



EDUCATION COMMITTEE American Society of Plant Biologists

Committee meeting, Tuesday 18 November 2025

COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

In attendance: Erin Friedman (chair), Sebastian Cocioba, Mindy Findlater, Jonathan Gilkerson, Isabel Johnson, Daisy Noe, Jennifer Robison, Jasmine Yu, Winnie Nham (staff)

Agenda

1. **Welcome** (3:02 PM)
2. **Announcements** (5 min)
3. **Agenda Item 1: Welcome New Members** (10 min)
 - a. Isabel Johnson (ECR)- Goes by Isa (Pronounced "Ee-sah")
 - b. Returning committee members
4. **Agenda Item 2: Excellence in Education Awards committee member** (5 min)
 - a. Looking for names to forward to Kent Chapman (President) for consideration
 - b. PUI especially preferred
 - Names: Ya Min- School of Integrative Biology- UIUC (ymin@illinois.edu)
 - Jonathan Gilkerson- CSU Sacramento (gilkerson@csus.edu)
5. **Agenda Item 3: NABT 2025** (5 min)
 - a. Erin and Jennifer - Booth recap- Met with many teachers, handed out materials at NABT. Recruited for BLOOME grant and told educators about how to get involved. A few previous BLOOME grantees stopped by to join the booth and meet with people and spread the word.
 - b. October 2026 meeting in Dallas, TX- Possibility of running a BLOOME grant workshop at next years NABT meeting
6. **Agenda Item 4: PB 2026: Ottawa** (20 min)

ASPB is working with CSPB for PB26. 2 Workshop proposals have been submitted

- a. Workshop Proposal: Hidden Veggies: Strategies for Integrating Plant Biology into Courses and Outreach Programs (ASPB + CSPB Education Committees)- Very open, not restricted to teachers to increase types of career stages represented
- b. Workshop Proposal: Telling Your Teaching Story: Building Evidence of Excellence at Every Career Stage (CSPB + ASPB Education Committees)- Building a teaching portfolio/dossier and how to refine it
- c. Concurrent Symposium Proposal: Growing the Next Generation of Plant Biologists: Evidence-Based Teaching, Student Learning, Meaningful Assessment, and Technological Integration (Ruth Kaggwa et al.)- No application submitted for concurrent because number of names that needed to be included in order to be considered. Erin reiterated to program committee that we are still interested in supporting education topics (Danforth has put forth a concurrent proposal that we can partner with)

- d. Plant Science Saturday: July 18, 2026. In discussion with Ottawa Farmer's Market managers and will share details once confirmed. Will be asking for lead volunteers (in Ottawa) and planning volunteers (those who cannot attend) in early 2026 (stay tuned!)-
 - Erin, Winnie, Crispin had a preliminary conversation with Ottawa Farmers' Market - community manager is checking with her team to make sure it is ok for us to have 4-5 tents.
 - Once we get the okay from them, can brainstorm if additional activities are needed
 - If anyone thinks of ideas that are engaging for adults or teenagers, jot them down. Asynchronous events that people could work on while waiting in line (mad libs, crossword, word search, etc).
 - Microfleur- 60 second flower pressing- Microwave flowers and press them: <https://www.microfleur.com>
 - Photo paper activity for adults
 - Reference other ideas from post PSS25 debrief notes
- e. Head count for planned attendance. Note: Arrive by Friday evening for early Saturday setup for PSS- Erin, Winnie, Jennifer (if funds), Jasmine, Daisy, Jonathan, Isa, Mindy
- f. Next PB27 tentatively: July 31-Aug 4 in Albuquerque

7. List Action Items (5 min)

8. Adjournment (note time)

9. Calendar of Upcoming Meetings and Events

- a. December/January: Make edits to BLOOME RFP (will be live early 2026)
- b. February: PSS planning, mid-year check ins for BLOOME 2025 grantees
- c. March: PB26 planning
- d. April: BLOOME Review Meeting
- e. May: PB 26 planning
- f. June / Early July: PB26 planning (if needed)
- g. July 18-22: PB26, Plant Science Saturday, Workshops, and EdCom committee meeting
- h. August/September - PB26 debrief and planning for next year; Discuss future of TEPB