



Happy 30th Anniversary USAIN!

Goal 1. Strengthen membership and increase participation in USAIN by members and other food and agricultural information professional.

- USAIN membership remains strong, with 150 members including 8 Honorary Members. The Membership Committee, co-chaired by Stephanie Ritchie and Amy Shannon, invested significant time understanding the new membership database, generating reports, and de-duplicating records.
- In winter 2018, the EC conducted its annual membership survey (57 responses), which focused on membership engagement, open access publishing, data management practices, and **NEW** this year, included questions from the National Agricultural Library, in an effort to better partner and support their programs and projects. Thank you to Leslie Delserone, Claudine Jenda, Jessica Page, and Noël Kopriva, for their contributions and assistance with the survey.
- The Website Committee, co-chaired by Jessica Page and Claudine Jenda, continued to make ongoing recommendations and improvements to our website. They created a tutorial on updating member profiles which resulted in 44 members adding additional information to their profiles. Please log in and update your profile and include a photograph; your public profile is limited to name and organization.
- The website event subcommittee built the AgNIC 2019 annual meeting page, which will serve as a model to host the upcoming USAIN 2020 conference internally on our website.
- The Professional Development Committee, co-chaired by Dana Ingalls and Becky Miller, made recommendations for our second USAIN Research Fellows Award. This year, the EC expanded the budget to allow two proposals to be funded:
 - Inga Haugen received an award to support her project, "Virginia Agriculture Publications Inventory"
 - Emily Lin received an award to support her project, "Agricultural State and Local Literature: Where are the Gaps in Preservation and Access?"
- The Communications Committee, co-chaired by Kristen Cooper and Patricia Hartman, with input from Amy Paster, proposed a new project to create USAIN stickers to raise

awareness of USAIN at other meetings and functions. Look for more details forthcoming this summer!

- As many of our members look towards retirement, the EC acknowledged the interest and need to document and capture the history of the organization and changing landscape of agricultural librarianship. The Oral History Special Project working group consists of Suzanne Stapleton, Noel Kopriva, and David Kruger, who are developing process, recommendations, and sample questions. There will be a call for additional memberships to contribute to this project, along with determining which committee will take responsibility going forward.

Goal 2: Advocate for public policy, legislation, and institutions which support agricultural research and information communities.

- The EC continued to attend the joint meetings and/or conference calls among the leadership of NAL (Scott, Hanscom, Jill James, Paul Wester, USAIN (Kristen Mastel, Claudine Jenda, Leslie Delserone), and AgNIC (Brad Brazzeal, Mary Ochs, Necia Parker-Gibson), to “encourage communication” and “avenues of cooperation.”
- The USAIN President wrote a response to the proposed federal budget cuts to IMLS and LSTA funding and posted it to the [listserv and website](#).

Goal 3: Provide educational and professional development opportunities for members and others.

- The Professional Development Committee co-sponsored a webinar put on by AgNIC on Data Management Plans.
- Planning is underway for the 17th Biennial USAIN Conference, which will be hosted by Texas Tech University, in late April 2020. Conference Planning Co-Chairs, Innocent Afuh and Jack Becker, have provided USAIN EC updates during monthly calls. USAIN membership overwhelmingly stepped up to volunteer their service to create a robust conference through various committees. We all look forward to learning the two-step next year!
- The USAIN Project Ceres Subcommittee, in collaboration with CRL and AgNIC, has continued to manage the Project Ceres grants. They decided to fund 8 out of 10 applications, an increase in the number of applicants compared to previous years.
- Following a panel presentation at the USAIN 2018 conference, the Preservation and Digital Library Committee created [documentation on the Creative Commons release process](#) for agricultural publications in HathiTrust.

Organizational Business

- Last year, the EC approved switching management companies to Ehlers Accounting & Tax Services for USAIN bookkeeping and related business services. A deep debt of gratitude to our Treasurer, Jessica Page, who spearheaded the transition of

documentation, setting up the budget with our new provider, and developing more effective workflows.

