

**May 18th 2021, 1.00pm EST
NAPB EC Meeting**

Attendees

David Bubeck
Mark Sorrells

Ksenija Gasic
Hannah Senior

Don Jones
Peggy Ozias Akins

Minutes from April Meeting

Don Jones – moved to approve, Ksenija seconded,
Minutes approved

The action list was reviewed. The EC voted unanimously not to approve an Early Career membership rate.

Financial Update – Don Jones

Current balance is \$266k vs \$170k last year. We're in pretty good financial shape - ~\$80k in investment fund.

2021 Annual Meeting – Mark Sorrells & David Bubeck

- Sponsorship – 10 + responses so far amounting to \$40-\$45k so far, but half have not responded so will contact again.
- Another meeting scheduled with Seed World on Thursday – website, landing page should be completed, can go live for registrations shortly afterwards.
- Mark will add a look-forward to the 2022 meeting to the agenda

2022 Annual Meeting & Beyond– David Bubeck

- Iowa State 2022
- Clemson 2023
- Proposed that Bayer & Uni Illinois co-host in 2024 – Don proposed the motion to accept, Peggy Seconded, all in favour

This topic can be dropped from the EC agenda until next year when preparation for the 2025 meeting will be within reach.

Incoming Secretary – David Bubeck

- JD Rossouw and Thomas Lubberstedt have agreed to be nominated as secretary.
- The EC agreed by email to allow ACSESS to run the process for us.
- Voting by members will begin June 1st, until June 30th

NAPB Web Editor – David Bubeck

- We are running behind on some of our website maintenance plus we need to update the website, as Ben is getting busier so less able to help. Although he has updated the 2020 awards
- Ksenija has taken on the challenge to help find a new web editor: this person doesn't necessarily have to be able to code in Drupal, but needs to know how to upload new items.

Committee Review – David Bubeck

- Advocacy Committee is very active and have been trying to recruit more members to be active in this committee. Regaining traction & vision.
- Education Committee – proposal for international access was be discussed.
 - Open to further development of these ideas.
 - However, the 2021 meeting is already in hand – may be too late to accommodate this year around, conversations with sponsors are still in hand.
 - Last year the offer was made specifically to African Plant Breeding Association members. The GSWG led this who also planned in networking commitments so there was more
 - To widen the remit of who can receive subsidised places will require time to think through more carefully – application process, criteria etc. Next year it will be easier to plan this in, but it will be more expensive as it's an in-person meeting.

ACTION - David to offer potential meeting participants from the African Plant Breeding Association the chance to participate at membership rates.

Borlaug Scholars – Don Jones

- Applicants to the scheme this year were fewer, but more students were accepted (24 instead of 18) – all have been contacted.
- Mentor recruitment is under way – 3 or 4 who mentored last year can't do this year, so need a further 6 mentors.

CFI – responsible Use for Gene Editing

- Dave to line up a member workshop for fall 2021

Next Meeting

ACTION – Dave to ask Committee Chairs to summarise their year's activities for next months' meeting.

The meeting closed at 14.02