Annual Meeting Dates: July 28, 2025

Period the Report Covers: 10/1/2024-07/27/2025

**Participants**

University of Florida (FL)

Jeff Brecht

Steve Sargent

University of Georgia (GA)

Angelos Deltsidis

Nobuko Sugimoto

Kansas State University (KS)

Tricia Jenkins

Michigan State University (MI)

Randy Beaudry

Alex Engelsma

Phil Engelgau

Cornell University (NY)

Chris Watkins

NC State University (NC)

Penny Perkins-Veazie

Kansas State University

Tricia Jenkins

Virginia State University (VA)

Toktam Taghavi

Washington State University (WA)

Carolina Torres

Rene Mogollon

**Brief Summary of Minutes**

The annual NE2336 meeting was held on July 28, 2025 at the Hyatt Regency New Orleans, New Orleans, LA, room Strand 10A (ASHS 2025 venue), with Angelos Deltsidis serving as the president and Nobuko Sugimoto on behalf of Macarena Farah (due to flight delay) serving as the secretary.

Members presented their research updates to the group.

**Announcements**

Introduction

Administrative Advisor Chris Watkins emailed his updates that were read to the group:

The Hatch project has been restored.

Funding situation:

NY - Funding has been pending/stopped in Cornell Univ. from the federal gov.

MI - Extension budget has been eliminated by the state. It can be reversed by growers.

WA - Not seriously affected at the moment.

TX - 5 faculty were fired due to strong connection with China.

New members joining, Tricia (KSU), Nobuko (UGA)

Report due to turn in within a month.

**Business meeting**

Τhe group decided unanimously that the 2025 meeting will occur in Dallas, TX either before or after the annual ASHS meeting venue. There will be communication via NIMMS closer to the date of the conference.

Meeting expense will be sent out later on.

Angelos Deltsidis remains as the chair and Macarena Farcuh as a secretary for this year (2-year service term) and no voting this year.

**Meeting adjourned**