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| Amanda Countryman | Colorado State University |
| Karen Lewis-DeLong | University of Tennessee |
| Shida Henneberry | Oklahoma State University |
| Lynn Kennedy | Louisiana State University |
| David Ortega | Michigan State University |
| Saleem Shaik | North Dakota State University |
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| Jarrett Whistance | University of Missouri |
| Osei Yeboah | North Carolina A&T Univ. |
| Eric Young | State Ag Experiment Station Directors |

**Monday October 29, 2018**

Welcoming comments

Eric Young

Appropriations – on hold until after elections

CR until Dec 7th did not include USDA

Budget – Hatch, Smith-Lever, and AFRI

House wants to raise each by $15 million

Senate wants to raise AFRI by $5 million

1890’s extension – Senate by $3 million

1890’s research – Senate by $1 million

Most smaller budget lines stayed roughly the same

Some internal work on trying to merge budget lines while trying to maintain integrity of individual projects

Authorizations/Farm Bill

SNAP requirements held up progress

On hold until after elections

SNAP ED – administered differently in each state, push to have land-grant extensions administer it.

Land grants got most of what they wanted in the Farm Bill language

NIFA-ERS move

Secretary Perdue proposed moving NIFA and ERS out of Washington DC

Cost of being in DC

Harder to recruit/retain

Further from stakeholders

Arguments against –

Difficulty maintaining relationships with other agencies in DC

More difficult to interact – have to go multiple places

Expressions of interest

136 proposals received

Most states

Reorganization of ERS back under the Chief Economist

Long term research might take a hit by rapid-fire secretary requests

Potential for bias

Collaborative projects

2-3 synergistic projects with some sort of output in mind

ASSA meetings on NAFTA (invited paper session)

Lynn – exchange rates

Trade simulation model; 5 scenarios, game theoretic

Nash equilibrium under different exchange rates

Saleem – efficiency, productivity and trade

Luis – data with mexico

Jim and Troy – tomatoes

Deliverables - session at Moosejaw, session at AAEA (Troy), special issue/journal article.

After Vancouver meetings, special JAFIO issue on food security

Troy had panel at 2018 AAEA

Ian, Luis, Dan Sumner, Andrew

Meetings for 2019

Spring meeting – some interest, but travel expenses are an issue for many. In the end, springe meeting idea was shelved in favor of linking with 2019 IATRC meeting.

Meeting with IATRC

Link Alvaro with Missy Sullivan to coordinate rooms/etc.

Work with Lynn, Amanda, Nelson to organize S-1072 track session

Afternoon after IATRC adjourns, maybe another half day

Have a session – TBD

Special issue with Choices next year, talk to Amanda

Discuss topics at AAEA in summer 2019.

Karen offered to organize an S-1072 dinner for those who are interested

Two hour business meeting

More attendance

Professional growth, new knowledge, etc.

Eric was asked whether there was a preference of deliverables

Depends on audience that is reached.

Conferences look better if there is a proceedings issue

Special issues, reports tend to reach more people = bigger impact = more preferred

Troy is planning to propose another panel for SAEA/AAEA meetings – topic TBD

“What is New NAFTA?”

Ian Sheldon proposed as a potential moderator

Trade and politics

Cost of tariff war in terms of lost market share

Food security

Coupling payments

Amanda put in a plug for 2019 WAEA conference in Idaho (end of June)

Laid back

Good place for grad students to present

Grant proposals – Saleem put forward the idea of potential joint efforts

Multi-state projects get “bonus points”

Suggestion was made to reset email list to NIMMS list of S-1072 participants

Include Troy if he joins

Shida Henneberry would also like to be part of the list

Officer nominations

Alvaro Durand-Morat agreed to continue his role as chair-elect for 2019

Nelson Villoria was nominated for the role of 2019 secretary (chair-elect for 2020), and he accepted

**TUESDAY October 30, 2018.**

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