



Science Policy Committee (SPC) American Society of Plant Biologists

Committee Meeting, October 24th, 2023 from 11:00am - 12:00pm EST
Zoom Meeting

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Participants:

SPC Chair: Tessa Burch-Smith

SPC Members: Crispin Taylor, Robert Stanley, Georg Jander, Victoria Swiler, Charlie Anderson, Pradeep Kachroo,

Lewis-Burke Associates LLC: Elizabeth Stulberg, Bridget Krieger, Eve Granatosky, Joanna Ratigan, Courtney Parker

Agenda:

1. Welcome from Crispin
 1. Introductions of all staff and members
 2. Charlie Anderson
 3. Victoria Swiler
 4. Georg Jander
 5. Pradeep Kachroo
2. Welcome to new SPC members and orientation
3. DC update
 1. Congress
 2. Farm Bill
4. New leadership roles that affect the SPC
 1. Discussion of Dorothy Koch in her new position and the possibility of her speaking with the SPC.
 2. Crispin points out that DOE has two groups each with advisory groups
 - a. Basic Energy Sciences
 - b. Biological Environmental Research
 3. New NSF BIO Director, Susan M.
 - a. BIO advisory committee also has plant science members, and we are in touch with those folks behind the scenes
 4. Monica Bertagnolli's hearing on her confirmation to be Director of NIH went well, and her confirmation vote should come soon.
5. Discussion of meeting with NIFA Director Manjit Misra and follow-up questions
 1. Many found Dr. Misra constrained in his approach
 2. Crispin and Tessa will follow up with Josh Stull

3. Charlie also reached out to and arranged a follow-up with Josh Stull
6. Discussion of topics for Plant Bio 2024 Annual Meeting workshop or session – submission is due Nov 2.
7. Policy newsletter
 1. Elizabeth will speak about the value of coalitions and pull together all the letters we have signed onto.
 2. Jasmine will reflect on her time with the SPC.
 3. Summary of conversation with Dr. Misra.
8. Next meeting: November 28

Adjournment