**Minutes: NE-1835 Resource Management in Commercial Greenhouse Production**

**Annual Meeting – Vaudreuil - Dorion, Quebec, April 15, 2019**

**Attendees**

* Ryan Dickson (Arkansas)
* A.J. Both (Rutgers)
* Peter Ling (Ohio State University)
* Meriam Karlsson (Alaska)
* Chieri Kubota (Ohio State University)
* Roberto Lopez (Michigan State)
* Neil Mattson (Cornell)
* Robin Brumfield (Rutgers)
* Ellen Paparozzi (Nebraska)
* Brian Poel, Lumigro
* Celina Gomez (University of Florida; via Zoom)
* Adel Shirmohammadi (University of Maryland, via Zoom)

**Meeting schedule:**

**10:00 A.M. EST:** NE1835 Business Meeting

* Welcome and introductions (Ryan Dickson)
* Introductions from members and approved 2018 minutes
* Technical Advisor report (Adel Shirmohammadi, via conference call)
	+ 10-year term as Associate Dean will end in the summer. However, he will continue to serve as Technical Advisor to our project.
	+ Project won regional award and was close to winning the national award. --- We must continue to keep a good record of accomplishments (e.g., publications, grants) and impacts for future nominations.
	+ Matching funds for large grants have received push-back. Scott Angle who (new NIFA director) understands how hard it is for academics to come up with matching funds.
	+ Push-back for NIFA to move out of DC.
	+ Question about farm bill: How are the $10M for urban agriculture going to be allocated?--- Adel will ask and will communicate back to the group. A follow-up question was about the nature of the funds (competitive vs. formula?)
* Updates on member collaborative research and grant activities (past, current, and proposed)
	+ Review article submitted to HortScience by most pre-tenior faculty in our group
	+ Trade-grower article series about urban agriculture in Produce Grower
	+ MDPI: research in aquaponics and hydroponics: proposal to produce a hydroponic textbook with different chapters in an open-source journal.
* Nomination and election of incoming secretary
	+ Incoming Chair is Celina Gómez (UF)
	+ Election of Secretary: Brian Poel from Lumigro
* Meeting location 2020: Orlando, in conjunction with the ASHS meeting (Aug. 10-13). Celina Gómez will coordinate with ASHS to have out meeting in Orlando in July. She will coordinate a pre-conference tour on 08/09/20 for our group and others. The goal is to potentially increase attendees and impact of our group. Ellen Paparozzi will start the discussion with Mike Neff about having our business meeting at ASHS on the 08/10/20. Tours with 25 spots max (?)—getting people from our group to register before opening it up for others. Formal announcement is expected to be released in January, 2020. The tours should focus on commercial operations around Orlando.
* Announcements and upcoming events: n/a

**Noon:** Station Report (cont.)

Meeting adjourned.