

**2012 NC-1042 AANUAL MEETING MINUTES**  
**Kellogg Biological Station**  
*Hickory Corners, Michigan*

**Participants:**

Beede (Michigan State University), Benfield (Ohio State University), Brito (University of New Hampshire), Bewley (University of Kentucky), Cabrera (University of Wisconsin-Madison), Chester-Jones (University of Minnesota), DePeters (University of California-Davis), De Vries (University of Florida), Erickson (University of New Hampshire), Heinrichs (Penn State University), Kalscheur (South Dakota State University), Kononoff (University of Nebraska-Lincoln), Liang (University of Kentucky), Nennich (Purdue University), Peters (University of Maryland), Utsumi (Michigan State University), Wadsworth (University of Kentucky), and Ward (University of Mississippi).

**Thursday, October 11<sup>th</sup>:**

Group had breakfast at the McCrary Dining Hall.

Call to order and introductions: President Victor Cabrera called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. He welcomed participants and asked attendees to introduce themselves. Victor emphasized the major goal of the meeting, which was to initiate the rewriting process. To do so, station reports presentations should be limited to 10 min per presenter. David Beede, local host, welcomed the group to Michigan and explained plans for breakfasts, lunches, dinners as well farm tours on Saturday. He also reviewed the meeting agenda.

Administrative update by David Benfield:

Dave mentioned that the project reached its 6<sup>th</sup> year and a compilation of previous annual reports is needed. He also emphasized the importance to meet the deadline to upload project Objectives section in NIMSS by October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2012. A multistate committee will review the proposal and make recommendations: rejection, approval or minor revision. Final approval is supposed to be granted by October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2013. However, congress is currently under a six month continue resolution with no farm bill passed to date and no additional funding under continue resolution. Dave stated that the 2012-2013 fiscal years were combined and that with large grant programs (e.g., challenging area grants) will remain in the USDA portfolio but more funding will be available for foundational grants. It was also discussed about NC 1042 funding and amount of funding in different experimental stations, how funding are allocated, etc.

Station reports:

Victor Cabrera asked members to present their state project reports within a 10-minute limit per station.

- Wadsworth, Ling, and Bewley (University of Kentucky)
- Beede (Michigan State University)
- Heinrichs (Penn State University)
- Ward (Mississippi State University)

- Erickson (University of New Hampshire)
- Chester-Jones (University of Minnesota)
- De Vries (University of Florida)
- Peters (University of Maryland)
- Nennich (Purdue University)
- Cabrera (University of Wisconsin-Madison)

Thursday afternoon

Tour of the Kellogg Biological Station Pasture Dairy Center & robotic milking. Santiago Utsumi and farm manager Howard Straub guided the group through the KBS dairy barn and robotic milking.

Guest Speaker, Dr. Santiago Utsumi, KBS & Dept. of Animal Science, Michigan State University. Santiago presented pasture-based research currently undertaken at KBS.

Welcome to KBS by Dr. Katherine L. Gross, Director and Michigan State University Distinguished Professor.

Station report presentations are resumed:

- Brito (University of New Hampshire)
- Kalscheur (South Dakota State University)
- Kononoff (University of Nebraska-Lincoln)

Adjourn for the day.

### **Friday, October 12<sup>th</sup>:**

Meeting began at the Carriage House Classroom at 8:00 a.m.

Victor Cabrera and Dave Benfield emphasized important deadlines regarding the rewrite process. Victor presented the format of the re-write process. It was discussed whether or not the title of the project should be changed. It was agreed that few words should be changed. We checked the minutes from last year for reference. It was discussed the issues and justification section prepared by Peter Erickson. It was agreed that Chester-Jones will compile reports for Objective 1, Brito will do for Objective 2, and De Vries for Objective 3 for the last five years. Emphasizes should be on impacts and publications.

Groups were broken out by objectives to write and revise individual objectives.

Group continued the discussion on objectives and rewriting process.

Group breaks-out by objectives. Leaders are: Chester-Jones (Objective 1), Kononoff (Objective 2), and Bewley (Objective 3).

The group got back together and discussed project objectives. It was agreed that Chester-Jones (Objective 1), Kononoff (Objective 2), and Bewley (Objective 3) would coordinate with the remaining group and submit their writings to Victor by Nov 15. Cabrera will compile the different pieces and submit by Dec. 1.

Business meeting:

Call to order by Victor Cabrera.

Last year minutes was approved unanimously (De Vries second Chester-Jones)

A motion was made and Albert is the new NC-1042 historian.

It was proposed to include in the next meeting agenda discussions and brainstorm ideas about writing common papers with participation of NC-1042 members.

It was also proposed to include in the next meeting agenda discussions collaborations in grant proposals.

Discussion was done about the next year meeting location. Bewley proposed Kentucky and agreed to be the host. Kentucky was approved. Meeting will take place from October 10 to 12, 2013. Travel day will be October 9, 2013. Possibility for Alltech visit in the morning of October 9.

Stephanie Ward was elected unanimously as the new secretary.