



## Board of Trustees American Society of Plant Biologists

### Committee Meeting

December 10, 2020 3:00– 4:00 p.m. EST

#### ATTENDANCE:

Kent Chapman, Treasurer and Chair, Board of Trustees; Kathy Osteryoung, Member, Board of Trustees; Ed Cahoon, Member, Board of Trustees  
Crispin Taylor, ASPB CEO; Clara Woodall, ASPB CFO; Sylvia Lee, ASPB Executive and Governance Affairs Administrator.  
Judy Callis, Past President; Katayoon Dehesh, President-elect.

#### Meeting Summary:

1. The meeting was called to order at 3:02 pm Eastern time; Permission was given to record the videoconference and the Agenda was approved.
2. Minutes of the September 24, 2020 meeting, along with summary for posting, were approved by email on 10/30/2020.
3. **Agenda Item 1** – A discussion was held regarding the proposed motion ([BOT-BOD-2020-XX-FundingTravelAwards-draft-111220-clean.docx](#)) from the chairs of the Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion; Women in Plant Biology; and Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship committees. This motion proposed restoration of funding to 2019 levels for several travel award programs and the ASPB SURF program, and that these be funded with the board-authorized drawdown (BAD) funds “off the top”. There was unanimous support for restoring the funding amounts for travel and SURF to 2019 levels. Favorable sentiments were expressed that support of these programs is in alignment with ASPB priorities to support and nurture plant scientists, and that they should be funded. However, the BoT felt that the mechanism of funding these programs ahead of the apportionment of the BAD would severely reduce available funds for other important programs, and so was not in favor of the motion as stated. Still, the BoT recognized the importance of these programs, and recommended that the regular travel awards, the recognition travel awards, and the women young investigator travel awards be funded at the requested levels from within the “good works” budget, and that the summer undergraduate research fellowships be supported with other ASPB revenue.

Further, the BoT suggested that all programs funded by the BAD should be examined going forward for their alignment with the ASPB strategic priorities and their relative impact on ASPB goals. It was suggested that this be a part of the 2022 budget planning process that begins soon after the 2021 budget approval in January.

4. **Agenda Item 2** – Status of applicant review for volunteer, ad hoc BoT committee member- Progress on this item has been slowed by other pressing matters, but it will

receive priority after current strategic planning activities are completed and the 2021 budget is approved in January.

5. **Agenda Item 3** – Information— Kent reported that the BoD approved Legacy Society Leadership Committee (LSLC) and the Centennial Challenge Committee (CCC) committee charters at their last meeting. Committee member appointments are underway.
6. **Action Item**—Kent will draft a response to the motion by the committee chairs in agenda item 1. This will be reviewed by meeting attendees via email, and forwarded to the committee chairs.
7. The meeting was adjourned at 4:00pm

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Meeting summary was drafted by Kent Chapman, Chair Board of Trustees and Treasurer, ASPB December 12, 2020. Reviewed and edited by Clara Woodall, CFO, and Crispin Taylor, CEO, ASPB.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kent Chapman", is written over a light gray rectangular background.