

## Minutes for NAPB EC Phone Conference Monthly Meeting---June 2017

### Attendance record, Review action items, Approve minutes (Klaus)

Klaus Koehler, Alex Lipka, Barry Lawrence, Kate Evans, Jane Dever, Wayne Smith, Todd Campbell, Don Jones, Dave Bubeck, Sarah Potts, Sarah Turner

May minutes motion to approve Wayne S., second Jane D.: approved

### Review of committee reports, Financial reports (All, Don Jones)

NAPB Committee reports June 2017

#### 1. Meeting committee

##### **Bottom line**

291 registrants so far. **We will shut meeting down at 350 due to space so register now!**  
\$157,000 income plus another ~40-60 registrants X \$500 = 30,000 so income may be as high as \$177,000-187,000.  
\$110,000 costs estimate for 325 people.

We are working on program with names and titles.

We are still looking for a couple student co-chairs from underrepresented colleges. We have many contacts, so not a problem.

You may mention the ASTA meeting (Monday afternoon) to the meeting participants as well as 2 African delegates joining who are forming the African Association.

##### **Questions to ask:**

How many subcommittees (besides PBCC and NAPB) **want rooms on Wednesday night?**  
Please forward any comments.

#### 2. Communication committee

Items for the summer newsletter are due before **July 7**.

#### 3. Awards Committee

The nine-member Awards Panel is evaluating 13 applications for its three annual awards: Early Career Scientist, Lifetime Achievement, and Plant Breeding Impact. Selections will be determined by 3 July and arrangements made for award presentations in Davis. Note that last year's awardees (Jesse Poland, Phil Simon, Brett Carver) are scheduled for invited presentations at this year's meeting.

A new addition in 2017 is the "Friends of Plant Breeding" award, created by the NAPB Executive Committee with the following intent:

Honors individuals whose career has not involved active plant breeding, but who, through their professional activities, have contributed significantly to the advancement of the plant breeding discipline. This special merit award is not necessarily awarded annually.

The Awards Panel will need to replace three outgoing members this year. Please consider nominating a colleague to serve on this Panel. Additionally, think about nominating deserving colleagues for the 2018 NAPB Awards.

On another note:

The National Genetic Resources Advisory Council has is scheduling a face-to-face meeting in Kansas City at some point this summer, but is having a hard time finding a date. This is a frustrating situation, as the group has done next to nothing in the six months Jim has been on board. I has urged participation in NAPB, but has not had much uptake. Paul Gets form UC Davis is also on the Council, and shares his frustration.

4. *Education committee*

We have made the initial review of abstract submissions, and hope to make the invitations for oral presentations by early next week. We have a large number of abstracts that were submitted of very high quality. Should be a great meeting!

5. Graduate Student Working Group

- We will write up proposed responsibilities for a formal GSWG committee structure (chair-vice chair-secretary)
  - All agreed that two-year commitments would be more reasonable for grad students
- For the meeting, we discussed putting stickers on the name badges of GSWG members to encourage other students to ask about GSWG
- **Graduate student workshop (Monday afternoon)**
  - Four panelists confirmed, one tentative
  - Draft description (suggestions welcomed!): The goal of this workshop is to discuss the art of science communication, specifically with the public, which is increasingly important to support plant breeding funding and education. To do this, we will be hosting a screening of the new documentary, Food Evolution, which discusses the controversy surrounding GMOs and food. Following the documentary, we will host a panel discussion with speakers with backgrounds in both science and communication.
- **Graduate student mixer (Wednesday night)**
  - Could this be included in the agenda/announced to the larger group on Wednesday? We do not have a meeting location decided yet but discussed meeting at 5 PM

6. *Early Career Working Group*

Mentoring program is working on creation of a mentoring document. Materials have been collected and a first draft has been put together. This is for distribution to our members interested in our mentoring program and especially for mentors who will be in attendance during the meeting.

Jonathan Jenkinson has been finalized as the speaker for our event at the conference and is working with Brian Gardunia to finalize content. ECWG members are attending conference planning meetings and format is finalized for the event. Work is progressing to finalize format of speed mentoring/networking session following Jenkinson's presentation. Plans to have a pre-meeting to prep potential mentors for our session during the conference and prepare them for their interactions.

An informal event will be held Wednesday with the group walking from the conference to the Farmer's Market and then possibly moving to a secondary location. Emails will be sent in advance to notify group

members. No sign up sheet will be necessary at the conference as previously requested due to new locale of Farmer's Market in lieu of a formal dining option.

### **PBCC Request (Thomas/Kate)**

PBCC funding proposal has been reviewed. Recommendation is to fund the following:

- 1) Base sum for travel (\$1,200). 2) Plant Genetics Resources white paper page charges (\$1,650). 3) Listening sessions funded by participants rather than NAPB.
- 2) Klaus will provide budget feedback to Kate/Thomas and they will send back revisions.
- 3) Perhaps publish as a editorial in Crop Science and Hort Science.

### **2017 Meeting Update (Klaus)**

Very good sponsorship and attendance so far. May be fewer parties contributing as donors next year because of mergers. Liz has a long list of donors to approach.

### **Grant for 2017 Guelph meeting**

Interest in submitting a grant to NIFA for support for the 2018 meeting. Wayne will help with Liz. And ask David Francis and Allen Van Deynze. Kate Evans will also send the application for the 2015 Pullman meeting.

### **Advocacy Work (Richard/Klaus)**

NAS Science Breakthroughs 2030: A strategy for Food and Agricultural Research.

How do we handle this request? Wayne suggests to call Richard and others on Advocacy to get going on this. Should PBCC and NAPB response be coordinated? Should this be highlighted in the next newsletter?

### **New Secretary Search (Klaus)**

How do we recruit? Need to think about area of the country, diversity, gender, etc.

David Bubeck mentioned Emily Combs. She serves as Vice-Chair of the Communications committee and is slated to become President.

### **Action Items:**

1. Send out invites to ASTA meeting at NAPB
2. Location GSWG mixer location needs to be communicated with Allen Van Deynze
3. Awards committee looking for 3 new members
4. Anyone interested in serving as NGRAC representation from NAPB?
5. Klaus will provide budget feedback to Kate/Thomas and they will send back revisions to Klaus.

6. Wayne will take the lead on the 2018 NIFA grant to support the Guelph meeting in 2018. He will coordinate efforts with David Francis, Allen Van Deynze, Liz Lee, and Kate Evans.
7. Klaus will reach out to Richard and the Advocacy committee regarding the NAS request and work with Jane Dever to place the request in the newsletter.
8. Dave Bubeck will speak to Emily Combs about her interest in serving as Incoming Secretary.

Adjourned