NAPB EC Call

February 19, 2019

**Attendees:** Todd Campbell, Don Jones, Peggy Ozias-Akins, Dave Bubeck, Wayne Smith, Alex Lipka

**Dave Bubeck** - December 2018 minutes approved; January 2019 meeting was cancelled due to government shutdown

**Old Business –**

EC has approved via e-mail Zoom subscription for a single user license to share, and usage will be coordinated by the communications committee.

EC will continue to use Wayne’s access to Zoom

**Peggy – update on the August UGA NAPB annual meeting**

registration set up with ACSESS is coming together slowly and we are not ready for early registration yet, need to wait for Ian P. to get back from vacation later this week

**Action:** Peggy will visit with Ian when he gets back regarding launching of the 2019 annual NAPB meeting registration

target is to get the early registration ready to go by mid-March

rather than paying the non-member registration, goal is to be able to pay the NAPB membership fee and then simultaneously register for the annual meeting

Scott Jackson is working on getting meeting sponsorships secured. Bayer, Corteva and HM Clause are already committed on sponsorship of 2019 NAPB meeting; still waiting on Syngenta; Some additional contacts have been made;

Wayne suggested that some of the Georgia state associations might also be willing to sponsor

**New Business –**

**Todd Campbell – recent attendance at various meetings to represent NAPB:**

**Council of Scientific Society Presidents (CSSP)** – two annual leadership meetings

this organization has a significant presence on Capitol Hill and they could be of assistance with our questions and issues of interest

Todd recommends our ongoing connection and attendance at their meetings and workshop, perhaps Peggy attending the annual meeting, May 4-7; and Dave attending their winter meeting

Non-harassment statement used in Guelph and what to use for language in the UGA meetings, consider using an anonymous drop box with any concerns during the course of the meeting

**Action:** Peggy will send back around to the EC language for us to approve for the 2019 annual meeting

the CSSP members can continue on as individual members and then remain on the CSSP as ‘emeritus’ members and then potential participate as leaders in CSSP

**American Seed Trade Association -Corn Sorghum Soybean Wheat Conference (ASTA CSS) in December 2018**

Donn Cummings had a booth at both the CSS and the Veg & Flower meeting to talk about NAPB and the Borlaug Scholars program

Todd Campbell presented at the ASTA CSS Meeting with a 20-minute time slot telling the NAPB message

CSS meeting has plenary sessions

**ASTA Veg. and Flowers meeting in Orlando in Feb. 2019**

minimal plenary session time and maximized networking time

companies had tables where you could make appointments with them and network at the meeting

Todd had a 5-minute slot on the single plenary session at Orlando

90% of the people in Orlando that Todd talked to had no idea what NAPB was

**Action item:** In future years NAPB should be represented at these two key ASTA meetings December in Chicago and Veg&Flowers in February.

**Action item**: include Kevin Falk ASTA/NAPB video during the UGA meeting

ASHS – Meeting will be in Las Vegas this year – July 22-25; Peach Breeder with Clemson Univ. – Todd got an email noting the meeting and deadlines; giving a talk about Plant Breeding Coordinating Meeting; Consider NAPB having a booth at ASHS meetings; would be good to improve our NAPB relationship with them;

**Todd - Election of Secretary for 2020**

Potential next Secretary options:

1. Jennifer Yates, Monsanto, now Bayer; she is considering putting her name in for next Secretary
2. Wayne suggested Julie Dawson, Univ. of Wisconsin, previously chair of the advocacy committee and consideration for a horticulture breeder on the committee

**Don Jones – Budget and Finance planning**

Average of five years, $75,000 per meeting, considering having about 150K to spend

$3,000 per committee is a reasonable target for a total of $15K

concerns if registrations are down or company sponsorships decline



**Action**: Don will check whether under awards and expenses if that includes the Borlaug Scholars awards?

useful to separate out operating expenses from actual meeting expenses

**Action**: schedule an EC committee meeting during the UGA NAPB meeting to have a vision and mission and strategic discussion about future plans for NAPB; have been missing having a face to face meeting; goal – early lunch meeting on Sunday during beginning of UGA meetings.