- This year the EC unanimously approved transitioning our banking from a local bank in Ohio, to a national service bank, TIAA. This will allow for easier transitions amongst the EC, more transparency and the ability to invest at more competitive rates and options through a money market account or CD. In addition, signatories are able to host debit cards, which allows us to not put the burden of organizational costs on our members.
- In addition, we are transitioning credit card processing from PayPal to Wild Apricot Payments, Affinipay, in order to keep transaction costs down. As a result, we no longer will accept American Express credit cards for payments.
- The annual budget was approved by the EC, and this year we increased the funding for the USAIN Research Fellow Award (\$2,000 budgeted was raised through approval to \$3,000), along with a new line item for committees and interest groups to propose projects and provide seed money (\$500).
- The Nominations and Election Committee (Leslie Delserone, Noel Kopriva, and Melody Royster) developed a robust slate of candidates for USAIN officers and directors, with 65% of the membership voting. Thank you to all who were willing to serve.
- A USAIN Conference report template was created following the report that the University of Florida provided in 2016, along with a conference timeline document.
- Jodee Kuden, Joel Cummings, and Lara Cummings (posthumously) submitted the report of the 16th Biennial USAIN Conference, hosted by the Washington State University. The EC thanked the conference team for a detailed report, especially given the circumstances.
- USAIN lost two members this past year, memorials were sent in honor of:
 - Lara Cummings, Washington State University
 - Elaine Nowick, University of Nebraska-Lincoln
- The EC, in partnership with the Membership Committee, Communications Committee, and USAIN Listserv administrator, Valerie Perry, determined that in the transition to Wild Apricot some members were not added to the listserv. Those members were sent directions to join USAIN-L and now the membership form includes a checkbox regarding opting-out of the listserv, so we may streamline listserv management.

Executive Council Members, 2018-2019

President, 2018-2019: Kristen Mastel

President-Elect, 2018-2019: Claudine Jenda

Past-President, 2018-2019: Leslie Delserone

Treasurer, 2017-2019: Jessica Page

Secretary, 2018-2020: Cristina Caminita

NAL Representative: Jill James

Directors: Florian Diekmann, Melody Royster, Suzanne Stapleton, Noel Kopriva, David Kruger, Necia Parker-Gibson

Outgoing Executive Council Members: Leslie Delserone (Past-President), Jessica Page (Treasurer), Florian Diekmann (Director), Melody Royster (Director), Suzanne Stapleton (Director)

Incoming Executive Council Members: Jessica Page (President-Elect), Valrie Minson (Treasurer), Suzanne Stapleton (Director), Megan Kocher (Director), Stephanie Ritchie (Director)

Committee Leadership, 2018-2019

Awards and Honors Committee
Not active; non-conference year

Budget Committee

Chair: Jessica Page (The Ohio State University), 2015-2019
Leslie Delserone (University of Nebraska-Lincoln), 2016-2019
Claudine Jenda (Auburn University), 2018-2021
Kristen Mastel (University of Minnesota), 2017-2020

Bylaws Committee

Chair: Leslie Delserone (University of Nebraska-Lincoln), 2018-2019

Communications Committee

Co-Chair: Kristen Cooper (University of Minnesota), 2018-2020
Co-Chair: Patricia Hartman (Auburn University), 2018-2020
Toni Greider (University of Kentucky), 2011-
Dana Ingalls (McGill University), 2017-2019
Elaine MacInnis (Dalhousie University), 2018-2020
Jean Ruenger-Hansen (University of Wisconsin), 2017-2020
Valerie Perry (University of Kentucky) 2019-

Conference Planning 2020

Co-Chair: Innocent Awasom (Texas Tech University), 2018-2020
Co-Chair: John T. Becker (Texas Tech University), 2018-2020

