

S-1054 Multistate Cooperative Research Project Annual Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, October 12, 2016
MVR 142, College of Human Ecology
Cornell University, Ithaca, New York

Members Attending:

Anil Netravali, Yiqi Yang, Sergiy Minko, Chunhui Xiang, and Yan Vivian Li.

1. The meeting began at 12:00pm with a telephone call to the project's Administrative Advisor Dr. Robert Shulstad.

Dr. Shulstad commented that federal spending on infrastructure will be continuously increased. Two AES bills are in the ballots, which would potentially spin out more Ag appropriation committee including \$25M AFRI funding and \$200M new national foundation that focuses on production, reproduction, and processing, in particular hemp research around medical and industrial applications for scientific areas of interest. Dr. Shulstad expressed optimism on farming bills that encourages research around consumer sciences and family studies.

Dr. Shulstad indicated that he will retire from his current university position on July 1st, 2017 and suggested that the S-1054 group should search for potential administrative advisor to replace Dr. Shulstad next year. We were reminded that an annual report is due in 60 days from today's meeting.

2. After the telephone call with Dr. Shulstad, attending members took a lunch break at 12:45 – 1:15 pm. The meeting was called to order at 1:15 pm. Secretary Yan Vivian Li welcomed everyone and thanked Anil Netravali for taking care of room and lunch arrangement. All attending members discussed the timing of annual report. The Chair and Secretary for 2016 was discussed and Yan Vivian Li (Colorado State U.) and Chunhui Xiang (Iowa State U.) were voted in for the respectively positions. Individual reports will be submitted to Yan Vivian Li by Thanksgiving to allow time for revision and edit by the group for submission by December 12, 2016.

3. Research station report: Station reports from committee members started at 1:45 pm and ended at 3:30 pm with brief Q&A and discussions at the end of each. Please see the consolidated annual report.

4. Further discussions also included collaboration, capability and institution facility and funding for research. Location for 2017 meeting was discussed. UGA was suggested favorably for meeting team's Administrative Advisor Dr. Robert Shulstad and teaming again with 2017 Fall Fiber Society meeting, respectively.

Respectfully submitted,
Yan Vivian Li (Secretary)