**Herbaceous Ornamental Crop Germplasm Committee Meeting**

Friday, July 12, 2019

Attendees: Pablo Jourdan, Susan Stieve, Tim Rhinehart, Jim Ault, Marvin Miller, Ed Schneider, Nathan Nordstedt, Peter Zale, Pam Allenstein, Gary Kinard, Barbara Hellier, Neal Anderson, Ryan Warner, Peter Bretting, Jeff Carstens, Shaun Broderick

1. Meeting called to order 9:32 AM, Kottman Hall, The Ohio State University
2. Welcome by Pablo Jourdan
3. Summary of 2018 HOCGC meeting at the National Arboretum, Shaun Broderick
4. National Program Reports
   1. National Plant Germplasm System, Peter Bretting – Most of the germplasm used to be requested by plant breeders. Growing requests from research interested in population diversity and marker development. Small bump in budget was received (especially coffee, citrus, hemp), but the purchasing power has not kept up. Challenges of the NPGS: retirements leaving potential knowledge gaps, hiring and training new staff, cryopreservation, best management practices (BMPs) with GE traits, wild crop relatives need to be acquired. Plant genetic resource management training initiative: 2018 conference, beginning to film training videos.
   2. National Germplasm Resources Laboratory, Gary Kinard – Program update and Q&A. Migrating to the cloud (Microsoft Azure). Roll out changes to GRIN Global public website, likely happening later this year. It will have new features and responsive design to resize for better viewing on various devices and monitor sizes.
5. Germplasm Center Reports
6. North Central Regional Plant Introduction Station, Jeff Carstens – acquired 45 new accessions (mostly *Monarda luteola* from Texas) and have already started to distribute material. Working on collecting other species of *Monarda*.Submitted a proposal for another *Monarda* collection trip. A suggestion was made to consider *Pycnanthemum* as a collection for intergeneric crosses (Susan’s note-there is an NPGS *Pycnanthemum* collection of about 70 accessions at Corvallis).
7. Western Regional Plant Introduction Station, Barbara Hellier – Transferred 221 accessions of several genera from W6 to the OPGC to curate (July 2019). The major herbaceous ornamental collection at W6 is *Salvia*; working to increase seed quantities to make accessions more available. There are clonal accessions of salvia, but most accessions are stored as seed. Also experiencing challenges with personnel retirements and training new employees.
8. Ornamental Plant Germplasm Center, Susan Stieve – Worked to slow down growth with the tissue culture (*in vitro*) collections of *Phlox, Pelargonium,* *Begonia* and others. About 40-50% of requests are for non-research purposes. 1,286 native North American accessions acquired through the Seeds of Success Program. OPGC staff have been working on capturing images of their accessions using iPads and managing image files with Filemaker software.
9. Crop Vulnerability Statement, Pablo Jourdan
   1. Went over draft document, discussed strengths and changes that need to be made.
   2. Pablo extended an **assignment for HOCGC committee members to list our top 5-10 favorite genera;** this information will be used in the future to help guide discussions regarding HOCGC priority genera.
   3. **August 12, 2019** set as deadline for submission of CVS revisions and genera suggestions.
10. Plans for the 2020 HOCGC meeting.
    1. ASHS in Orlando, FL. August 10-13th was suggested; we will set up a Zoom option from a location with good internet access for those who cannot attend in person.
11. Meeting adjourned 12:25 PM