

NC-2042 – 2016 Annual Meeting
Minutes

Attendants

- Matt Akin (University of Wisconsin-Marshville)
- Jeffrey Bewley (University of Kentucky; President)
- Andre Brito (University of New Hampshire)
- Victor Cabrera (University of Wisconsin-Madison)
- Phil Cardoso (University of Illinois)
- Mireille Chahine (University of Idaho)
- Hugh Chester-Jones (University of Minnesota)
- Pete Erickson (University of New Hampshire; Host)
- Gonzalo Ferreira (Virginia Tech; Secretary)
- Jud Heinrich (Penn State University)
- Brad Heins (University of Minnesota)
- Ken Kalscheur (USDA Dairy Forage Research Center)
- Gustavo Lascano (Clemson University)
- Bob Peters (University of Maryland)
- Amanda Stone (Mississippi State University)

Communication with Dave Benfield (OSU)

- National meeting for State Agricultural Experiment Stations (WY)
 - Next farm bill in approximately 2 years.
 - Focus on funding. Priority funding areas:
 - Capacity Program
 - AFRI-NIFA Program. More into foundation grant.
 - Election year. Congress will pass budget after the election. Quicker process w/Democrats.
- Director of Experiment Stations
 - Keep or quit capacity funding?
 - Capacity funding implies seed dollars to get competitive money.
 - Capacity funds will stay.
 - Increase or not is in question.
 - The group wished to double capacity funding and AFRI in the short term (7 years).
- Animal side
 - No many changes
 - Animal program < 10%
 - USDA needs to understand the value of animal protein sources
- Major initiatives
 1. Water quality; Water related to animals
 2. Healthy food and security (better choices of diets, obesity)
 3. Antimicrobial resistance. Replacing antibiotics in diets.
- If Republicans win, then changes of authorities in USDA should be expected. Not authorities of NIFA
- Annual report due 60 days after the meeting. Select president and secretary.

Business Meeting

- Secretaries for 2017 and 2018 will be Jill Anderson and Phil Cardoso, respectively (moved by Bob Peters, seconded by Ken Kalscheur)
- Next year's meeting will be at University of Minnesota (moved by Jud Heindrich, seconded by Victor Cabrera)
 - Virginia Tech was suggested for 2018
- Next meeting will include 2 full working days (moved by Brad Heins, seconded by Andre Brito)
 - We should arrive on Wednesday October 11th, 2017
 - The meeting will start on Thursday October 12th, 2017 during the morning
 - The meeting will finish on Friday October 13th, 2017 during the evening
 - We will visit farms during Saturday October 14th, 2017
- Bring new people to the group
 - Juan Romero (University of Maine)
 - Hugo Ramirez (Iowa State University)
 - Luiz Ferrareto (University of Florida)
 - Agustin Rius (University of Tennessee)
 - Send other nominees to Jeff Bewley
- NC-2042 concludes in 2018
 - We need to re-write the project next year
 - Request guidelines to Bendfield
 - Change objectives
 - The new president (GF) will ask all members to prepare a 5-year report from each of the Experiment Stations
 - To discuss in breakout sessions
 - Leaders to re-write each objective
 - What have we accomplished?
 - Symposium as a deliverable?
 - Write review articles for PAS

Breakout Session

- Objective 1
 - Representatives for re-writing: Jud Heinrich and Hugh Chester-Jones
 - Review paper for ARPAS (colostrum, milk replacers). Work within the group
 - Collaborative effort about transition calf (weaning/post-weaning)
 - Waste milk and antibiotic resistance
 - Re-write as we write the review
- Objective 2
 - Representative for re-writing: Andre Brito
 - Mooc lectures (on-line teaching modules)
 - Mireille will coordinate the first lecture
 - Gonzalo volunteers for first lecture
 - Symposium for 2018 ADSA (Phil Cardoso will coordinate)
 - Listing of capabilities at different labs (Gustavo Lascano will coordinate)
- Objective 3
 - Representative for re-writing: Brad Heins
 - Action 1: collaborative study precision technology (rumination)
 - Brad will write a protocol
 - Action 2: expand surveying capacity
 - Phil should request permission to IRB about submitted survey beyond Illinois
 - We will help Phil expanding the population
 - Action 3: submit a grant for Beginner Farmer Program (NIFA)
 - Collaborative effort
 - Education programs
 - A new section WITHIN the objective will be included for Forage Quality and Management (either objective 2 or 3)