**Minutes from W3112 Annual Meeting 6/14/19**

**Members present:**

Milan Shipka – AK – Also serves as administrator

Anna Denicol - CA

Kristen Govoni – CT

John Hall – ID

Ligia Presotto – MT

Andrea Cupp – NE

Ryan Ashley – NM

Ky Pohler – TAMU

Tom Geary – USDA-ARS LARRL

John Stevens - UT

Brenda Alexander – WY

**Guests and Students**

Raul Bertho – MT

**June 14, 2019**

Meeting called to order 9:07 a.m. June 14, 2019 by chair Ligia Prezotto

**Station Updates**

Participants introduced themselves and all participants gave state updates and a brief report of their University or ARS unit.

Discussion ensued on location for meeting for 2020 and sheep symposium. Where will we get the most people at W3112? Symposium on improving reproductive management in sheep was part of our last project. General consensus was to develop symposia for several meetings and propose them to WSASAS, Triennial Symposium of Reproduction and other. Advertise symposium at various places including ASI convention. Final decision made to make the WSASAS Sheep Symposium be the primary delivery location for the W3112 extension/outreach effort.

**Date for 2020 W3112 meeting will be June 14 & 15 before WSASAS meeting at UCDavis.**

**Administrator Report – Milan Shipka**. This is the project’s mid-year review year. Project ends in 2021 so 2020 agenda needs to include putting together a writing team. New administrator will be assigned.

The group nominated Anna Denicol (CA) as the member at large. She accepted, and approval by the group was unanimous. Anna will serve as secretary for the 2020 meeting. John Hall will be chair.

**USDA Update** – Dr. Mark Mirando joined the group via Zoom conference. Dr. Mirando covered the changes in NIFA and AES as a result of the moving employees from Maryland to Kansas. Mark reviewed the budget situation for USDA -NIFA, Hatch and special programs. He pointed out deadlines as well as programs that W3112 members might consider in addition to the typical program RFPs. The group expressed their appreciation that some of the RFP deadlines where listed for two years. It is hoped deadlines 3 years out may be listed in the future. There were several questions regarding the effect of the move on deadlines for grant submissions or return of panel reviews. Dr. Mirando indicated that he felt that the deadlines would remain the same barring any issues as a result of the move.

Station reports were given in the afternoon.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

**June 15, 2019**

Ligia Prezotto (chair) called the meeting to order. Station reports continued.

The group spent about an hour discussing collaborative projects.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

**Station Reports**

Station Reports presented in person.

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| New Mexico State | University of Alaska |
| University of Wyoming | USDA-ARS LARRL |
| Univ. Nebraska | Texas A&M |
| Utah State | Montana State |
| University of Connecticut | University of Idaho |
| University of California |  |

Other reports received.

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| University of Arizona |  |
| Colorado State |  |
| University of Illinois |  |
| University of Missouri |  |
| Mississippi State |  |
| Penn State |  |