



[NAME OF COMMITTEE]  
**American Society of Plant Biologists**

Minutes of Committee Meeting held August 26, 2020, 2:00 PM EDT  
[GOTOMEETING]

### **COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

Neil Olszewski, Chair  
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Crispin Taylor, CEO  
Nancy Winchester, Director of Publications

### **GUESTS**

Mary Williams, TPC Features Editor  
George Woodward, Oxford University Press

### **Minutes**

1. Neil Olszewski opened the meeting at 2:02 PM. The meeting was recorded. The agenda was approved unanimously.
2. Agenda Item 1: Pre-review of manuscripts. Mary Williams explained PreLights, set up by the Company of Biologists. It is a webpage where individuals review preprints. Mary has been asked repeatedly by ECRs, AFEs, ambassadors, etc., when ASPB is going to set up a PreLights for plants. Does “PreLights for Plants” marginalize plant science research? Should we advise people to build up a collection of reviews elsewhere, a portfolio? Consider with OUP in the future? No action item at this time.
3. Agenda item 2: EDI (equity, diversity, inclusion).  
EDI Comm and Pubs Comm should interface to integrate aspects of the Society, e.g., board appointments, help EICs. Journal AFE program: the editor training can be used for reviewers. Our reviewer database has three categories; add a fourth: young reviewers, set up as a separate group. *Plant Direct* imported its TPC/PP reviewer database in 2017 but it has evolved, there is no crosstalk between TPC/PP and PD, probably 70-80% same at this point. Essential to get the database updated apart even from EDI: a huge task, a year. Put together a plan, need a subcommittee. George Woodward: OUP with Royal Soc Chem is doing something similar and will feed us best practices, resources, etc. SACNAS etc. ...EDIC tapped into. Encourage our members to attend SACNAS meetings. ASPB has been showing up for years but needs to be bigger and broader. EDI must be on future Pubs Comm meeting agendas. ASPB staff to appoint a subcommittee and designate a leader.

**ACTION ITEM: Committee chairs Neil and Gustavo to talk.**

4. Agenda Item 3: Trans names etc. OUP working with COPE; they have guidelines, downstream receivers. Not everyone wants it done “publicly.” ORCID will have a role. Pieces are in place; just get all parties to agree, especially downstream. Just be sure the person asking for the name change is the author. But even that can be tricky. Don’t want to pry while trying to prove. See what COPE does, it is nonbinding.
5. Agenda Item 4: DIVE. A real problem, and SJS agrees. Author facing UX not good. OUP committed to preserve functionality while learning whether bespoke items really add value, deliver on the purpose. OUP wants to know the longer-term cost/benefit. Prone to link-rot. Doesn’t update. Must keep database up-to-date and the links too. Crispin Taylor will go to DIVE/Gramene to have them fix the problems.
6. No other business.
7. List Action Items:
  - a. Neil and Gustavo to talk about integration of EDI and Pubs Comms discussions on equity, diversity, inclusion.
  - b. Place EDI on future Pubs Comm agendas.
  - c. Staff to form a subcommittee to address reviewer database cleanup.
  - d. Crispin Taylor to address DIVE situation.
8. Adjournment was at 4:05 pm. No motion, no second.