

Minutes NAPB Monthly Conference Call Meeting
August 18, 2015

Attending:

David Francis
Don Jones
Aaron Lorenz
Candice Hirsch
Todd Cambell
Don Blackburn
Kate Evans
Rita Mumm
Klaus Koehler
Araby Belcher

Minutes read/reviewed; motion to accept (Smith); second by Jones; approved without modification

1. Chair comments:

Chair proposed that the monthly meeting will follow a protocol of addressing issues with less time devoted to discussion of protocol and that the details of protocol will be handled by the NAPB committee structure. Occasionally, D. Francis will ask the chairs of the NAPB Committee to organize the agenda and lead one of the monthly meetings. The first such action will likely be the November Meeting.

2. Follow up to WSU 2015 meeting:

David thanked Kate and the Organizing Committee for their work to make the meeting a success.

Kate Evans reported on the 2015 NAPB meeting in Pullman:

great WSU meeting;
most speaker reimbursements made; follow up with D. Jones;
working through AFRI scholarships which must be through WSU for student distribution;
survey results have been distributed and some good comments came back (mostly how to focus the meeting---length (mixed); will it remain grad student focused or move to issue focused, etc.; may need to have the grad student workshops earlier in the meeting;
need more pictures (grad student working group has posted lot of pictures on Flickr – email gswgnapb@gmail.com also on twitter (#NAPB2015);
Kate should be able to work with students to get these;

Survey results were discussed briefly.

ACTION ITEM: Kate and Araby to work on selection of pictures for the NAPB web site.

D. Jones asked about two request for “add on” meetings (B. Tracy and E. Young); discussion ensued about cost and practibility (cws word) of such add-ons involving costs, assurance of attendees, adding to the length of the meeting, etc.

ACTION: Don J. to set up a meeting of EC, Conf. Planning committee, and Bill Tracy and Eric Young.

3. New leadership

Advocacy needs a new secretary

ACTION: send suggestions to Jim McPherson with cc to D. Francis

Clarification on Communication Committee officers

Todd Campbell is current chair (2015/16)

Jane Dever is vice chair

Emily Combs is secretary

4. Thank you letters

Thank you letters

Jim McPherson and Kate Evans sent email thank yous to all speakers, all sponsors, and all session chairs. Smith suggested that as an organization, we should send paper thank you letters over proper signatures.

ACTION: Kate and Jim will send Smith the list of recipients

ACTION, Smith will do the letter on NAPB letterhead with right signatures and either email attachment or snail mail.

5. Press releases:

Follow up on Award Press Releases

Professional awards (Rita, done posted)

Student poster awards (done, posted)

Student oral winner (Bios are available in program book)

ACTION: Candice will pull Bios from meeting program and post to Awards section of website with other press releases.

6. New video competition for graduate students:

Follow up on Video Competition (announcement on web site and in news-letters, Education Committee and Communication Committee)

ACTION: Education committee will report specifics. Candice will add to website. Todd will add announcement to newsletter. Need to move on getting the video competition out.

7. Document archives

Document archives (Candice)

Discussion of archiving and changes to by-laws. This discussion will continue.
URL and login for archives: <https://www.plantbreeding.org/leadership-content>

Need to black out the tax exempt number on our bylaws—Candice agreed and will do

8. Seed World support of NAPB

SeedWorld is owned by Issues Inc. and committed to a Sept and Dec article highlighting NAPB meetings.

Amea Vandam contacted Kate/Jim and asked that SeedWorld about doing a spread on the meeting. After discussion, concluded that Kate should ask SeedWorld to not use sponsors logos but just express our appreciation for their support and list the sponsors.

NAPB would need permission from each individual company/organization to allow a third party to use their logos.

9. ASTA/NAPB Joint efforts

The NAPB advocacy committee recommended that the ASTA statement on innovation in plant breeding, be endorsed by the Association; NAPB subsequently voted to endorse the statement.

ACTION: NAPB statement of endorsement agreed to:

The National Association of Plant Breeders (NAPB) endorsed the American Seed Trade Association's (ASTA) statement "Promoting Innovation in Seed and Crop Plant Development" [link]. NAPBs endorsed the need for uniform, science-based standards for regulating new technology in order to maintain genetic improvement of food, feed, fiber, shelter, and greenspace while protecting the environment and insuring food security. Such technologies should be size neutral and available to public breeders and other public scientists. NAPB felt that principles articulated in ASTA's statement should be extended to vegetatively propagated crops.

Candice motioned, Klaus, second. Unanimous.

Action: Add "Press release" section to Advocacy page on website. Post statement as a PDF press release.

10. Awards

Rita Mumm reported on the work of the awards panel. Nine people who work behind the scenes. Fred Bliss will retire. Would like suggestions for new member(s). Goal is to maintain a diversity of crops, age, career stage. Specifically looking for mid-career stage.

ACTION: Suggestions to Rita with a CC to David Francis.

11. List of science experts

Aaron has a call from IDA Science and Policy Institute as a way to get in touch with private and public plant breeders. Discussion of existing lists (Education committee, PBCC, and membership). Access to e-mail list is restricted by our privacy policy.

12. Paid membership is now at 94.

Action: Membership committee will develop a strategy to grow membership. Report back.

13. Miscellaneous

Araby for Graduate Student Working Group will be designating new positions.

Anna Levina [avlevina@gmail.com; AVL6@cornell.edu;) will be on meeting organizing committee

Mohan Niroula [mniroula@ucdavis.edu] will continue as social media chair.

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End of Meeting