Meeting minutes, NCCC-211, 2/11/20

**In attendance**

Marisol Berti, North Dakota State University

Dean Baas, Michigan State University

Shalamar Armstrong, Purdue University

Eileen Kladivko, Purdue University

Anna Cates, University of Minnesota

Don Wyse, University of Minnesota

Matt Ruark, University of Wisconsin

Andrea Basche, University of Nebraska

DeAnn Presley, Kansas State University

Mark Licht, Iowa State University

Peter Tomlinson, Kansas State University

**Not in attendance but listed on the current project roster**

Ismail Dweikat, University of Nebraska

Erin Haramoto, University of Kentucky

Tom Kaspar, USDA ARS

Peter Kovac, South Dakota State University

Do not have representation from Illinois, Ohio State, Missouri and South Dakota

There was discussion of how to encourage participation from the states who have not participated in the NCCC 211 project. There could be some administrative barriers for folks. We can look for individuals who are doing cover crop research and do targeted outreach to them.

Minutes approved from 2019. Motion from Eileen K, seconded by Dean Baas. Content of meetings was from 2019 and the dates will be updated in the document.

Peter Tomlinson shared that we received feedback from our renewal proposal. All criteria were viewed generally as excellent. “I am working with project leadership to encourage participation” – was one specific comment from the feedback.

New business

Mark Licht has been nominated to be secretary elect for 2021-2022.

Annual reports will be due to Andrea by March 10 (30 days from today). Each state abstract summary is included in the report. Then Andrea will compile all of the publications, students, grants, etc. Christine Hamilton is the NIMMS admin at Wisconsin who can help with entering the information into the database, once compiled report should be sent to Kendall Lamkey and to Christine Hamilton (nimss.org/projects/17036).

Continued discussion of how to engage more of our university colleagues in NCCC 211 process. A few points of discussion included: what is the role of the committee and how does it support others and how does the committee support their activities in the long run?

-Committee is in its distinction as a coordinating committee, our role is to help build connections across state boundaries for more flow of information about what others are doing and opportunities to collaborate

-NCCC 211 is an opportunity to gain new ideas, place that has vetted solid science-based information, contributing to grants, important to meet in person more so than just reading papers

Discussion of the annual reporting:

Idea to combine reporting into a google doc. Everyone should look at the five objectives as written in the project – will make sure we have impacts that we connect back to those objectives. Think about impacts of the committee versus individual achievements. A few opportunities to report on impacts in our upcoming report include:

-All of the participants here have collaborated with MCCC on producing the cover crop recipe outreach materials (obj 3)

-Many participants have secured funding for SAS funding (obj 1 & 4) which will lead to regional publications

-A number of people were included in CIG submission / another SAS submission led by Marisol

Discussion about future work together:

Could we work on more regional pubs? Don Wyse: could we get to an opinion piece in Science to bring more visibility in the political and scientific world? This should include the grand challenge for Midwestern agriculture. Could be built off of a meeting of the MCCC next year – could come in with that intent. Cover crops are widely underfunded in the scheme of agriculture funding. Continuous living cover community is working on something like this to generate interest and funding. Suggestion was made to possibly start to tack on time at meetings to do working meetings.

Eileen K. motioned to end the meeting and Dean B. seconded.