

Summary of WiPB Committee Meeting at PB19 August 7, 2019

Our in-person committee meeting was on Wednesday August 7th at 7:30 - 9:00 am at [#PlantBio19](#) meeting in San Jose.

This committee meeting was after our workshops, [Lunch with Dr. Denneal Jamison-McClung](#) and the [Speed Networking Breakfast](#) we held in collaboration with the Minority Affairs Committee.

At [#PlantBio19](#), we met our **Sharon Gray WYITA recipients**. Congratulations to all of them!





Christian Burr
University of North
Carolina at Chapel Hill
Cytokinin Signaling
in Rice



Shan He
Princeton University,
Princeton, New Jersey
Structural Basis of
Assembly of Rubisco
into a Phase-Separated
Organelle



Robin Hopkins
Harvard University,
Cambridge, Massachusetts
Correlation and
Constraint of Self and
Interspecific Incompat-
ibility Across the Range
of Texas Phlox



Sibongile Mafu
University of Massachu-
setts, Amherst
Biochemical Character-
ization of the Terpenome
of *Sclerotinia homeocarpa*



Amanda Rasmussen
University of Nottingham,
U.K.
Exposed! Nutrient
Zones Uncovered in
(Garden) Bed with
Growing Roots



Caroline Sjogren
University of North
Carolina at Chapel Hill
Uncovering Signaling
Outputs of CLAVATA1
in Plant Stem Cell
Maintenance



Jamie Van Norman
University of California,
Riverside
PLK1, a Transmembrane
Receptor Kinase, Links
Lateral Cell Polarity
with Radial Tissue
Patterning During Root
Development



Chunhua Zhang
Purdue University, West
Lafayette, Indiana
Interaction with the
Substrate Is Essential for
Exocytic Trafficking of
Plant Cellulose Synthase
Complex

Based on the feedback we received from the two workshops we will propose the following workshops for next year's **#PlantBio20**: collaborating again with MAC to have a workshop on **Implicit Bias** and also have a **Lunch with a Guest Speaker** (topic TBD, depending on the Major Symposium speakers). We would like to have a **Conversation Circle** discussion, *let us know if you have suggestions for topics or would like to moderate it!* We also thought about having a **WiPB Network Meet-Up**, but we will need to see how/when this will fit into the schedule.

Here are some other ways you can get involved with the WiPB Network: <https://community.plantae.org/article/5323677477464180644/how-to-get-involved-with-the-women-in-plant-biology>

Beyond the annual meeting, we also have been hosting **webinars on Leadership and Mentoring: [Soft Skills Seminars](#)**. These webinars seem to be gaining some traction, [The Power of Listening in Mentor-Mentee Relationships](#). However, we know that these webinars are long and not feasible for everyone to watch all of them, all the way through. So an idea came up at our committee meeting of doing some short **2-minute videos** answering some FAQs that people may have. *If you have suggestions on topics/questions, please post them below!*

We have been trying to update our Plantae Women in Plant Biology Network site, we know it needs some improving and TLC, *so please check back periodically. You can also follow us on Twitter [@ASPB WiPB](#)!*

The 2019 WiPB Committee members are:

Laura Wayne (Chair), Eva Farre, Grace Miller, Kelly Gillespie, Li Tian, Sreekala Chellamma, Katie Murphy (our Early Career Rep), Sylvia Lee (ASPB Staff), and Crispin Taylor (Staff Liaison). Katie Rogers has also been helping with our webinars and Plantae. On October 1st, Sreekala will be rotating off and Aruna Kilaru will be joining our committee.