

Meeting Minutes

NCERA 197
Agricultural and Health Research and Extension Coordinating Committee
Face to Face, NIFA, Washington, DC
Tuesday, June 03-04, 2014
1:00-5:00 pm; 8am-12pm (Eastern time)

June 03, 1:00pm

Meeting was called to order by Aaron Yoder

Aaron Yoder completed a roll call of members in attendance

Members in attendance were:

Aaron Yoder
Dennis Murphy
Michael L. Pate
Mark Purschwitz
Connie Baggett
Kitty Hendricks
Dee Jepsen
Marshall Martin
Aida Balsano
Bill Field
Cheryl Skjolaas
Larry Olson
Brad Rein

Opening comments provided by Marshall Martin regarding future proposal to continue the committee's work and congratulations on being selected as the North Central representative for the National Multi-state Award.

First item of business - Review the 06/03/14 – 06/04/14 meeting agenda.

Additions to the agenda were called for by Aaron Yoder. No additions were noted.

Second item of business – Review and approve minutes from the December 18th, 2013 teleconference meeting submitted by Michael Pate.

Aaron Yoder called for any revisions or edits to the minutes that were submitted. There were no comments or edits. Dennis Murphy moved to accept the minutes. Motion was seconded by Larry Olson. Minutes were approved by committee.

- 1. Discussion of 2010-15 project objectives, committee member participation, operational requirements, timing of activities, progress, National Award Submission.**

Discussion was led by Aaron Yoder regarding current project objectives. Handout was provided and reviewed with committee members in preparation for the next project submission. Marshall Martin indicated that he would provide a series of key deadlines for the next project submission during the meeting on 06/04/14.

Objective 1. Confined Spaces White Paper Dissemination Plan Discussion –

Bill Field provided an update on dissemination plans for the white paper on confined spaces. Bill Field explained that progressed had slowed but that the layout was being completed by a designer. Cover shots had been selected and plans were in place to print a few copies for dissemination to experiment station directors. Additional plans were discussed on how electronic distribution could be utilized with pdf links on eXtension, extension.org and the NIOSH agricultural safety and health page. Bill Field indicated the confined space issue was going to be around and the paper indicates that the committee has served as an indication of how the Land Grant System is addressing the problems.

Objective 2. Collaboration with other organizations to host conference on confined spaces –

Discussion focused on conference and collaborative events for education on the confined spaces issue in agriculture. Details were provided by Bill Field and Dee Jepsen regarding conferences and training programs that have been hosted collaboratively with other organizations including grain companies, workers compensation groups, as well as OSHA. Dennis Murphy provided an update that Penn State will be working on hosting a training conference with NRCS regarding manure storage safety and gases. Discuss was also provided on the completion of MRASH and ISASH in 2012.

Objective 3. Encourage research and outreach at Land Grant universities that utilizes their expertise in addressing safety and health issues associated with agricultural confined spaces –

Additional comments from Bill Field, Dee Jepsen, Cheryl Skjolaas, Dennis Murphy and Aaron Yoder indicated that the confined space issue is broad can cross-link other multi-state projects including post-harvest grain quality, biomass, pontoon lagoon agitation and livestock housing. Marshall Martin and Brad Rein encouraged committee members to seek out those potential collaborators for future funding and programming efforts.

A recess break was taken from 3-3:15pm

Committee meeting reconvened at 3:15pm

Objective 4. Encourage new and improved American Society of Agricultural and Biological Engineering standards to reduce hazard and risk exposures associated with agricultural confined spaces.

Dennis Murphy provided an update on the revisions and approval status of Standard 690 in ASABE. Bill Field reported on the revised grain bin standard and that it would focus more on prevention rather than rescue. Bill Field also provided an update on the Hitch Pin standard approval status. Dee Jepsen reported the lighting and marking standard was

approved last year. Dennis Murphy reported there was a front end loader standard being considered

Wrap and review of Objectives 1-4 discussions

The committee engaged in a brain storming session on new and emerging safety issues in agriculture.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:45pm

June 04, 8:00am

Meeting was called to order by Aaron Yoder

Aaron Yoder completed a roll call of members in attendance

Members in attendance were:

- Aaron Yoder
- Dennis Murphy
- Michael L. Pate
- Mark Purschwitz
- Connie Baggett
- Kitty Hendricks
- Dee Jepsen
- Marshall Martin
- Aida Balsano
- Bill Field
- Cheryl Skjolaas
- Larry Olson
- Brad Rein
- Marcell Haulcault?

Opening comments edit to the agenda Kitty Hendricks provided a report on future farm injury survey to be conducted by NIOSH. Several comments and questions were proposed by the group. Kitty indicated that email correspondence would be best to get ideas for the future survey.

Objective 5: Identify the next high priority topic from the National Agenda for Action document to be addressed by the committee

Cheryl Skjolaas lead a discussion on the teleconference conducted concerning fall related injuries and hazards in agriculture. Aaron Yoder proposed a subcommittee to focus on the falls in agriculture. Cheryl Skjolaas, Mark Purschwitz, Michael Pate indicated interest to keep this effort focused.

Marshall Martin provided updates on key deadlines for NCERA-197 project renewal submission.

Committee members brainstormed ideas regarding issues and justification for project renewal. Ideas generated included Public Perception and compliance issues, mental health, impact of training, sensors and technology and robotics and automation safety.

Objective 6. work to increase infrastructure support for agricultural safety and health within the Land Grant System.

Michael Pate and Aaron Yoder provided a report on the eXtension community of practice. Other opportunities to collaborate and network with other disciplines were discussed.

USDA-NIFA report was provided by Aida Balsano and Brad Rein. AgrAbility and the New & Beginning Farmers RFAs were discussed. NIFA funding and organizational structure was discussed by Brad Rein.

Dennis Murphy provided a report on ASCHA activities. The success of the summit and results of safety grants projects were reported.

Marcell Hacault reported on CASA initiatives and funding. A social media campaign in conjunction with Farm Credit of Canada was shared.

Final comments were provided by Marshal Martin reminding the group of the renewal deadlines and thanking the committee members for their efforts.

Aaron Yoder adjourned the meeting at 12pm.