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I express my interest and desire to serve as a co-chair for the Breeding and Applied Genomics committee. I consider myself a unique candidate for this role as I have breeding responsibilities for both cotton and soybean at my institution. I have learned that two of my strengths are strategic planning and securing funding in order to promote sustainability in not only my two breeding programs but also all research on the Alabama Experiment Stations. I am currently an appointed member of the US PVP advisory committee, Chair of the Auburn University College of Agriculture Curriculum Committee and have managed a large multidisciplinary project for the past five years. I am currently serving as the President of the Plant Breeding Coordinating Committee, the multistate SCC-80. In this role, I work with a diverse group of plant breeders at land grant institutions to educate, inform, and communicate the value of plant breeding with administrators and the general public. In addition, I was an active participant in the Soybean Genomics research community strategic plan for 2024-2028 which consisted of a large multidisciplinary group of soybean scientists coming together to develop a manuscript that will be used to aid in pursuing grant funding. I feel these skills and experiences closely align with the objectives of the ICGI and would like the opportunity to help promote, inform and strengthen its mission. My vision would be to use this platform to help organize a strategic planning session so that the cotton community can think through which direction cotton genomics research is needed for the next five years.