



NAPPN Newsletter - July 2019

PHENOME 2020 - Save The Date!

The annual PHENOME conference is the largest and only conference in North America focused solely on plant phenomics. Anyone with an interest in plant phenotyping should consider attending. Each year at this conference, we hold our annual NAPPN General Assembly business meeting.

The date and location for the PHENOME 2020 Conference has been set for **February 24-27** and will be held in downtown Tucson at the **Tucson Convention Center** (new hotel and conference venue).

We hope to see you there!

NAPPN By-Laws Revised - Please Vote

Now that the NAPPN Executive Board has been up and running for a couple of years, it became apparent that our initial draft of By-Laws needed some tweaking. Some important procedures were not clear or were omitted and other points needed clarification. Just recently you should have received an email from Darwin Campbell with a request to review the By-Law changes proposed by the Board and a request to vote on them. Because we need a quorum, please take the time to review and vote.

One addition is the inclusion of a reference to the newly drafted Code of Conduct policy for NAPPN which can be found here

nappn.plant-phenotyping.org/code-of-conduct

NAPPN's first annual survey results

This past year we conducted our first annual phenotyping survey. Most of you should have received it if you were members last fall. The results of the survey will help inform NAPPN of the issues we should be addressing, and where the greatest needs of our membership lie. The results of the survey can be found at

nappn.plant-phenotyping.org/survey-results.

Because this is the first 'annual' survey, it implies that we intend to conduct a survey annually as we get up and running to make sure we are keeping in close contact with membership needs.

NAPPN Recent Election Results

At the beginning of each year, NAPPN holds elections for its Executive Board. The Board is made up of representatives from both public and private organizations

and represent the fields of plant biology, computational science and engineering. Elections were held in January of this year.

The current board is made up of: Carolyn Lawrence-Dill (Chair), Chris Topp (Co-Chair), Charlie Messina, Jian Jin, David Ertl, Frank Dohleman and Andrew Leakey.

Next year's board will be composed of: Chris Topp (Chair), David Ertl, Frank Dohleman, Andrew Leakey, Tabare Abadie, Amy Tabb and Jennifer Clark.

We thank Seth Murrery and April Agee Carroll, Chair, for their service on the inaugural NAPPN Board.

AFRI Funding Opportunity

The FY 2019 and 2020 AFRI Request for Applications has a funding opportunity for High Intensity Phenotyping Sites, up to \$3,000,000.

See page 18 of the RFA by [clicking here](#).

Bellwether Phenotyping Facility Accepting Outside Projects

For the first time, the Bellwether Phenotyping Facility at the Donald Danforth Plant Science Center has the capacity to take on projects from outside the Center.

Visit the Danforth website for [current pricing](#).

Contact [Mindy Darnell](#) to discuss a potential project or learn more about the facility.

We Are Published!

In a recent article published in The Plant Phenome Journal, April Agee Carroll et al wrote about "NAPPN: Who we are, where we are going and why you should join us."

You can find the article (Open Access) at dl.sciencesocieties.org/publications/tppj/

NAPPN Affinity Groups have started meeting

Affinity groups are for NAPPN members interested in similar ideas and topics. They exchange ideas via webinars, Slack channels, conference calls, and more.

Visit <http://nappn.plant-phenotyping.org/groups/> to see which groups are assembling and how they meet and coordinate.

Thanks to Amy Tabb, Argelia Lorence, Zbigniew Kolber, David LeBauer, and Yang Yang for volunteering to lead Affinity Groups and to Nathan Miller for setting up and managing the various Slack channels. You will also note on the same page that Theresa Musket has volunteered to do a bit of member management and social media work for NAPPN. Thanks to you all for volunteering your time to advance the mission of our organization!

To gain access to these Slack channels, contact [Nathan Miller](#).

Request for feedback from members

If at any time you have information you'd like to share with the NAPPN community, you can submit feedback on our website. In particular, if you learn of relevant conferences and funding opportunities, we will post those on the website.

Send your feedback to: <http://nappn.plant-phenotyping.org/feedback/>

Be sure to check our website for the latest updates.

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