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Retain present members and broaden membership base

• Current membership – Up!

USAIN Membership

- 2016: 144
- 2017: 148
- 2018: 164
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Revised mission statement, as presented on the website
  • to better reflect the breadth of agricultural research
  • to reflect an emphasis on our membership
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- Recognition of our outstanding members
- Conference scholarships to students and those new to the profession
- Planning for additional financial support for members to attend conference
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Increase participation of membership and improve communication within USAIN

- New website - launched in August 2017
- Membership survey and report - shared with the membership
Goal 2. Advocate for public policy, legislation, and institutions which support agricultural research and information communities

Advocate for the National Agricultural Library (NAL) as the leading U.S. resource for agricultural information

• Ongoing quarterly meetings/conference calls of leadership of NAL, USAIN, and AgNIC (beginning Summer 2017)
Goal 3. Provide educational and professional development opportunities for members and others

Promote biennial USAIN conference

• Opportunities for members to present and to network

• Walk the talk – conference presentations archived
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Co-sponsor preservation and digitization programs

• Ongoing collaboration with Center for Research Libraries (Project Ceres)
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Develop members’ skills so they continue as leaders in the creation, dissemination, and organization of food and agricultural information

• USAIN Fellows program underway
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Develop programming to meet the research and teaching needs of food and agricultural faculty and researchers

• Additional follow up related to the Ithaka S+R study
ORGANIZATIONAL CHANGES

• On-boarding newly elected EC members

• Business management services/financial practices updated
Thank you!

Questions? Comments?