

Minutes of NAPB EC meeting, October 18, 2022

1:00 – 2:00pm EST

Participants:

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

Absent - Don Jones (DJ), Dave Bubeck (DB)

Agenda

Agenda for October 18th 2022: NAPB EC Meeting

Agenda Item	Time (Eastern)	Leader	Purpose
Standing Items:			
Approve minutes from Sept 26th	1:00 - 1:05	Thomas Lübberstedt	For vote (EC only)
Financials	1:05 - 1:10	Don Jones	For information
Other Matters			
Top two goals for the year (strictly 3 mins per co	1:10-1:40		For information
Advocacy		Brigid Meints	
Awards		Jim McFerson	
Borlaug Scholars		Allen Van Deynze	
Commercial Plant Breeding		John Gill	
Communications		Brian Gardunia	
Early Career Working Group		Nikayla Strauss	
Education		Kevin Falk	
George Washington Carver Scholars		Andrew Sheldor	
Graduate Student Working Group		Mala Ganiger	
Membership		Qianni Dong	
<i>Request for information (if needed)</i>	1:40-1:45	<i>Thomas Lubberstedt</i>	For information
Participation in NIFA listening session (2nd Nov)	1:45-1:50	Ksenija Gasic / Hannah Senior	Agree attendees
AOB	1:55-2:00		
Adjourn	2 p.m.		

Standing items

- 1) Minutes of the previous meeting was circulated by email for approved.
- 2) Financials Update – HS to update on behalf of DJ
 - In good shape after the Iowa Meeting.

Each Committee 2022/23 Goals Update:

- Advocacy Committee – Brigid Meints

- Re-energized the committee.
- Focus on 5 year strategic plan
 - Farm Bill Year – work with other organizations like ASTA to advocate for our priorities.
 - Develop a pipeline of topics to be align between the committee and EC to allow position papers to be developed in advanced.
- Awards Committee – Jim McFerson
 - Membership turn-over with 9 members to have better representation by regions and disciplines. Working with committee on nominations.
 - Focus on D&I on the awardees. Need to do a better job to seek nominations. Public sector only one nomination. Early career doing better. Committee can do a better to start the process earlier.
- Borlaug Scholars – Donn Cummings for Allen Van Deynze
 - Grow our support for the fund (sponsors and donors).
 - Diverse group of nominations needed. Last year 22 scholars.
 - Average award – \$1,026. Call for year end donations.
- Commercial Plant Breeding – John Gill
 - Addressing the ‘plant breeder of the future’ question. Focus to update an existing published white paper from several years back. Will work with the EC on what they like to see along with a webinar to graduate students.
 - Create platform to share perspective on changing working scenarios after COVID vs. a few years back. How do we prepare graduate students for this in future?
 - Global and international breeding – understand the landscape for gene editing. Identified companies and speakers to help for webinars and annual meeting.
- Communications – TBD via email.
- Early Career Working Group – Nikayla Strauss
 - Organizing for engagement like file storage, emailing lists and fix some website issues.
 - Engagement with NAPB through a mentorship program and engagement with other committees.
- Education – Kevin Falk
 - New members on advocacy. Looked at link to strategic goals (internal vs external).
 - Webinars for Fall – data management and CIMMYT. Statistical modeling in early 2023.
 - Scientific poster session to look at a better experience for next year.
 - Better communicate with the other committees.
- George Washington Carver Scholars – Andrew Sheldor
 - Looking at application earlier for more applications.
 - Coordinate with other committees.
- Graduate Student Working Group – Mala Ganiger
 - Same goals as previous year.
 - Will host a series of webinars on careers and career paths. Topics based on survey to students like D&I training and grant writing training.
 - Monthly graduate students highlight with two students per month on social media.
- Membership – Don Cummings for Qianni Dong
 - Want to grow to 650 August 2022. Ended close with 625.
 - Promotion for non-members that attend the Annual Meeting to get a special price. Worked with ACCESS to get a code to email folks directly to complete profile.
- Follow-up questions...

- KG mentioned that we only had a small response on the survey, but we did receive feedback on the lack on D&I on the nominations and awards. The question who can help to drive the nomination process better and encourage diversity. Start promoting early even if only open next year. Results to be shared to members. Some actions already being taken based on feedback for next year. Question to the EC – should we restrict nominations to only members or to all. One suggestion to give an honoree membership for the next year to more applications. Also consider a more strategic look at the type of awards. Two new awards added recently.
 - **Action** – EC needs to make a decision based on input from the committee. Setup a meeting with a smaller group to make a recommendation for the EC (HS).
 - More interactions between committees. Please take advantage of opportunities.
 - We also have a lot of non-members that helps and vote but need to focus on the meaning on membership. Please keep in mind we the committees work with their teams. Can query the website to see who members are.
- PBCC (Plant Breeding Coordinating Committee) - Mikey Kantar
 - Objectives for 2022/23 focus on:
 - Focus working with TL on core concepts for education.
 - Continue to do communication outreach.
 - Working on a white paper on germplasm best practices on public germplasm IP. In specific when the industry has public breeders retire.
- - NIFA Listening Session – KG
 - 10 slots open so should we delegate somebody? KG already signed up for one session. Focus on science prioritize. Question for Mikey Kantar to see if the public germplasm topic can be of interest.
 - 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
 - NIFA sponsorship nomination for \$25K. Will know in January. KG will start working on budgets for scholars to help bridge funding gaps etc. Will connect for each committee to ensure we have the budget the need.
 - ASTA NAPB representation: Donn Cummings and HS will attend in December. The end of January in Orlando needs to ensure somebody attend
 - 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.
 - **Action** - KG

Meeting adjourned: 2:00 pm