**W4112 Multistate Meeting 2025 Minutes**

**Storrs, CT**

**May 28-29, 2025**

**Chairperson** - David Grieger (K-State)

**Secretary** - Jessica Drum (SDSU) – In person chairperson

**Member-at-Large** - Jeremy Block (University of Wyoming)

**Wednesday, May 28th**

*In Attendance - Virtually:*

1. Caleb Lemley, Mississippi State University
2. David Grieger, Kansas State University
3. Ky Pohler, Texas A&M University
4. John Hall, University of Idaho
5. Ryan Ashley, New Mexico State University
6. Karl Kerns, Iowa State University
7. Kimberly Davenport, Washington State University
8. Thiago Martins, University of Missouri

*In Attendance – In person*

1. Kristen Govoni, University of Connecticut
2. Jessica Nora Drum, South Dakota State University
3. Manuel Alexander Vasquez-Hidalgo, South Dakota State University
4. Rafael Domingues, The Ohio State Universit
5. Rick McCosh, Colorado State University
6. Katherine Hallora, University of Kentucky
7. Sarah McCoski, Montana State University
8. Becky Poole, Texas A&M University
9. Jeremy Block, University of Wyoming
10. Brenda Alexander, University of Wyoming
11. Sofia Ortega, University of Wisconsin
12. Corrine Monaco (Post Doc), University of Nebraska
13. Mario Binelli, University of Florida
14. Phill Cardoso, University of Illinois

**8: 30 am** – Business meeting called to order by Jessica Drum

* 2024 meeting minutes approval – Sofia Ortega moved to approve, Kristen Govoni second.
* New Officer election – Motion to assign the host to be the chair every year. Mario Binelli volunteered to be a Member-at-Large and was voted in unanimously.
* Officers for 2026:
	+ Jessica Drum (Chair),
	+ Jeremy Block (Secretary),
	+ Mario Binelli (Member-at-large).
* With the Election changes, SDSU, Brookings, SD, was nominated to host the 2026 meeting.
* Date for meeting to be determined – A poll will be sent out in early spring/late fall to find the best dates for attendance for all.

**8:42 am** – Round table introductions for all present (virtual and in-person).

**8:45 am** - Began STATION updates:

* 1. Kristen Govoni, University of Connecticut
	2. Jessica Nora Drum/Manuel Alexander Vasquez-Hidalgo/ South Dakota State University
	3. Rafael Domingues, The Ohio State University
	4. Rick McCosh, Colorado State University
	5. Katherine Hallora, University of Kentucky
	6. Sarah McCoski, Montana State University
	7. Becky Poole/Ky Pohler, Texas A&M University
	8. Jeremy Block/Brenda Alexander, University of Wyoming
	9. Sofia Ortega, University of Wisconsin
	10. Corrine Monaco (Post Doc), University of Nebraska
	11. Mario Binelli, University of Florida
	12. Phill Cardoso, University of Illinois
	13. David Grieger, Kansas State University (online)
	14. Caleb Lemley, Mississippi State University (online)
	15. John Hall, University of Idaho (online)

*10:07 Break*

**10:17 am-** Begin station RESEARCH reports. Jessica Drum called to keep the reports to 15 minutes per station.

1. David Grieger, Kansas State University (online)
2. Mario Binelli, University of Florida
3. Manuel Alexander Vasquez-Hidalgo, Jessica Nora Drum, South Dakota State University
4. Sofia Ortega, University of Wisconsin
5. John Hall, University of Idaho (online)
6. Rick McCosh, Colorado State University

*12:00 pm - Lunch break provided in the meeting room*

*1:00 pm - Tour of UConn facilities*

**2:09 pm** Resume RESEARCH reports

1. Rafael Domingues, The Ohio State University
2. Caleb Lemley, Mississippi State University (online)
3. Becky Poole, Ky Pohler, Texas A&M University

**3:00 pm** ET Station Reports and USDA update with Dr. Mark Mirando

* This is the last time Dr. Mirando has participated in this meeting. He will be retiring in October 2025.
* The group thanks him for all these years of service and wishes him a good retirement!

*3:50 pm Break*

**4:00 pm** Resume RESEARCH reports

1. Kristen Govoni, University of Connecticut
2. Kimberly Davenport, Washington State University
3. Sarah McCoski, Montana State University
4. Ryan Ashley, New Mexico State University (online)

**5:00 pm** *Adjourn meeting*

*7:00 pm Dinner as a group (Willimantic Brewing Company)*

**Thursday, May 29th**

**7:00 am** Breakfast on your own (hotel or Storrs Center)

**8:00 am** Arrive at ATL 109

**8:30 am** Continue with station research reports

1. Jeremy Block/Brenda Alexander/Jim Pru, University of Wyoming
2. Phil Cardoso, University of Illinois
3. Corrine Monaco (Post Doc), University of Nebraska
4. Katherine Hallora, University of Kentucky

**9:24 am** Discuss collaborations/Business continuation

* The group suggested taking over the task of updating the Senger Book “Pathways to Pregnancy and Parturition”. Dr. Jeremy Block will be responsible for talking to Dr. Jim Pru to contact Dr. Senger and ask about his thoughts.
* The group brought up the idea of developing a multistate special topics course.
* Avoid scheduling the meeting for June 1-4 in 2026

**9:51 am** Continue with station research reports

1. Karl Kerns, Iowa State University

**10:05 am** Discuss collaborations/Business continuation

* Plan to start rewriting the project for September 2026
* Establish a leader and a committee. Suggestion: Dr. Andrea Cupp, Dr. Phil Cardoso, Dr. Becky Poole, and Dr. Sofia Ortega (Chair). Sofia will reach out to Leslie. Unanimous approval.
* Include Leslie and Mark Mirando in the conversation.
* Brenda offered to compile the publication list for this report to make it compatible for the next rewrite.
* Everybody, write a paragraph on what you will be doing in the next project.
* Update the template to suggest the references in a specific format (JAS) and include the DOI.
* Box folder for the group to include report templates, etc. Jessica will make it.

**10:20 am** Continue with station research reports

1. Thiago Martins, University of Missouri

**10:05 am** Discuss collaborations/Business continuation

* Report submission through the system for Leslie to approve.
* Minutes, combined reports, and impact statements need to be combined.
* 60 days after this meeting
* Brenda moved to keep the location at the Chair’s discretion. Kristen Govoni second. Approved unanimously. South Dakota is willing to host.
* The meeting needs to be scheduled before the end of the next fiscal year.

**12:30 pm** Meeting adjourned