

**2016NCCC167 Corn Breeding Research Meeting  
Business Meeting Minutes, March 16th, 2016  
Riverfront Hyatt Conference Center, Jacksonville, FL**

**Notes:** This FY16 meeting took place immediately following Session I of the Corn Breeding Research Meeting. The order of items presented herein is consistent with presentation at the meeting and does not necessarily correspond with the order of proposed agenda items.

**Participants:** Nathan Springer, Natalia de Leon, Nick Lauter, Sherry Flint-Garcia, Bill Tracy, Liz Lee, Jode Edwards, Shawn Kaeppler, Paul Scott, Tony Studer, Candy Gardner, Tim Beissinger, Mike Muszynski, David Ertl (Iowa Corn Growers Association), Ed Kaleikau (USDA-NIFA National Program Leader), Jack Okamuro (USDA-ARS National Program Leader)

- 1. Introductory remarks.** The meeting was called to order at 5:15 PM by Nathan Springer, who was standing in for Candy Hirsch as the onsite meeting chair. Individuals voiced a short list of agenda items to be addressed. These included a review of previous year's meeting minutes, discussion of next meeting sites and times, review of the Treasurer's report, electing new meeting organizers, and discussions of how to archive and communicate meeting minutes, station reports, scientific programs from the past ~80 years.
- 2. Approval of 2015 meeting minutes.** Nick Lauter, secretary for the group submitted a draft copy of the meeting minutes for the 2015 meeting. They were reviewed and no alterations were requested. Then, a motion to accept the minutes with the alterations was made by Bill Tracy, seconded by Shawn Kaeppler, and approved by a unanimous vote of the group.
- 3. Approval of FY2015 budget report.** Natalia de Leon, treasurer for the group, submitted a copy of the 2015 budget report. The NCCC167-CBR account had a balance of \$9908.82 as of 3/15/16, but prior to debits and credits associated with the 2016 CBR Meeting, for which the worst case scenario might be a ~\$1700 event deficit. No money is in the second account for temporary holding of outside funds at the end of the reporting period. The Treasurer's report was briefly reviewed, and a motion to accept the report without alteration was made by Sherry Flint-Garcia, seconded by Liz Lee and approved by a unanimous vote of the group.
- 4. Report on Project Continuation.** Paul Scott reported that a new 5-year project plan was submitted during the past year and covered the emerging focus on GxE work and described the framework of the G2F work. The group is thankful to Paul Scott and the handful of others who participated in the narrative for the new project period.
- 5. Time and location of the 2017 Meeting.** After some discussion as to whether the 2017 CBR Meeting should be held in conjunction with ICBS in Champaign, IL in March, 2017, consensus instead built around the option to meet in conjunction with MGC in St. Louis in March, 2017. Bill Tracy moved that we choose to hold the CBR Meeting in St. Louis in March, 2017 on the Wednesday and Thursday preceding the MGC, with start and end times chosen by the chair to accommodate MGC workshops on Thursday afternoon if need be. The motion was seconded by Liz Lee and approved by a unanimous vote of the group.
- 6. Time and location of the 2018 Meeting.** It is anticipated that the MGC will be held in France in 2018, and that US attendance will be lower than at domestic locations, therefore, the CBR Meeting for NIFA FY18 should be held in conjunction with a US meeting. After considering several options, Bill Tracy suggested that we meet together with the International Sweet Corn Development Association Meeting at ASTA in Chicago in December, 2017. Bill Tracy also volunteered to ask the "Sweetcorn Breeders" about their interest in having a joint meeting. Candy Gardner expressed that we needed to be aware of ASTA requirement that nothing be scheduled during their program. Shawn Kaeppler moved that we have Bill Tracy pursue the option to meet together with the International

Sweet Corn Development Association Meeting at ASTA in Chicago in December, 2017. The motion was seconded by Liz Lee and approved by a unanimous vote of the group.

7. **Election of Officers.** *Past Chair:* Candy Hirsch will serve as Past Chair for the 2017 CBR Meeting. *2017 Chair:* As planned in the 2015 NCCC-167 Business Meeting, Nick Lauter will serve as chair in 2017. *2018 Chair:* After some discussion about balance among participating Universities, the need to bring young PIs into the leadership group, and logistics for the next several meetings, Nick Lauter asked Tony Studer if he would accept a nomination and he agreed. Nick Lauter moved that Tony Studer serve as the chair of the FY2018 CBR Meeting to be held in Chicago during December, 2017. The motion was seconded by Shawn Kaeppler and approved by a unanimous vote of the group.
8. **Establish a new CBRM website.** The current website has limited value and is nearly defunct. Some of its primary functions have been supplanted with googledoc and dropbox iterations over the past year. Nick Lauter and Jode Edwards volunteered to approach MaizeGDB about operating a CBRM website. Liz Lee motioned that Jode Edwards remove the current webpage and that Nick Lauter should work to get a new system in place for hosting next year's meeting. The motion was seconded by Sherry Flint-Garcia and approved by a unanimous vote of the group.
9. **Establishing an archival record for NCCC-167/CBRM.** One eventual function of a website was to be the hosting of a digital archive of past meeting programs, especially a collection of reports and programs digitized by staff of NCRPIS over recent years. That archive is currently shared in \Dropbox\Nccc167-CBR. Jode Edwards and Nick Lauter volunteered to work with Kendall Lamkey, Advisor, to approach the ISU library about hosting this archive. Bill Tracy indicated that such a collection could likely be hosted at UW in parallel or instead of at ISU if Edwards and Lauter were not successful. Bill Tracy motioned for Jode Edwards and Nick Lauter to pursue CBRM archiving at ISU. The motion was seconded by Shawn Kaeppler and approved by a unanimous vote of the group.
10. **Adjournment.** Seeing no further business items, the meeting was adjourned at 6:08 PM by Nathan Springer.

This draft copy of the minutes for the 2016 NCCC167 Corn Breeding Research Business Meeting is respectfully submitted to the committee by Nick Lauter, Secretary, for review and approval at the 2017 meeting, as well as for use in reports made in the interim.