Food and Agricultural Research” may also be a forum for our advocacy. Hopefully by the time we meet in Pullman we will have some more detail. PBCC: Bill has a post-doc who is working on royalty fees to fund public plant breeding programs. Developed a survey on how public institutions protect germplasm and how they raise royalties. We will pass the survey around once we have results to share. Possibly have a conference around this subject. Could be done around the NAPB meeting in Raleigh NC next year. A lot of support for this idea in the committee.
- 7) Education Committee update (Shelby Ellison)
Last Webinar is tomorrow. Monthly meeting on Thursday. How to accept the submissions in the video contest?
- 8) Graduate Student working group update (Leaf Ruff)
Creative students: Twitter accounts and free networking cards to pass out to students. Write apps to receive abstracts. Apple version may not be ready but the Android version might be. Need to work on the judges for the poster contest.
- 9) Communications Committee (Greg Berger)
- 10) Website (Candice Hirsch)
No updates. All our governance documents or bylaws are now on the website.