

July 2020 NAPB Board Meeting

Minutes

Attendees: Peggy Ozias-Akins, Ksenija Gasic, Dave Bubeck, Alex Lipka, Todd Campbell, Stephen Baenziger, Kaitlyn Smejdir, Don Jones

Excused:

Approve minutes from Feb meeting – Ksenija Gasic

- Peggy OA provided edits. Minutes approved as submitted. Motion to approve Peggy Ozias-Akins, T. Campbell second, all approved.

Financials – Don Jones

- Down from last year. Balance is slightly over \$200K. Relatively few contributions, donations through ACSESS. This is not surprising and might change with the meeting.

Old business

2020 meeting – Stephen Baenziger, Kaitlyn Smejdir, Hector Santiago, Peggy Ozias-Akins – update on virtual format, registrations, abstracts, APBA student attendees

- *Budget – it is a bit lower than before, but it looks that we will be ok. There are number of sponsors lined up. Cost of conference is about \$50K and between grants and the sponsorship income should be \$80K so the balance after the conference would be \$30K. Noble Foundation will send invoice closer to meeting. Corteva is waiting for invoice and donation is in the works. Covid is causing the slow down. Corteva maintained the same level of donation. Sponsorship looks consistent from previous years. So far \$7.7K each, \$40K Bayer, Corteva and NIFA, \$27K registrations, Syngenta \$5K.*
- *Don J. – Cotton Inc. needs invoice for \$2K*
- *Stephen B. – invoices go through ACSESS. Will send the list of people that registered.*
- *Peggy OA – nice to see Syngenta back on the sponsor list.*
- *Meeting will have public and private website. OpenWater is the company that is helping with meeting organization. Early career breakout lunch is set up. All groups need to provide clean titles and what they expect to provide the attendees idea what to expect. Private website will be for participants only. Semester at UNL moved earlier and it starts the week of the meeting so UNL is no longer providing zoom licenses so that will be done through OpenWater. The only concern is enhancement of posters. OpenWater has a good set up but the problem might be zoom aspect. SB was hoping that each poster will have zoom room but with loss of zoom licenses from UNL OpenWater will provide 10 licenses so posters will have to be grouped in 10 different subsets. Speakers look good, website looks good, money well invested. All speakers will be asked to prerecord. OpenWater has very good archival system the talks will be available for year.*
- *Dave B. – if the talks are prerecorded will they be available for Q&A sessions?*

- *Stephen B. – there will be an opportunity to post the questions before the talks and speakers will be present to answer them live. OpenWater built platform and UNL built the meeting website.*
- *Peggy OA – how will the meeting be accessed? Will there be access code or something?*
- *Stephen B. – yes my understanding is that there will be an access code.*
- *Peggy OA – Chandler raised possibility of African students attending meeting Allen and Rita helped with realization and there is a list of 10 students that will be registered for the meeting and will have paid membership through the coming year. It is covered through the donation.*
- *Don J. – speakers are already chosen?*
- *Stephen B. - Yes they are just not yet on the program*
- *One early career and 2 graduate students committee will choose speakers*
- *Don Jones – Who shall the videos of Borlaug students be sent to?*
- *Stephen B. – Submit to Kaitlyn. There is an option to post the videos on the NAPB meeting website that is open to public or to OpenWater?*
- *Don J. - At first to OpenWater platform then after meeting on NAPB web site.*
- *Dave B. – Zoom room idea for Borlaug scholars meeting with mentors. Would that be under the 10 zoom rooms as well?*
- *Stephen B. – Yes, 10 through open water, but we could use our personal zoom access.*
- *K Gasic – Can use personal zoom through Clemson and Peggy through UGA with no problem.*

Web Editor – Alex Lipka and Peggy Ozias-Akins - Benjamin Trampe, AgReliant, has agreed to take on the role of Web Editor

