Woody Landscape Plant Crop Germplasm Committee

Annual Meeting Teleconference

Minutes

2021.10.20

*Attendance*Kevin Conrad, Russell Galanti, Fred Gouker, Madhugiri Nageswara-Rao, Kim Hummer, Margaret Pooler, Pam Allenstein, Peter Bretting, Ryan Contreras, Todd Rounsaville, Jake Shreckhise, Kim Shearer (Chair)

Virtual Zoom meeting hosted by The Morton Arboretum

Annual WLPCGC meeting was called to order. First order of business was to review the new roster.

# Roster update–nominations

CGC members updated the committee on recruitment progress. Nominations for CGC approval included Todd West (NDSU breeding), Ben French (Mdiwest commercial propagation), Bryan Peterson (Northeast propagation/production and native/invasive species research), Colin Khoury (San Diego Botanic Garden, Science & Conservation).

# Corvallis Annual Report (hummer)

Lauri Reinhold was hired to replace Joseph Postman. Reinhold’s position includes working as a horticulturist and curator and in the tissue culture lab. Gabriel Flores was hired as a technician to support Reinhold in tissue culture with a focus on the hop and mint collections. Ryan King was hired as a technician to support the Nahla Bassil lab. April Nyberg was hired as the plant distribution manager. Three graduate students were recruited to work on Vaccinium research. Funding increased from $1.6 million to $1.7 million (blueberry/cranberry resource community). Renovations of the screen- and greenhouses were planned for initiation with demolition/construction planned for winter 2022/23 and a target completion date of February 2023. A manuscript on heritage pears and genetic resources was expected to be published by the Bassil lab.

# CVS to Manuscript

Progress of the manuscript was discussed by the CGC. Potential journals for submission and additional content were discussed specifically with a focus on environmental justice and social equity.

# 2022 Annual Meeting

Plans for the in-person meeting at Morton were discussed. Date scheduled after polling was Friday, July 29. A hybrid meeting was suggested in the event that USDA members would not be able to travel.

# Conclusion

Assignments for action items relative to 2022 meeting, CGC recruitment and manuscript development were made for those who volunteered.