



Equity, Diversity & Inclusion Committee American Society of Plant Biologists

Committee meeting, November 28, 2023; 11:00AM-12:00 PM PST
Via Zoom

COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

	Danelle Ignace, Chair
	Imara Perera
	Ramin Yadegari
	Kevin Cope
	Gurleen Kaur-not here
	Sannidhi Menon
	Christos Noutsos
	Hua Lu

STAFF/GUESTS:

	Crispin Taylor, CEO
	Sylvia Lee
	Mary Williams-not here

Agenda:

1. Welcome
2. Update on the planned joint EDIC/WIPB breakfast/lunch event in Honolulu
 - Ramin: A tentative schedule for the annual meeting is out. The WIPB overcoming barriers program panel is scheduled for Saturday from 10am-11:30am. It will be an event with 1-2 speakers.
 - There will be an orientation for the RTAs and networking lunch.
3. Possible topics/organizers/speakers for the EDIC symposium during Plant Biology 2024
 - Kevin and Sannidhi: Something that spans across professions/careers. The committee needs to help identify some speakers. Washington State U has a bread lab (includes industrial and farmer collaborators). This could include small shareholder farmers. The session includes five speakers, with one career representative for a lightning talk. -
 - Crispin: There is \$5K to help with speaker travel. Do our travel awardees qualify in this

topic? Can we solicit sponsorship of this symposium? Staff and contractors would source sponsors. We will think of companies that could be potential sponsors.

Other avenues to find speakers

- Flag awardees as speakers.
- Get bullet points from Kevin and Sannihidi about the session.
- We don't yet know the day and time for symposium.
- Program committee meets next January 22nd.
- We should look at the editorial board from both journals.
- Ramin will get in touch about any issues for program committee.

Additional broader discussion was had about a proposal for figuring out future locations for annual meetings. What mechanisms are in place for this?

4. Maui donation options

- We suggested ASPB make a donation to a local organization affected by the fires. Sannidhi suggested about adding Maui United Way.

5. Planning for review of regular travel awards (the submission deadline was Nov. 15)

Process of reviews: December 22 is when reviews are due.

We received 198 applications which will each reviewed by two committee members (49-50 apps per committee member).

Review process closes December 15. Recipients must be named no later than December 22.

Abstract deadline for meeting is January 4. Thus we should aim on getting notifications to recipients first week in January.

Recognition travel awards, close December 6. We'll get notification December 8 of how many /how to access system.

7. Adjournment