**Annual Meeting**

**Multistate Project NE1727: Influence of ovary, uterus, and embryo on pregnancy success in ruminants**

**Virtual (Zoom) Meeting**

**May 19-20, 2020**

May 19th, 2020

8:00 Call to Order & Introductions

All In Attendance:

Michelle Rhoads

Phil Bridges

Dave Townson

Vimal Selvaraj

Joanne Fortune

Milo Wiltbank

Aileen Keating

Alan Ealy

Ben Crites

Cecily Bishop

Dan Mathew

Erdogan Memili

Alvaro Garcia Guerra

Gary Thompson

Gustavo Grillo

Heather Baldwin

Jessica Cristina

Jaelyn Current

Jaspreet Rishi

Jen Wood

Jianbo Yao

Joy Pate

Julio Giordano

Keith Inskeep

Mark Mirando

Mingxiang Zhang

Pablo Visconti

Paul Tsang

Pedro Monteiro

Rafael Fissore

Rafael Reis Domingues

Bob Dailey

Rodolfo Cardosa

Sarah Carr

Victor Gomez Leon

JP Andrade

Ron Butler

Yi Athena Ren

Troy Ott

Alicia Arneson

Jessica Motta

Estefenia Gonzalez Alvares

Dan Poole

Abby Maucieri

Adam Beard

Crystal Roach

Francisco Diaz

Sarah Piet

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|  |  | **Tuesday (19th)** | **Wednesday (20th)** | |
| 8:00 AM |  | Welcome (Bridges) | Welcome (Bridges) | |
| 8:12 AM |  | Rhoads | Memili |  |
| 8:24 AM |  | Townson | Fissore |  |
| 8:36 AM |  | Wiltbank | Diaz |  |
| 8:48 AM |  | Wood | Selvaraj |  |
| 9:00 AM |  | Break | Break |  |
| 9:12 AM |  | Ealy | Keating |  |
| 9:24 AM |  | Mathew | Piet |  |
| 9:36 AM |  | Yao | Giordano |  |
| 9:48 AM |  | Ott | Break |  |
| 10:00 AM |  | Break | Mirando |  |
| 10:12 AM |  | Thompson | Mirando |  |
| 10:24 AM |  | Thompson | Mirando |  |
| 10:36 AM |  | Poole | Break |  |
| 10:48 AM |  | Carr | Garcia-Guerra | |
| 11:00 AM |  | Pate | Moorey |  |
| 11:12 AM |  | Break | Cardoso |  |
| 11:24 AM |  | Ren | Group |  |
| 11:36 AM |  | Bishop | Group |  |
| 11:48 AM |  | Group | Group |  |

Dr. Mark Mirando’s Report (10:00 a.m., May 20th)

- Sept 30th, 2019 USDA relocated to Kansas City

- 75% loss of staff (were already 20% below full staffing)

- Now up to about 40% fully staffed

- Mission-critical actions will continue while non-critical being postponed

- AFRI budget is up and 2021 President’s budget currently stands at $600 million

- Submission rates for Repro Program has started to go back up; overall a decline from 20 years ago

- Dr. Mirando has taken on an additional role as the National Science Liason

- Discussed opportunities/needs for re-booting old programs or forming new programs

Group/business meeting

- This year’s meeting was Gary’s last meeting with our group

- Was voted and agreed that if next year’s meeting can be held in person, it will be held in Virginia

- Dropbox is filing up, so agreed that old files would be removed

- Annual report is due 90 days after meeting

- Discussed need and approach to remove people that are not participating

- At next meeting (2021), discuss rewrite and assign role/task for rewrite

- Dr. Alan Ealy was elected the new Director

Meeting adjourned