- *Peggy and Alex met with Ben that agreed to take on the Web Editor role. Alex will work with him to introduce him with Ian and ACSESS group.*
- *Ksenija G. – talked to Dorrie Main from Washington State University (WSU)e. She is willing to help us develop the new website in Drupal. The start would be September and she anticipates it be finished by the end of the year and even sooner. She is offering to host the website free of charge, which would give her team access to the website in case we need some major changes later on. The web site would be backed up every night. Dorrie’s team needs the complete copy of the existing website and the version of Drupal that it is built in. The developmental phase of the web site will be on the WSU server and we will use existing website until the new one is developed and live. Much of the content could be copied from the existing website. They need us (Alex and Ben, EC?) to look at Drupal 8 or later themes online and pick the one that we like so they can use it to build the web site. If the theme is not free, we would need to buy it (cost is ~\$50).*
- *Peggy OA needs to talk with Ian to see what the issues are with having the web site somewhere else and not on the WSU.*
- *Alex L. – ACSESS handles financials of NAPB so if the website is moved away from ASCESS they would cut us of from the financial aspect.*
- *Dave B – It might be negotiable we need to discuss it with ACSESS.*
- *Ksenija G. – will connect Alex and Ben with Dorrie to continue discussion on the web site development.*

- *Don J. – Recollection om the discussions with ACSESS is that we were requesting updated web site and ACSESS said it would cost the money for them to develop it or we could do it but it has to be in Drupal.*
- *Dave B. – there are other association that are looking for business that we could go to. If the ACSESS disagrees with what we want for the website, we could explore other options.*

Secretary – Peggy Ozias-Akins - update on response to nominations of Rob Duncan, Julie Dawson, Hannah Senior, Jennifer Yates

- *Four nomination. Peggy contacted all of them. Rob felt it was a bit premature for him. Julie is heading for sabbatical. Jennifer is having some changes professionally, so the timing is not good. Hanna is willing to be nominated for secretary. So what do we need to do? Contact someone else or confirm with Hanna that she is willing to take on this role.*
- *Hanna fits in the category of Friends of Plant Breeding*
- *Alex – she would be very good, she is organized. Don J. and Todd C. also positive impressions, she runs her private business and is interested. She would provide different aspect and international dimension as she is based in the UK.*
- *So how to proceed? Look for additional candidate or go with single candidate.*
- *Todd C. – we could do it at the business meeting and say that 4 candidates were considered but only Hanna is left as willing to serve.*
- *Dave B. – we can take nominations from the floor at the virtual meeting and do voting. There probably would not be nominations from the floor. We could then have the option that could be more private, and members could potentially volunteer.*

Friends of Plant Breeding Award – Don Jones – award modification

- *Very deserving award and awardee.*
- *We have the slot on the program at the end of the awards presentation to announce this year awardees. Jim McF will make the presentations for the awardees and could do it for Donn C. So if Don wants to make the presentation for Donn Cummings or communicate with Jim to do it.*
- *Don J – Jim McF needs few sentences about Donn to prepare the presentation.*

Donation options – Peggy Ozias-Akins -

- *The option is set up at the NAPB web page for donations where there are option for general funds or Borlaug Fellowship.*
- *Don J. – do we know who donated? How would we generate the Thank you note?*
- *Peggy OA – Will ask*
- *\$156K in cash and \$50K invested so we are good financially.*

ASHS meeting - Peggy Ozias-Akins and Dave Bubeck - Industry ignite video

- *Peggy will do a slide about 3 min general about the NAPB. Each of us could do the slide and presentation about how the NPAB has enhanced our profession.*
- *Do we want to do Happy Hour with Breeder at ASHS. We would want to have a mix of breeders that are working with horticultural crops*

- Dave B. – Kevin is happy to help us with the videos. It would be nice to have the promotional video to highlight each of the EC. If we don't, make it in time for ASHS we could use it for NAPB.

New Business

Annual business/board meetings '20-'21 – Dave Bubeck – draft business meeting agenda

- We can handle it by email. Gavel transfer is happening at the beginning of the meeting. Dave will develop the agenda and share with the committee.
- Committee breakouts. If we can pull out with the breakout rooms. Alternative is to have committee meeting after the general meeting. It does not need to be live during the meeting with virtual meeting we have a lot of flexibility.
- How do we deal with the Committee reports? Do we need another EC meeting?
- Todd C - will organize the group to go over the strategic plan with the committee reports and provide the input to the new EC.

Minutes taken by Ksenija Gasic.

Meeting adjourned 2:20pm EST/3:20 CST.