

NCERA-125 Meeting Minutes Summary
Nov. 12 – 13, 2007

- I. Approval of 2006 minutes
- II. Approval of 2007 agenda
- III. Local arrangements update
- IV. Next meeting and election of new officers
 - A. chair must officially request to hold next meeting (via Administrative Advisor, Steve Yaninek)
 - B. 2008 Chair, Kelley Tilmon, will provide local arrangements for 2008 meeting (typically a role performed by the Secretary) due to special circumstances
 - i. meeting will be requested for the dates of 21-22 October 2008, in the city of Sioux Falls, SD
 - C. John Paul (“JP”) Michaud elected as 2008 Secretary
- V. Agency/Other Reports
 - A. Administrative Advisor, Steve Yaninek
 - i. Presentation on accountability with impact statements – Advisors’ Meeting. Defining impacts
 - 1. outputs = symposium, etc.
 - 2. impact is longer term, quantify in terms of land grant missions, what stakeholder care about
 - 3. refer to NCRA newsletter for admin advisors (www.wisc.edu/ncra/newsletter.htm)
 - ii. we are in year two of project, to Sept 2011 (approved Oct 2006)
 - 1. midterm review due 2009
 - 2. a consequence of not meeting requirement is having group/meeting cancelled
 - iii. Must submit SAES-422 Annual Report form within 60 days of the annual meeting
 - 1. ensure that the project’s NCRA impact statement is complete/up-to-date
 - iv. discussion about how money for these projects goes to State Experiment Station
 - v. Other administrative questions discussed
 - 1. is the NIMSS participation list up to date?

2. are there other participants we should consider?
 3. other disciplines?
 4. are the committee officers current in NIMSS
 5. rules that each committee can set for themselves
 - A. what is our procedure for accepting new members?
 - B. what is our policy to excuse inactive members?
- vi. Idea for future working group
1. proposed by Steve Yaninek
 2. an invasive species working group?
 3. international
 4. proposed focus, hardwood forest systems
 5. justification: each state must re-invent the wheel when a given pest gets there; can be much more efficient in practices etc. by working as multistate group

B. USDA-CSREES: Robert Nowierski (unable to attend)

- i. provided slide show, USDA/CSREES update

C. USDA-APHIS

- i. no representative
 1. consider explicitly inviting somebody next year

D. International Organization for Biological Control

- i. representative Rob Wiedenmann provides update
- ii. 30-35 IOBC participants from USA at Merida, Mexico meeting
 1. J.P. Michaud comments on how big an area of study biocontrol is in Mexico, highly valued, have many entomopathogens on file
- iii. plans for IOBC meeting in San Diego, December 2007
 1. in conjunction with ESA
 2. IOBC symposium planned for there

E. Midwest Biological Control Institute

- i. Bob O'Neil, co-organizer, not able to attend
- ii. Rob Wiedenmann, co-organizer, represents
- iii. future Short Course topic ?
 1. Jon Lundgren will be doing Natural History and Taxonomy of Carabids workshop again this summer
 - A. will try to get some funding from GPDN
 - B. target time, last week of June
 - C. last one went well (Lee Solter. et al.)

- i. c. 25 members
 - ii. good program, participants impressed
 - 2. Other potential future topics
 - A. Matt O'Neal, habitat focus (role of habitats in biocontrol) 2009
 - B. Sue Post: future topic of biocontrol education/outreach?
 - iv. O'Neil and Wiedenmann have written an American Entomologist article about history of institute, will come out in an issue or two
 - v. Sue Post (INHS) relays Lee Solter's requests update to MBCI website
 - 1. Lee will help with pathogen part, if others do their part, and she will get it to Survey and coordinate
 - 2. Action item proposed by Steve Yaninek for this group that Lee's request be endorsed by this committee
 - A. approved
- F. Minnesota and Ohio Quarantine Laboratory Updates
 - i. ribbon cutting at MN for BL3 facility
 - a. good for pathogens, but not human diseases
 - b. bench charges for facility are discussed

VI. Discussion of ongoing project accomplishments/potential impacts

- A. Should re-consider how we write our State reports, to incorporate specific information about accomplishments and impacts
 - a. new format for next year?
 - i. give a format with categories to respond
 - ii. next meeting, revisit this list, add to it, keep it current, keep it as bullets; use as basis for midterm report

VII. North Central Branch Symposium

- A. Winnipeg symposium 2007
 - b. organized by Luis Canas
- B. Next ESA Symposium
 - a. all things tri-trophic that involve natural enemies
 - b. ESA-NCB may give program enhancement funds to get speakers from outside the region people
 - c. JP Michaud will be organizer of symposium

VIII. Other Discussion Items

A. Status of Binodoxys release

B. George Heimpel's nifty technique of using tomato cages for field cages

C. Role of NCERA-125 re. invasive species

IX. State Reports

A. See State Report document