

Plant Breeding Coordinating Committee 2008 Workshop

At this meeting we hope to accomplish the following Items:

Publications and Plans:

1. Determine the status of the white papers and develop a plan to finish them if not already done.
2. Please feel free to read and make suggestions on all of the white papers.
3. Develop a strategy to complete the one page summary (based upon the two one-pagers; education and healthy populations). See 4 below that may lead to different one pagers for different audiences.
4. Determine what you want your next step to be—how will we use the one-pagers, the white papers, to create a better environment for plant breeding. Discuss partnerships, contacts/reviewing the documents, how to impact our future—present the information to Congress. Remember our audiences can be (a. USDA (being done), b. Congress, c. High School and Undergraduate students, d. Commercial companies, e. Societies that have plant breeding as part of their mission, f. Experiment station directors, g. Commodity groups)
5. Do we need to add an outreach/communication committee to foster the discussion among ourselves, all the plant breeders within the U.S., and at the national level?

Elections:

1. Each subcommittee will need to elect a vice chair and a secretary and confirm the secretary is willing to become the chair. The new subcommittee structure will be a past chair, chair, vice chair, and secretary. Note—our goal is to involve more members, but the subcommittee can choose to continue its current leadership.
2. Do our Liaison Offices wish to continue? Do we have/need a plan for Liaison rotations?
3. The PBCC Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary serve two year terms, so the elections for these offices will be next year. Do we want to form a nominations committee?

Reminders:

1. Take good notes at your break-out sessions. They will be posted on the website. We hope to do this in almost real time—very quickly after the meeting.
2. We will need to identify a host for the 2011 meeting.

Survey:

1. The Education subcommittee will hand out a survey. Please have one person per institution fill out the survey and return it to the Education subcommittee after the information has been obtained. This is needed to have current information and common response form.