

Minutes of NAPB EC meeting, November 15, 2022

1:00 – 2:00pm EST

Participants:

Present - Hannah Senior (HS), Ksenija Gasic (KG), Thomas Lübberstedt (TL); Dhyaneswaran Palanichamy (DP), Don Jones (DJ), J.D. Rossouw (JD) (Secretary)

Absent - Dave Bubeck (DB)

Agenda

| Agenda Item | Time (Eastern) | Leader | Purpose |
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| Standing Items: | | | |
| Approve minutes from Oct 18th | 1:00 - 1:05 | JD Rossouw | For vote |
| Financials | 1:05 - 1:10 | Don Jones | For information |
| Budget / financial planning | 1:10 - 1:20 | Don / Hannah | For discussion |
| Other Matters - please review pre-reading sent with agenda | | | |
| Committee requests with implications for volunteer time | 1:20-1:30 | | |
| - Commercial PB Com. request - Plant Breeder of the Future | | | For decision |
| - Awards Com. ideas - Teaching Award, Courses | | | For information |
| Committee requests with financial implications: | 1:30-1:45 | Hannah Senior | |
| - Membership Com. request - ASTA reduced membership fee | | | For vote |
| - CAST | | | For vote |
| Location of the 2025 Annual Meeting | 1:45 - 1:50 | Hannah Senior | For discussion |
| Action Log | 1:50-1:55 | JD Rossouw | Check progress |
| AOB | 1:55-2:00 | All | |
| - ACCESS Meeting (Agenda, attendees, dates) | | | |
| Adjourn | 2 p.m. | | |

Standing items

- 1) Minutes for September approved
- 2) Minutes of the October 18th EC and Committee Meeting – will be approved in December EC Plus.
- 3) Financials – DJ
 - Waiting for final numbers for Iowa Annual Meeting and moved \$125K into the long term investment.
- 4) Budget and Financial Planning – DJ & HS
 - Question around admin support and how we can spend through the year based on request. Most expenses are for the Annual Meeting and four fees for ACCESS.
 - Proposal – put some structure in place for smaller spend amounts to give spend approval for sign-off. By-laws might have to be changed. \$6K for PBCC without approval. Travel approval for Donn Cummings to attend ASTA as the only example.

- **Action – DJ & HS** to work on the proposal and bring back to the EC Meeting in January 2023.

Other Matters

- Commercial Plant Breeding Committee requests with implications for volunteers time
 - White Paper of “Plant Breeders of the Future”
 - They will take a lead from a private sector perspective.
 - TL & KG mentioned worked done before in PBCC. Learning outcome on the curriculum work to influence the future.
 - **Action** – Yes, we support. They need to scope and ask TL to share with the committee the work done in PBCC. (JD to let them know)
 - Awards Committee –
 - A new award for teaching.
 - **Action** – Support the Teaching Award. Guidelines needed for example plant breeding and ‘plant breeding adjacent’ and who can nominate. Like to see it being included in 2023 awards but have a short timeline. (JD to let them know)
- Committee requests with financial implications
 - ASTA reduced membership fee
 - Buy others a membership fee to sponsor BUT a 50% reduction. We pay ACCESS a minimum fee per member so need to make sure we understand the impact. Also, a reduce fee for non-members that attend the Annual Meeting for the following year (*already approved by HS*). We are relatively cheap already and it opens it for more reduction request.
 - This will discount the value we offer. We should use other ‘tools’ to promote the value to become a member. Need to do better housekeeping to keep people and members and get more to sign-up.
 - **Action** – Prefer not to do this (HS to let them know)
- Advocacy Committee
 - Request for NAPB to become a member of CAST (\$1,500 membership and \$2,00 travel).
 - Question is about value and who are members and attend?
 - **Action** – Hold for EC approval by email after we each investigate more. Hold for decision in December.
- Location of the 2025 Annual Meeting
 - **Action** – Hold for January 2023 EC Meeting to make decision. Also need to put into the buy-laws.

Action Log – JD

- **Action** – JD to send with the minutes from today's meeting
- September 26th:
 - **Action** – DP & KG
 - Access to recordings, flip book and posters.
 - Will follow up on website to store the content long term. Suggest to pay the \$500 for loading. Question on access to non members and folks that could not attend? Not sure if the website will be able to host it next year.

- Need to make a decision by May 2023 if we need to store or post on the website before we renew with Access.
 - **Action – TL**
 - Access to recordings, flip book and posters.
 - TL will follow-up with Julie on lead-time. Don't include the video's to the flipbook and TL will check with SeedQuest if they are fine.
 - **Action – HS & All**
 - Goals for the year and action plans (2022-2023) – HS (slide share)
 - Three suggested actions areas for 2022-23 (see attach slide from HS)
 - Questions on the 5 year strategy review and reflecting on the past 5 years. Invite past presidents and members that would like to help. (KG & JD)
 - **Actions:** Need to assign folks to help scope.
- October 18th:
 - **Action – HS**
 - Award nominations to drive diversity and also if nominees needs to be members. Also consider a more strategic look at the type of awards.
 - EC needs to decide based on input from the committee. Setup a meeting with a smaller group to make a recommendation for the EC
 - **Action – KG**
 - Update on website delayed due to health issues by the person that needs to help. No new information. Need to have the website ready for the Borlaug and Carver Scholar applications by the end of the year. Will also have the PBCC more visible on the NAPB website.
 - **Action - KG**
 - Question to KG on Strategic Planning for the next 5 year plan. NAPB have a 5 year plan through the end of 2023. Will start in November and end in March next year. Next 5 year plan will be 2024 to 2029.

AOB

- Annual Meeting
 - Need to understand how ACCESS support the Annual Meeting on funding (KG).
 - For 2022 ISU signed a contract with conference group at the University and then linked to ACCESS. More discussions needed.
- Communication Committee very quiet. Some actions happening on social media. HS did reach out to Brian.
- ACCESS Meeting with EC leadership planned early in 2023.

Meeting adjourned: 2:10 pm