

NAPB Exec Meeting 10.18.2016

In attendance: Wayne Smith, Arron Carter, Alex Lipka, Dave Bubeck, David Francis, Barry Lawrence, Sarah Potts, Rich Pratt, Emily Combs, Klaus Koehler, Allan Van Deynze, Tom Lubberstedt, Ksenija Gasic, Anna Levina

Financial Situation

Discussion of our current financial situation; we are in the same place as previous years. NAPB's biggest cost is the annual meeting at \$120-130,000 USD. Half of the meeting paid for with attendance fees; other half is sponsors. Klaus is going to discuss membership fees more with tri-societies; currently we are netting about \$20,000 from membership fees. Allen Van Deynze notes that the 2017 meeting may be more expensive because it is partnering with the USDA PI meeting so there will be more people and not all of the costs of a meeting are linear. Also it may be harder to get corporate sponsors with fewer corporations.

Proposals from different universities to host future meetings

University of Georgia will host in 2019. Need hosts for 2018 and 2020. University of Nebraska at Lincoln, University in Guelph, and Michigan State University have all offered proposals to host.

Guelph: *Challenges:* If we went to Guelph international students would need to obtain a visa so that's something to keep in mind and US Residents would need a passports.

Positives: large variety of crop breeding programs in horticultural, row and ornamental crops. Would expand our audience to North America.

David Francis motions that the committee accept the proposal by Guelph to host meeting in 2018. Arron Carter seconds. Voted in unanimously.

Klaus Koehler will contact University of Nebraska at Lincoln and Michigan State to gauge interest in hosting 2020/2021.

Early Career Working Group Proposal: Sarah Potts

Would be a way to capture people right after they leave the graduate student working group and keep them engaged.

Two co-chairs who have a 1 year term rather than the traditional 3 year rotating terms. David Francis supports the idea. Wayne is worried about maintaining continuity and institutional knowledge. Sarah Potts believes from her experience with the GSWG that there will be enough consistently active people to keep knowledge alive. Klaus Koehler is wondering how early career group could formally work with GSWG; perhaps partner early career members with graduate students as mentors.

Group membership was left broad; allow people to self-identify as early career. Discussion was supportive of open self-identifying policy. Would open door to post-docs, people making career transitions etc.

Goals of the group was to create a mission statement, identify a vice-chair, and pair at least half of the members with a mentor, and hold a meeting/event as part of the 2017 annual meeting.

Can send out a message to the membership through the list-serv; Sarah Potts will work with Jane Dever (chair of Communications Committee) on this.

Wayne Smith motions to approve the proposal; seconded by Allen Van Deynze and Rich Pratt. Approved unanimously.

Dave Bubeck Update on ASTA

Dave is also on the board for the National Council of Commercial Plant Breeders as well as liaison to the ASTA (American Seed Trade Association).

Discussion of a documents from ASTA to be used in advocacy work. Dave Francis asks about the reasoning/purpose of putting together documents by ASTA. Dave Bubeck says it's to unify the thoughts and stances of all stakeholder groups when they approach lawmakers/policy makers.

ASTA is also working on a plant breeding overview paper written in non-technical language for use with the public. They're still adding a few references; should be available soon.

Advocacy committee wants to avoid a situation where they're asked to endorse something on a short time table; want time to digest major issues and documents in advance. Dave Bubeck indicates this is the plan going forward.

Klaus Koehler adjoins meeting at 2:04PM.