

NE-1727 Annual Meeting Minutes (May 14 and 15, 2018)

Attending: PA – Pate; NH – Tsang; NY – Fortune, Butler, Giordano, Cheong; NE – Wood; WV – Inskeep, Dailey, Yao, Mathew; KY – Bridges; WI – Wiltbank; VA - Rhoads; IA - Keating; MS – Memili; VT – Townson; MA - Fissore

Attending Administrative Advisor: Gary Thompson
Attending CREES rep: Adele Turzillo

May 14, 8:00 am: Welcome (Ron Butler) and call to order (Aileen Keating)

Joy Pate: Discussion of new on-line graduate course in Reproductive Biology. First offered in Fall, 2017. Planned offering every other Fall with restriction (due to size) to NE-1727 institutions.

Presentation of Station Reports (8:30 am to 12:00 pm):

Joy Pate (PA)
Joey Miservitch (for Paul Tsang, NH)
Jen Wood (NE)
Soon Hon Cheong (NY)
Shelly Rhoads (VA)
Jiambo Yao (WV)

12:00 to 1:30 pm:
Break for lunch

Continuation of Station Reports (1:30 to 4 pm):

Phil Bridges (KY)
Rafael Fissore (MA)
Milo Wiltbank (WI)

4 to 4:35 pm:

Adele Turzillo NIFA report

- Documents have been loaded into dropbox and were discussed
- NIFA Annual report for 2017 is now available on-line

1) NIFA update

- Dr. Sonny Purdue completed his 6-yr term and has left
- Dr. Thomas Shanower is new acting director
- Dr. Michelle Colby is now national program leader for Animal Biosecurity

2) Budget for FY 2018

- \$400 million consolidated appropriations
- HATCH funding remained consistent

- Gary Thompson noted multistate money comes from HATCH

- Adele discussed competitive programs, RFA's etc. Noted that "explanatory notes" are a good source of information concerning expected RFA's and that "high level information" is provided in these (on-line).

- Fiscal year 2017: \$6.5 million for Animal Reproduction; 13 standard awards, 28% success rate. \$36.5 million total for Animal Health and Production and Animal Products

- Fiscal Year 2018: Big change is that 3 RFA's cover all AFRI programs

1) Education and workforce development

2) Foundation and applied sciences

3) NEW: Sustainable Agr. Systems (budgets up to \$10 million with 8 awards anticipated). Webinar on May 23 for more information.

- Requested feedback on project director's meetings (some pressure to change format).

- Inter-agency "dual purpose/dual benefit" mechanism ending. Final application is Sept 2018.

4:35 to 5 pm:

Gary Thompson update

- Discussed importance of good impact statements.

- www.mrfimpacts.org is a good source of information (2 page pamphlet is in dropbox)

- Impact statements important to advocate for increased funding

- Jen Woods (NE) complimented on her impact statement

5 pm: Adjourned for the day

May 15, 8:00 am: Call to order and continuation of Station Reports

* plus one presentation of a potential postdoctoral grant application

Aileen Keating (IA)

* Nicole Jaskiewicz (Vermont) outlined potential post-doc proposal

Viju Vijayan Pillai (for Selvaraj lab, NY)

Daniel Matthew (WV)

Julio Giordano (NY)

Erdogan Memili (MS)

Ron Butler (NY) including update on collaborative GH-R, IGF multistate collaborative fertility study

11:50: Final comments (Aileen Keating)

- New director: Aileen Keating nominated Julio Giordano. Phillip Bridges seconded. Vote unanimous in favor of Julio as incoming director.

- 2019 meeting host site: Phil Bridges offered KY. Offer accepted. Date to be determined by post-meeting doodle poll.

12 pm: Meeting Adjourned