



Women in Plant Biology Committee American Society of Plant Biologists

Committee meeting November 15th, 2024

10:00 am Central Time US,

Join Zoom Meeting

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COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Present: Sylvia Lee, Ruby Tiwari, Balpreet Dhatt, Azam Noori, Rosana Melo, Rebecca Roston

Absent: Andrew Foundree, Chin-Mei Lee, Lesley Murphy

Minutes

1. Welcome: 10:06 am
2. Approval of minutes of the previous meeting: (by email) approved
3. **Tabled until next meeting:** Plant Bio 2025 – Concurrent session update (Rebecca, Lesley & Balpreet, ~5 minutes)
4. **Tabled until next meeting:** Pioneer Awards (~10 minutes, 1 major decision)
 - i) Setting: We are attempting to recognize notable women plant biologists (international or national) for ASPB Pioneer awards, to even out the distribution of awarded women and men. There were sizeable new donations of \$40,000k in 2024.
 - ii) The top 8 we began with:
(full sheet [PotentialCandidates.xlsx](#))

Group discussion:

Group decision:

5. **WYITA award process is the major focus of this meeting.** Be on the lookout for emails from Sylvia, and please rank the assigned candidates. We will discuss rankings at our meeting and hope to make a decision.

Summary of award ranking:

See table at right. →

Summary of discussion:

- Applications ranked 10, 11, and 12 were all good, but lacked the same level of need for a variety of reasons (funds available, close to meeting location, etc.)

Recommendations for next award season:

- We recommend noting on the award ranking that we prioritize funding for those who can actually attend the conference.
- Please estimate the cost of your travel. This can include childcare.
- Please estimate the funds available for your travel. Note if your plan is to use private funds to supplement any difference, or if there are travel funds available from your university as well.
- If international, please inform us as to your visa status, or the expected time to modify it.

Application No	Ranking
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	2 – potential split
	3 – potential split
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	12

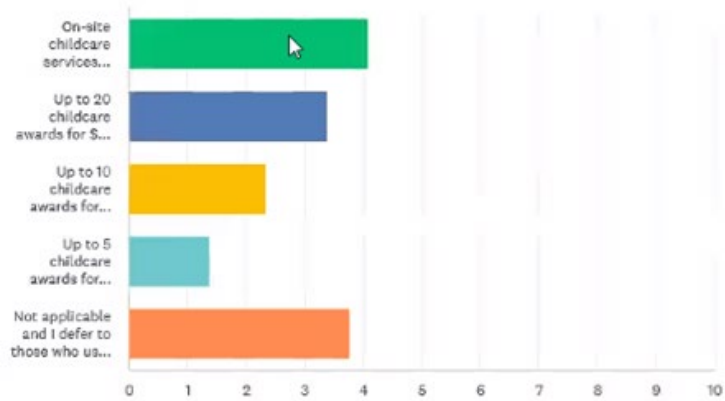
6. PB2024 wrap-up (needs to be brief < 2 min, or save for next meeting)
- Childcare – compare results from survey at the meeting (strongly positive about childcare option at the meeting) to incoming survey results from non-attendees.

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Childcare: Please rank order your preference for the childcare options under consideration for future Plant Biology conferences: (Top=highest preference; Bottom= lowest preference)Note: Groups of registrants is defined as a self-organizing group of parents who wish to come together, potentially because of shared needs or for language or meal considerations.

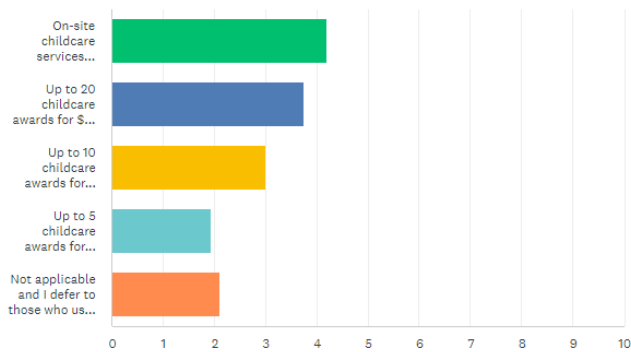
Answered: 194 Skipped: 91



Survey of non-attendees:

Please rank order your preference for the childcare options under consideration for future Plant Biology conferences: (Top=highest preference; Bottom= lowest preference)Note: Groups of registrants is defined as a self-organizing group of parents who wish to come together, potentially because of shared needs or for language or meal considerations.

Answered: 62 Skipped: 0

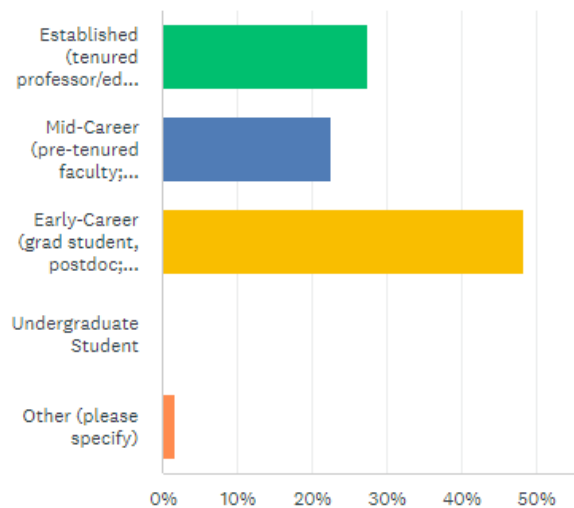


If ASPB did change the type of childcare available, would it change your ability to attend Plant Biology meetings?

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
No, I can attend most frequently with onsite childcare	22.58%	14
No, it would have no effect	38.71%	24
Yes, I can attend most frequently with financial support for my childcare	38.71%	24
TOTAL		62

My career level is:

Answered: 62 Skipped: 0



We agree unanimously that no change to childcare should be pursued at this time.

8. Any other Business? **Please feel free to add any suggested changes here to the agenda document!**

9. Adjournment 11:29 am Central