Brief Minutes of the W3171 Technical Committee Meeting

Galt Hotel, Louisville, KY

January 22, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 1 pm by Committee Chair, Jerry Bouma (Colorado). In attendance were Rick Rorie (Arkansas), Cindy Tang (Connecticut), Matt Wheeler (Illinois), Curt Youngs (Iowa), Ken Bondioli (Louisiana), Brett White (Nebraska) and Kiho Lee (Virginia).

The meeting agenda and minutes of the previous meeting were approved as read. W3171 Administrator, Milan Shipka, addressed committee members via phone since he could not attend due to recent surgery. Milan provided guidance for submission of the project's report of accomplishments, impacts and publications. He also emphasized our cooperative/collaborative work on research projects.

Station reports were presented and discussed for Arkansas, Colorado, Connecticut, Illinois, Iowa, Louisiana, Nebraska and Virginia. Potential new collaborative projects were discussed at length. To facilitate collaborative research, Jerry Bouma agreed to develop a spreadsheet on which research personnel at each station can enter their areas of interest and expertise, capabilities and techniques. This information will be used to identify overlapping research areas for additional collaborative efforts.

A motion was made and unanimously approved to recognize Bob Godke (Louisiana) for his numerous contributions to the W171/1171/2171/3171 regional research project over many years. Bob Godke passed away during 2015.

Brett White was elected to serve Secretary for the W3171 Technical Committee for 2016. Rick Rorie will serve as Chair for the coming year. The committee voted to meet in conjunction with the IETS Annual Conference in Austin, Texas in January 2017. The meeting and location will be determined at a later date.

Meeting adjourned at 4:15 pm.

Respectively Submitted,

Rick Rorie - Secretary

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