

Minutes from the NAPB Board meeting 9-16 2014

Present: Barry Tillman; Bill Tracy; Candy Hirsch; David Francis ; Don Jones ; Greg Berger; Jim McFerson ; Kate Evans; Leah Ruff; Don Cummings; Loren Trimble; Jamie Sherman; Klaus Koehler;

1. Treasurer's report: Current Cash is \$ 92600
2. Report from advocacy committee:

Plan to hire an executive Director of the National Plant Science Council. Reason is to bring all plant sciences under one umbrella. Committed \$15000 over three years for this position (= \$ 5000 per year). Should NAPB support this position.

They (ASPB = American society of Plant Biology) have access to NSF grants. If we do not have a voice in this organization we will not be able to shape the agenda. This is similar to the plant genome project.

Justification for more money is about agriculture funding.

Don Cummings: What would a minimal participation look like? Possibly think of scaled entry = 1000 this year, 2000 next year and 3000 third year. Who will represent us in the forum. Who will be our focal point in this forum?

Alternative: Go with \$1000 per year 1,2,3.

They need us more than we need them. The delivery system is through crop agriculture. Our seat at the table will be more valuable to them than our money.

Motion: Ask to become member of the "plant science decadal vision" a supporting organization of the National Plant science council and contribute \$1000 per year for three years to support the hire an executive Director of the National Plant Science Council. Moved by Barry, Seconded by Don Cummings. No opposition, Passes unanimously. Bill Tracy will follow up the actions.

3. Letter from Agriculture and Food Research Initiative (AFRI) Coalition to Mark Prior??

Appreciation of the support to AFRI: Support minimum 320 million appropriation for AFRI. We just need to sign on to the letter.

Motion: to sign the letter: Bill Tracy. Seconded Don Cummings Unanimously approved

4. Jamie Sherman Strategic planning is continued. Mission statement has been drafted. Comments Latest revision does not reflect our real mission "to strengthen research and education" was replaced with "strengthen plant breeding". As we develop the vision the "How" will become more clear. Plant breeding is what we are about and should be part of the mission. There is no other organization who stresses plant breeding. We continually leave out cultivar development and we need to stress plant breeding.

Don Jones: We need to stress the fuel and fibre in breeding besides food as DOE is and will remain a main funder.

The current version of the mission statement is valid long term.

Motion: to adopt II as the mission statement; Moved bill Tracy, Second Don Cummings.

Unanimously approved

5. We have been working with Ellen Cole and need approval for an invoice. She billed us for less than her actual cost.

Motion: to approve bill from Ellen of \$8065.41 cents. She worked 83 hours but only billed us for 60 hours. This would mean paying the complete travel expense.

Move to pay: Don Cummings, Seconded Bill Tracy, Unanimous approval of payment of invoice

6. Kate Evans: Annual meeting

On site organization is in place.

Idea for gene banks and genetic diversity.

Pre conference tour

Two-hour time slot for the business meeting

Put together a list of speakers

Complimentary presentations

Graduate student led program

½ day trip to see more breeding activity

Banquet on the evening of the second night.

Workshop idea and panel discussion

Continue the strategic planning ahead of the meeting. Plan for this also next year's meeting.

Day one would be pre-conference tour +strategic planning meeting. Day one would be Monday or Tuesday.

When to go after sponsors?

7. Don Jones from membership. We want to start in January with new membership model. Need to have the website functioning to do this.

Klaus Koehler