

NC2042: MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS TO IMPROVE ECONOMIC AND ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY OF DAIRY ENTERPRISES.

Business Meeting Minutes

October 11, 2018

Attendees:

G. Ferreira (Virginia Tech), M. Chahine (University of Idaho), J. Costa (University of Kentucky), V. Cabrera (University of Wisconsin), P. Erickson (University of New Hampshire), S. Ward (North Carolina State), T. Skevas (University of Missouri), K. Kalscheur (USDA Forage Research Center), B. Heins (University of Minnesota -WROC), J. Boerman (Perdue), T. Overton (Cornell), G. Lascano (Clemson – Secretary), J. Anderson (South Dakota State University - Chair), H. Chester-Jones (University of Minnesota).

(14 members in attendance)

- Meeting Began and was called to order at 8:30 am by J. Anderson (Chair)
- Group members introduced themselves as there were some first time attendees.
- Minutes approved from last year: approved, no opposition.
- Discuss was had on new leadership roles. G. Lascano will move to Chair 2018-2019 and M. Chahine was elected as next secretary (ran unopposed and voted in unanimously)
- Discussion was had on meeting location for next year – a few locations were mentioned. It was decided that the meeting next year will be held in Wisconsin either in Madison or by the Marshfield research station. Victor Cabrera will host with Matt Akins and Ken Kalscheur. B. Heins motioned, G. Ferreira seconds and is approved with no opposition. Cornell offered to host in future years (2020) and NC State would be another option. Also discussed that in 2021 or 2022 we may want to plan an International trip - briefly discussed about places to go. Considering - South America such as Ecuador and Peru.
- Discussion at length about when to have it earlier in the week or later and length of the meeting. Entertained the idea of having immediately after expo (Oct 1st to 5th 2019). J. Anderson commented that without a major re-write or 5 year summary due we could move back to the 2 day business model would be adequate instead of the 3 day meeting like last two years. Decided that V. Cabrera will talk to other co-host (K. Kalscheur and M. Akins – not in attendance), local farms, and venues and find availability. It was decided there would be too many logistical issues may occur if too close to Expo. Decided that October 17 and 18th will work for next year meeting (between Marshfield and Madison). M. Chahine motioned to approve and, V. Cabrera seconded.
- We formally thanked G. Ferreira for hosting us and discussed location and plans for the current meeting. Farm visits were presented.
- Went over key objective for the meeting today: 5 Year report. Compile the accomplishment in the morning. And in the afternoon on the impacts.

- Decided to break into objectives and work based on your contributions for the last 5 years.
- Christina Hamilton, in correspondence with J. Anderson say past reports too long, looking to have a more cohesive reports using short paragraphs and bullet points.
- Had project leaders based on objective and need to institute a writing committee for future reports.
- P. Erickson commented on reporting requirements and how the individual reports for our institutions are out of sync with the larger group rewrite. Also asked about how funds were allocated as there seem to be discrepancy in the amounts we each receive and what they can be used for. (Discussed more during conference call with Dave Benfield our administrator.
- We also discussed changing the format of the station reports we submit to the group to match the REEPORT template used and share standardized templates. M. Chahine like this idea and S. Ward and will help with implementation next year.
- V. Cabrera announced that Phil's proposal that was rejected last year for a symposium at the Annual American Dairy Science meeting has been submitted and has been accepted for this year in Cincinnati. There was discussion on how to format this and who would be speakers.
- Had call with Dr. Benfield he apologize for flight cancellations and missing being at the meeting in person. Congratulated us on project renewal being accepted. New project will begin October 1st finish September 31st. Project report due 60 days from today, December 12th, no exceed 5 pages with no limit for publications.
 - D. Benfield reported USDA updates.
 - P. Erickson raised the point of funding allocations and having to submit several proposal for allocations of funding to each station. There is concern that proposal for individual station participation are not in synch with our overall project proposal timelines (3 yr vs 5 yr cycles) and concern on understanding how funding varies by station. D. Benfield stated that how funds are allocated varies from station to Station partially because of administration at each station, seems to be that each station receives a lump sum and is up to them to allocate funds for faculty to travel and research.
 - NIFA, proposal to move it out of DC area, some concerns raised related to this location change, not sure of what will happen related to this.
- S. Smith has not been here 2013. G. Ferreira asks if S. Smith should be there. Seems to be confusion about S. Smith being part of the meeting next year.
- Business Meeting adjourned at approximately 10:30 am. Then group member worked on 5 year summary report and gave station reports over the next day. Farm visit were on Saturday October 13th.

Respectfully submitted by G. Lascano (Secretary) and J. Anderson (Chair).