# Sustaining Plant Breeding to Insure Future Innovations: A partnership between the Plant Breeding Coordinating Committee and the National Association of Plant Breeders

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The Plant Breeding Coordinating Committee (PBCC) and the National Association of Plant Breeders (NAPB) have a long history of collaboration to sustain plant breeding. The PBCC, a multistate coordinating committee of the State Agricultural Experiment Stations within the Land Grant University System, was formed in 2006 to insure the long-term national importance of a strong plant breeding infrastructure and education capacity, and to increase national awareness of plant breeding's contributions to the U.S. economy. From the work of the PBCC, NAPB was formed in 2008, held its first annual meeting in 2011, and officially incorporated as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation in 2012. NAPB is an independent professional society with the goal of advocating a cohesive national plant breeding agenda in which strong public and private sectors work independently and together to ensure the value and importance of plant breeding are known and appreciated. In 2019, NAPB will hold its' 8<sup>th</sup> annual meeting where the PBCC will also hold its' 14<sup>th</sup> meeting. In this presentation, we will highlight the work of PBCC and NAPB while describing how the two organizations continue working collaboratively to insure future plant breeding innovations.

#### Brief History in Time

- PBCC sponsored the First National Plant Breeding Workshop in Raleigh, NC
- Public outreach and lobbying arm of the PBCC was named National Association of Plant Breeders (NAPB)
- PBCC survey of breeder's research priorities and needed infrastructure
- Independent NAPB created
- PBCC and NAPB began holding joint annual meetings
- NAPB articles of Incorporation formed; 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation
- NAPB Strategic planning
  - PBCC renewal approved (http://www.nimss.org/projects/17576)

#### Similarities and differences between PBCC, NAPB, and other professional organizations

	PBCC 2006	NAPB 2009/2011	ASA-CSSA-SSSA - ASHS
Organization type	Multistate Activity	Professional Society	Professional Society
Established by	SAES & NIFA	Members	Members
Ownership	Land Grant University (LGU) System	Independent	Independent
Membership	One per SAES designated by Director Anyone else by request	Anyone Membership fee	Anyone Membership fee
Primary activity	Coordinate activities to solve PB problems of common interest	Scientific exchange Advocate for PB Recognize achievements	Scientific exchange Advocate for Agriculture Science Recognize achievements
Recommendations to	LGU & USDA leaders State & federal agencies Congress <b>ONLY</b> if asked	State or federal legislators Any other federal, state, or private entity	State or federal legislators Any other federal, state, or private entity
NIFA may request comments	Directly thru NPL representative member	Only in open public forum widely announced in advance	Only in open public forum widely announced in advance
Educational targets	Everyone	Everyone	Everyone

#### **PBCC Objectives**

### NAPB Mission

## Strengthening plant breeding research to promote agricultural security, quality of life, and a sustainable future