Legislative and Government Relations Committee

Chair: Ashley Shea (Cornell University), 2018-2020
Stacy Brody (National Library of Medicine), 2017-2019
John Cruickshank (University of Georgia), 2018-2020
Florian Diekmann (The Ohio State University), 2018-2020
Jill R. James (National Agricultural Library), ex officio
Mohan Ramaswamy (North Carolina State University), 2018-2020
Suzanne Reinman (Oklahoma State University), 2017-2019

Membership Committee

Co-Chair: Stephanie Ritchie (University of Maryland), 2018-2020
Co-Chair: Amy Shannon (University of Nevada, Reno), 2018-2020
Debbie Currie (North Carolina State University), 2018-2020
Emily MacKenzie (McGill University), 2018-2020
Nancy Marshall (South Dakota State University), 2018-2020
Randa Lopez Morgan (Louisiana State University), 2018-2020
Helen Smith (Penn State University), 2018-2020

Nominations and Elections Committee

Chair: Leslie Delserone (University of Nebraska-Lincoln), 2018-2019
Noel Kopriva (University of Missouri), 2018-2019
Melody Royster (University of Florida), 2018-2019

Preservation and Digital Library Committee

Co-Chair: Emily Lin (University of California, Merced), 2018-2020
Co-Chair: Adam Siegel (University of California, Davis), 2017-2019
Brad Brazzeal (Mississippi State University), 2015-2019
Leyla Cabugos (University of California, Davis), 2018-2020
Michael Cook (Cornell University), 2017-2019
Joel Cummings (Washington State University), 2015-2019
Mike Esman (National Agricultural Library Liaison), 2018-2020
Inga Haugen (Virginia Tech University), 2018-2020
Anne Hedrich (Utah State University), 2017-2019
Julie Kelly (University of Minnesota), 2018-2020
David Morris (USDA National Centers for Animal Health, IA), 2018-2020
Lisa Vallen (University of California),

Professional Development (Special Projects) Committee

Co-chair: Dana Ingalls (McGill University), 2018-2020
Co-chair: Becky Miller (University of California, Berkeley), 2018-2020
Kyrille DeBose (Virginia Tech University), 2018-2020
Anita Ezzo (Michigan State University), 2018-2020
Britt Foster (California State University, Fresno), 2017-2019
Beth Hendrix (University of Idaho), 2018-2020
Allison Level (Colorado State University), 2018-2020
Valrie Minson (University of Florida), 2017-2019
Mylene Pinard (McGill University), 2018-2020

Website (Special Projects) Committee

Chair: Claudine Jenda (Auburn University), 2018-2019
Kristen Cooper (University of Minnesota), 2018-2020

Patricia Hartman (Auburn University), 2018-2020
Jessica Page (The Ohio State University), 2018-2019
Stephanie Ritchie (University of Maryland), 2018-2020
Amy Shannon (University of Nevada, Reno), 2018-2020

Interest Group Conveners, 2018-2019

AgNIC

Brad Brazzeal (Mississippi State University), 2014-2019
Rob McGeachin (Texas A&M University), 2012-2019

Agricultural Economics Research, Information, and Education (AERIE)

Innocent Awasom (Texas Tech University), 2015-2019
Julie Kelly (University of Minnesota), 2018-2019

Agricultural Research Services

Valrie Minson (University of Florida), 2017-2019
Necia Parker-Gibson (University of Arkansas), 2017-2019

Animal Health Information

Kyrille DeBose (Virginia Tech University), 2014-2019

Collection Management

Jodee Kuden (University of Alaska Anchorage), 2009-2019
Emily MacKenzie (McGill University), 2016-2019

International Agriculture

John Cruickshank (University of Georgia), 2016-2019
Florian Diekmann (The Ohio State University), 2018-2019

Social Issues/Rural Information

Suzanne Teghtmeyer (Michigan State University), 2018-2019

Technology Trends

Netta S. Cox (North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University), 2013-2019
Luti Salisbury (University of Arkansas), 2013-2019

Want to learn more?

Review the [USAID Action Plan 2017-2020](#).

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