

Education Committee Meeting Notes

Wednesday 8 November 2023 4:00 pm EST

Via Zoom at <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83255917474>

COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Erin Friedman (chair), Jaime Barros, Michael Busche, Susan Bush, Sebastian Cocioba, Mindy Findlater, Jonathan Gilkerson, Divya Mishra, Jennifer Robison, Jasmine Yu, Winnie Nham (staff)

In attendance: Jaime, Michael, Sebastian, Mindy, Susan, Jasmine, Divya, Jen

1. Welcome (4:01 PM)

2. Announcements (5 min)

3. Agenda Item 1: Welcome New Members (10 min)

- Jaime Barros
- Michael Busche (ECR)
- Mindy Findlater
- Jasmine Yu
- Returning EdCom members introduced themselves

4. Agenda Item 2: NABT Recap (15 min)

- Sebastian - Children's lit initiative- Helped re-categorize children's book titles to new Principles, added on read-aloud links to the books (<https://plantae.org/education/picturebooks/>)
 - Next step- add adult reading to that list?
- Erin and Jennifer - Booth recap- Interacted with biology teachers about how ASPB can help curate material for them: highlighted BLOOME grant projects, how to apply for a BLOOME grant, joining ASPB as a member, more on the society as a whole. A few local volunteers also came in to share their research and help out at the booth
- If you are interested in helping at an NSTA/NABT conference happening near you, Erin will be in touch

5. Agenda Item 3: PB 2024: Honolulu (10 min)

- Workshop: Designing Guided Inquiries from Primary Literature for the Undergraduate Classroom
- Plant Science Saturday: June 22, 2024: Will be asking for lead volunteers (in Honolulu) and planning volunteers (those who cannot attend) in early 2024 (stay tuned!)
- Share ideas for concurrent and plenaries: education and outreach focus- used to have a speaker session dedicated to education but are now pivoting towards including an education perspective in each of the various sessions (concurrent, workshops, plenaries). If you know of someone going to the meeting that might fit this criteria, please let Erin know
- Even if you are unable to attend in person, think about ways to be involved in the planning for activities mentioned above pre-conference

6. Agenda Item 4: Website Discussion (15 min)

- Plantae.org <https://plantae.org/education/> (note: this still is buried under "Access the Plantae Community and needs to be linked from the home page)
- Aspb.org <https://aspb.org/education-outreach>
- Aspb.org BLOOME projects pages (e.g., <https://plantae.org/education/plantgifts/>)
- Principles for Teaching Plant Biology

- What makes the most sense to find our content?
 - Are we linked through NSTA or NABT?
 - Can we link one of the bubbles on ASPB.org out to the resources page
 - How does traffic get to Plantae.org?
 - Link for getting from ASPB to Plantae on the website
 - Providing info for those writing grants on how to write a 'broader impacts' section to pull in traffic
 - "I'm a high school teacher looking for collaboration" opportunity link on website

7. List Action Items (5 min)

- Erin – reach out to Sarah Black on education website updates
- Sebastian- continuing/expanding literature project

8. Adjournment (note time)

9. Calendar of Upcoming Meetings and Events:

- a. December/January: Make edits to BLOOME RFP (will be live early 2024); discuss NSTA?
- b. February: NSTA planning?
- c. March: PB24 planning
- d. April: BLOOME Review Meeting
- e. May: PB 24 planning
- f. early June: PB24 planning (if needed)
- g. June 21-26: PB24, Plant Science Saturday, and EdCom committee meeting
- h. August/September - PB24 debrief and planning for next year; TEPB planning