

Minutes from the NAPB Board meeting 10-21 2014

Present: Barry Tillman; Candy Hirsch; David Francis ; Greg Berger; Jim McFerson ; Kate Evans; Jamie Sherman; Klaus Koehler; Seth Murray, Shelby Ellison, Thomas Luebberstedt; Aaron Lorenz, for Don Jones

Website design (Candy Hirsh, Seth Murray) Motions as in the email to approve.

1. Motion: Pay Issues Inc up to \$ 2000 for design and development of the new website.  
Motion to pay invoice Second: David Francis; Unanimous approval
2. Motion: Approve the templates that were designed by Issues Inc. Will have time to modify actual look. Second: David Francis; Unanimous approval
3. Motion: Approve the fees that will be associated with the work Access will be doing. \$1000 setup fee, \$ 600 annual hosting fee, \$400 -800 certificate to have membership, meeting registration etc. on a secured page. Second: David Francis; Unanimous approval.

Motion to approve the Minutes, Klaus second; Unanimous approval

1. Strategic planning committee (Jamie Sherman)  
Meeting in the last week in October, forward in November for actions. Also drafting a paper. Hopefully circle this by January to the group. Have a thorough discussion ant the next NAPB meeting.
2. Advocacy Committee (Bill Tracy)
  - a. Update on Support of the American Society of Plant Biologists Decadal Vision Document and the National Plant Science Council that it calls to create.

Update from Barry: Have committed from NAPB \$1000 per year to hire an Executive director. Barry Tillman will contact Andy Lavigne to follow up on ASTA's Advocacy plans relative to the plant germplasm system.

3. Annual meeting Committee (Jim McFerson, Kate Evans )
  - a. Updates on 2015 WSU Meeting (Jim, Kate)  
Draft schedule was distributed. The dates are fixed: 27<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> July in Pullman. From the overall picture we will have field tours and lab tours. First day is excursion to off-site locations. No more time for meetings. Could do a mixer in the first evening or Tuesday evening. Meeting starts on Tuesday. Compress the business part of the meeting. Afternoon is science program. Focus on genetic resources and gene bank program. Dinner mixer in the evening. Next day is a campus trip, returning to main campus at noon. Afternoon plant breeding policy session. What are the resource needs etc. Banquet in the evening. Thursday the 30<sup>th</sup>, workshops and two hour sessions. Possible subjects: Gender diversity, Managerial skills, breeding for value added products. Hire professional services catering etc. Need to make sure the provider delivers what was promised. Will have \$8000-12000 total cost.

To capture the interest of the private industry focus on value delivery of genetic resources. Klaus to work with Donn Cummings to give a presentation from the private perspective.

Length of the poster session should be longer. Need to narrow down the number and times for speakers to narrow it and allow more time for the posters. Need to make sure to have enough room for the posters. Need more than one hour for the poster session also to enable the judging of the posters.

4. Communications Committee (Greg Berger)

a. Monthly Newsletters

Add requests for job postings? We could ask people to pay for this. We may decide not to add them as we get too many. With the new website we could pull them right off but will require website maintenance. For the newsletter it would be easy a cut and paste. As we move to the website there could be a revenue stream from the job postings. Barry recommends to be careful not to overextend.

For the next news letter Greg need info from various committees and especially from the future meeting information and the membership committee.

b. Other Business

Request from a retired plant breeder to offer a free membership for retired breeders.

5. Membership Committee (Don Jones, Donn Cummings, both not attending ) Last committee meeting it was discussed the need to have the website rollout before we have membership.

6. Education Committee (Shelby Ellison)

a. Committee Report

Meetings dates were set. Continue with the internal webinar series. Seek speakers for 2015 series. Idea to use NAPB award winners as webinar speakers in order to make this content available on the NAPB website was briefly discussed. EDU Committee is interested in knowing when the info can be put on the website. Committee secretary will be updating the website. Undergraduate recruiting: to provide travel grants for undergraduates to attend next year's meeting. How many do we finance? Should they present a poster? There should be more than one and we should encourage them to present a poster. Barry: Need to assign specific activities or mentors assigned would be important. Not opposed to the idea, as David. An alternative could be to include undergraduate of nearby universities, who do not require high travel costs.

7. PBCC request to fund travel to facilitate discussions on their 5 year reauthorization (Jamie Sherman) Pat Byrne is writing the renewal for travel so that the writing group for the Plant Breeding Coordinating Committee at an airport locations. Estimate is \$5000 to fund the travel for the meeting.

Suggestion: PBCC should request travel money of the State Experimental Station Manager to pay for the travel or the travel to the annual meeting. We would like them to support financially at least one meeting. Barry: an approach might be to call the meeting, ask what the station managers would support in travel and then ask NAPB to support the travel for the meeting. Station directors should recognize the need to support PBCC travel. PBCC needs to be more proactive to request travel support for PBCC meetings. In principle, NAPB is receptive to supporting PBCC. We would like to leverage our support in order to get the state/federal support that other USDA committees receive.

Proposal to be discussed in a later meeting is for NAPB to possibly match funding that PBCC can secure from the State station managers to support the travel.

Klaus Koehler, Secretary NAPB