

Minutes from the NAPB Board meeting 8-19 2014

Present: Barry Tillman ; Bill Tracy; Candy Hirsch; David Francis ; Don Jones ; Greg Berger ; Heather Merk ; Jim McFerson ; Kate Evans; Leah Ruff; Lee Elizabeth ; Seth Murray ; Shelby Ellison; Don Cummings; Klaus Koehler

1. Website; David Francis

We need to meet with issues Inc and Access to get info on how the website will be designed and get this over to Anne. Candy, Greg, We need contact information for Anne at Access.

Action: David (with Candy, Greg) to organize a meeting with Amy Van Damme with Issues Inc to sort out the website issues.

2. Don Jones, Treasury report

We currently \$ 159,000 in available funds

We need a NAPB motion to approve the Marriott meeting expenses. The bill was \$ 51503.08 for the Marriott portion. We are expected to spend \$78,000 for the total meeting. We should be able to stay within budget.

Motion to approve the NAPB 2014 meeting expenses.

NAPB board: Candy, Klaus, David, Don, Barry all approve the motion

Donation from Sakata Seeds withheld to be coming in in 2015. We will not invoice this donation now.

How do we store our files in one place? Currently we have three places where we have our documents. We need to find one place to store our documents.

Proposal to set up a drop box for the current year. Allan has one drop box. Liz has another. There is one for the strategic planning.

Action: Barry to work with Liz to consolidate the Drop Boxes

3. Strategic planning process

Go over proposal from Ellen Cull. 20 Hours to draft a plan Cost is \$4500.

Phase II to develop an action plan Maximum is \$12500 and the minimum is \$4400 in cost.

Motion to clarify to involve Ellen in the action plan and at what level. Discussion with Amy.

Phase 1: Let her work on the 20h ("Core" hours) first to see what product we get. And then see how much more work is needed to finish the work. She has been very fair with us. Refine the proposal and draft the Strategic plan. Finish in end of September .

Phase 2: Roll out to NAPB and seek feedback and draft the final plan.

Motion: Call for approval of the "core" work (\$4400) to be completed and then decide on the second phase in the September meeting . Barry to work with Jamie to move forward on Phase 1. Have a potential meeting with Ellen on the week of September 2. Motion accepted.

4. Mission statement survey to be postponed to the next meeting with Jamie present and approve a statement
5. New business
 - a. Participate in the National Plant Science Council. We need to understand what they are asking for. Our resources are limited, we need to understand what we need to spend. \$1000 would be possible. Barry to take the lead to ask what they are asking for.
 - b. National Plant Germplasm Systems, AFRI committee, ASTA, USDA etc. We will understand better what we should engage once we have decided.
 - c. Are there other targets we should engage? Should we focus on one or two. Andy Lavigne did send a nice note after the meeting. What are the key initiatives? Germplasm systems, Education, Communication on promoting plant breeding. It could be natural to partner with ASTA on the germplasm system. AFRI funds six plant breeding programmers. If AFRI could maintain that funding (or increase the funding) we could invigorate plant other breeding programs.

Motion: The advocacy committee to ask the ARFI to maintain the existing funding and increase it by 50% which would fund Three ½ more breeding programs. Motion accepted

Motion: To work with ASTA on the National Plant Germplasm System. 1. We do not have enough money for collection and regeneration of the collections. 2. How do we enact more characterization to enable more use of the germplasm. Without the increase in utilization the maintenance will be mute. Motion accepted

Bill Tracy to act on both motions

USDA is drafting a strategic plan. It is still very undefined. The advocacy committee could go after this plan to understand it better.

6. Past 2014 meeting
Attendance 260 people from which 90 graduate students. These are the highest numbers we have achieved.

Survey results: Positives were the tours, changes in process, develop relationships.
Sponsorships we did well. We are looking for a special person to take care of the sponsorship.

7. 2015 Meeting

Kate Evans: Have an Executive Meeting. Offer a pre- and post- tour before and after the meeting would take half day for specialty crops. Looking at various themes. Looking at the business meeting and take it out of the regular meeting. Our by-laws require the group to meet as a whole. Do we need to add a half day of meeting to allow more scientific interaction in the meeting. Some of the students want to have more scientific interaction. Need to be careful to extend the meeting too much.

Committee meetings could be shorter. Half hour could be enough . Consider the have a shorter prepared summary. Having elections and a pre meeting of the executive team before the meeting and keep the business meeting. A half hour presentation of the president could be done just before the banquet.

Action: Leave the business meeting in place but have it shorter and have elections beforehand.