

Attendees: Peter Jensen, Blair Siegfried, Richard Mankin, David O'Brochta

Regrets: Nannan Liu, Carol Anelli, Chris Stelzig

Thank you to everyone who joined the call, we will aim to meet monthly with a majority of PBT governance council members, in addition to Chris Stelzig from ESA headquarters. The proposed agenda was sent out with the meeting invitation and no further agenda items were raised. The topics proposed for discussion included:

1. Possible PBT sponsored workshop for Denver 2017 meeting
2. PBT newsletter content and timing
3. PBT volunteer list review
4. PBT symposium proposals for Denver 2017

The bulk of this November meeting was used to discuss and align on a workshop proposal from PBT. Upon reviewing the Governing Board update from PBT (Nov 3), David O'Brochta indicated to the PBT governance council via email that he would be willing to lead a CRISPR workshop based on past experience and a current NSF grant. David's proposal received wide support from the governance council (emails attached), thus we moved forward with aligning on workshop structure and individuals that should be involved:

1. PBT sponsored CRISPR workshop for Denver 2017:
  - Workshop proposals due Jan 31
  - No specific guidance provided on ESA website around venue or duration
  - Discussion aligned on 4 hrs on Sunday or Wednesday ESA workshop slots
  - Break into Part A: 3hrs of speakers; and Part B: 1 hr of hands-on instruction
  - Workshop organizers: David O'Brochta, Marce Lorenzen, Jenn Brisson, others TBD. (David will also reach out to Bryony Bonning and Reddi Palli since they indicated interest at the ICE business meeting).
    - Part A: 3 hrs of Platform presentations on applications (3 hrs)
      - o Start with talks with variety of applications to reach different research areas and a broad audience. Ask speakers to include technical aspects behind research, address how they overcame problems
      - o Speaker suggestions: Christine Merlin (TA&M), Rob Reid (Cornell), Arnaud Martin (Georgetown, evo-devo), Citrus – lake Alfred? Blair to reach out, Others TBD
    - Part B: Hands-on instruction: How to get started (1 hr)
      - o Bring your own computer
      - o Use online software
      - o Instructors: TBD (Bill Reid suggestion)
  - Question: Can we limit conflict with concurrent symposium on this popular research topic?

- Yes, we have representatives on the program committee that can work to limit conflicts (Peter, Blair)
- We could also coordinate the workshop topic with a program or section symposium and select non-conflicting time slot with workshop. Include call in PBT newsletter

## 2. PBT newsletter

- a. Aim to send out after thanksgiving
- b. Include brief recap of PBT business meeting at ICE
  - i. Thank you for invited talks
  - ii. PBT Initiatives discussion
  - iii. Positions and volunteers (link to ESA webpage)
  - iv. Highlight submission deadlines for ESA 2017
  - v. Current workshop proposal update (TBD)
  - vi. Nominations for awards (Josh forms, dates?)

### **Action items from Nov meeting:**

David aiming for update to governance council after Thanksgiving around workshop proposal.

Peter to reach out to ESA to understand how/if PBT section learns/reviews Program or Section symposia

Peter to prepare PBT newsletter, check with David on workshop update prior to sending out

- Add workshop and symposium ideas to newsletter

Peter to follow up on PBT Policy position and report at Dec meeting to section governance

### **Agenda items for next meeting (December 2016):**

- a. PBT volunteer list review
  - vii. Do we have any positions with expired terms that need new appointees?
- b. Position descriptions (ESA provided or need to create descriptions from current position holders?)
- c. Review any workshop or symposium proposals received

Attachments: Emails regarding workshop.

**JENSEN, PETER D [AG/1000]**

**From:** Nannan Liu <liunann@auburn.edu>

**Sent:** Friday, November 04, 2016 9:32 AM

**To:** David O'Brochta; JENSEN, PETER D [AG/1000]

**Cc:** Siegfried,Blair D; Mankin, Richard; Alleyne, Marianne; Becky Anthony

**Subject:** RE: PBT Section: Governing Board Report

Dear All:

I strongly support Dr. David O'Brochta to be the leader together with the leadership team to initiate/develop/organize/conduct a CRISPR workshop in 2017 for our PBT Section to fulfil the PBT Section goal of "Move PBT science in new directions through the education of Members and the adoption of new technologies".

Dave has been the leader in an NSF Research Coordination Network project and played strong leadership role in organizing the IGTRCN short course/workshop of "Insect Genetic Technologies: Theory and Practice" for a couple of years. One of my postdocs has attend/participate in the course, which has provide not only an opportunity to sharpen her skills in research (from learn new ideas and theory to approaches and the hands-on practice) but an environment for communication/connection between research experts and the young scientists.

During the TBP meeting in Orlando, I also recognized the enthusiasm of Drs. Palli and Bonning for our plan of conducting the CRISPR workshop.

Thanks,

Nannan

From: David O'Brochta [mailto:dobrocht@umd.edu]

Sent: Friday, November 04, 2016 6:14 AM

To: JENSEN, PETER D [AG/1000] <peter.d.jensen@monsanto.com>

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Subject: Re: PBT Section: Governing Board Report

Dear all,

Greeting and my apologies for not making it to Orlando as planned.

I see there was some discussion about organizing a CRISPR workshop or something similar in 2017.

I am directing an NSF Research Coordination Network project around the theme of Insect Genetic Technologies. see [www.igtrcn.org](http://www.igtrcn.org).

An objective of the project is to foster development, knowledge of and use of insect genetic technologies by insect scientists. One tactic is to organize strategic symposia/workshops and I would like to volunteer my support and the support (including some financial support) of the IGTRCN to this initiative.

If there are more details to share - perhaps the names of any who had an interest in leading the effort - please do so and I will follow up with them. If the initiative is in need of leadership the IGTRCN would be willing to do that as well.

Best wishes

Dave O'Brochta

On Thu, Nov 3, 2016 at 12:24 PM, JENSEN, PETER D [AG/1000]

<[peter.d.jensen@monsanto.com](mailto:peter.d.jensen@monsanto.com)> wrote:

PBT leadership,

I have attached our PBT section report for the governing board. I followed the template provided by the ESA office, and looked at the most recent report submitted by Nannan in 2016. However, this is my first report to the Governing Board and I welcome any feedback that you have.

I apologize for not giving you more time to review, it took longer than I expected to pull together the information from different sources; the report is due to ESA tomorrow, Nov 4<sup>th</sup>.

If you do have any requested changes or feedback, please provide by noon (CST) tomorrow so I can incorporate any changes and submit on time.

Thank you and best regards,

Peter