

NAPB Summer Newsletter

July 2011

Editor's notes

This is the first newsletter of my 1-year stint as NAPB secretary. Each secretary has approached these newsletters in their own unique way. I will attempt to get a newsletter out to the membership about every 2 months via the listserver. I promise to keep the blanket listserver emails to a minimum. The contents will vary, but goal is to keep the membership informed about the activities of the NAPB executive, as well as other announcements that are potentially of interest to the membership.

- Elizabeth Lee, NAPB Secretary

NAPB on the web

Keep an eye on our web site, www.plantbreeding.org/napb/index.htm. We are constantly adding to and updating the site.

Meeting Announcements

Save the date, the **2012 NAPB annual meeting** will be held **August 5-8th** (Mon-Wed). Dow AgroSciences is the meeting coordinator, and while they have not finalized the hotel/conference arrangements at this time, they will be held at the hotel conference centre on the north side of **Indianapolis, IN**. Watch the web site for more detail.

If you have a potential speaker name for the NAPB 2012 meeting or topic that you would like to see addressed, please send an email to me (lizlee4@gmail.com) and I will pass the information onto the speaker/meeting committee.

NAPB Logo and Slogan Contest Reminder

The Awards Panel along with the Outreach and Communications Sub-Committee are holding a NAPB **logo** and **slogan** contest. The contest is only open to graduate students, with the winners receiving \$100 for their winning logo and slogan. The deadline for submission is **November 1, 2011**. Please send them to either Pat Byrne or Brooks Blanche. For more detail please go to the web page.

Sub-Committee Chair Reminder

Chairs, the sub-committee reports need to be posted on the web! Please get them to Seth Murray for posting.

Election Results

Elections were held at the 2011 NAPB/PBCC annual meetings at Texas A&M. Please see the web site for more details regarding the election process. The executive for both groups consists of officers, plus the liaisons to “sister organizations” and sub-committee/panel chairs.

NAPB Officers

President: Rita Mumm
Vice President: David Stelly
Secretary: Elizabeth Lee
Past President: Todd Wehner
Treasurer: Shelley Jansky
Web Editor: Seth Murray
Assistant Web Editor: Jim Hancock
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Chair: Mike Havey
Vice Chair: Allen Van Deynze
Secretary: Marcelo Carena
Past Chair: Phil Simon
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CSREES Rep.: Anne Marie Thro
USDA-ARS Rep.: Roy Scott
US Forest Service Advisor: Randy Johnson

Liaisons

International Plant Breeding Centers: Stephen Baenziger and Paul Gepts
Private Non-Profit Breeders: Bill Tracy
Forestry Plant Breeders: Ross Whetten
CSSA Plant Breeders: Andrea Cardinal
ASA: Karl Glasener and Caron Gala
ASHS: Chris Cramer and Amy Iezzoni
NCCPB: Tom Koch
ASTA: Donn Cummings and Don Blackburn
EUCARPIA: Rale Gjuric
NPGCC: David Baltensperger
Organic Seed Alliance: Jim Myers

Sub-Committee/Panel Chairs

Grand Challenges: Janet Lewis
Science, Technology and Informatics: Mitch McGrath

Communications and Outreach: Pat Byrne
Education and Training of Plant Breeders: Jamie Sherman
Awards: Brooks Blanche

Updates from Monthly NAPB/PBCC Executive Teleconferences

Teleconferences are generally held on the third Tuesday of each month. If there is an issue or concern that you would like the NAPB/PBCC to discuss at their monthly meetings, please contact either Rita Mumm or Mike Havey.

The minutes from both the joint NAPB and PBCC teleconferences are posted on the web page. The following is a synopsis of the NAPB/PBCC joint teleconferences from June and July.

- We have roughly 1100 members. By definition you are a member of NAPB if you attended any of the PBCC or NAPB annual meetings or have contacted the NAPB Secretary to express an interest in being included on our membership list.
- We as of June 20th the NAPB account has around \$40,000 in it. The checking account is currently being held at Texas A&M and much of this surplus is the result of efforts by several NAPB members and our meeting sponsors.
- We are exploring several options for what is referred to as “front office support”. This is essentially finding an organization that, for a fee, will handle our checking account, our membership list, and has the ability to grow with our needs. We will be making a decision regarding front office support at our August teleconference. Rita has gotten a quote from ASA and will be getting a quote from ASTA.
- The Awards Sub-Committee is being changed to the Awards Panel. The NAPB by-laws will be amended to reflect these changes. People will be appointed to the panel for 3-yr terms to keep new blood coming through the panel, with a goal of 9 members in total, 3 appointed per year for 3-year terms. The NAPB past-Chair will appoint the members. See the minutes for more detail and an explanation.