

**National Association for Plant Breeding & American Seed Trade Association
Memorandum of Understanding**

WHEREAS the National Association for Plant Breeding (NAPB) and the American Seed Trade Association (ASTA) seek a constructive partnership to work together across the public and private sectors to serve the interests of the seed and plant breeding sectors at the state, federal, and international level; and

WHEREAS both the NAPB and the ASTA provide valuable services to the members of the sector and represent the importance of plant breeding to global agriculture;

NOW, THEREFORE, the NAPB and ASTA do hereby enter into this Memorandum of Understanding, jointly, and shall make best efforts to:

- 3.1. Engage and monitor regulatory issues affecting the plant breeding and related sciences and U.S. seed sector at the state, federal, and international level.
- 3.2. Where appropriate, collaborate on policy issues, including drafting proposals, for consideration by the relevant legislative or regulatory agencies.
- 3.3. Contribute combined resources to create a unified voice on critical issues facing our associations and members at the state, national, and international level.
- 3.4. Provide opportunities for early career professionals to gain exposure to the plant breeding and seed sector, through participation in meetings and workshops.
- 3.5. Explore opportunities to co-locate NAPB and ASTA association meetings.
- 3.6. Promote one another's annual meetings and conferences to members and during events, as appropriate.
- 3.7. Provide the opportunity to speak during one another's conference agendas, as appropriate. The meeting host will have final authority on the length and agenda placement for presentation.
- 3.8. Provide complimentary acknowledgment and/or link to one another's organizations on the organization's public facing website.
- 3.9. Provide each other with a complimentary affiliate registration to attend an annual meeting, to promote continued partnership.

This Memorandum of Understanding shall be in place for three years, at which time it will be reviewed and presented to the NAPB Executive Committee and NAPB Members by ASTA for reconsideration. Either party may revoke the agreement at any time in writing.

Entered into upon this date: August 20, 2025



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Presented on behalf of NAPB Executive Committee



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