

Annual Meeting of S1075
Virtual via zoom™
Thursday, Jul 9, 2020, 11 AM-3 PM Central Time

Minutes

Attendees:

Sushil Adhikari – Auburn University
Hasan Atiyeh – Oklahoma State University
David Brune – University of Missouri
Dorin Boldor – Louisiana State University
Igathinanthane Cannayen – North Dakota State University
Julie Carrier – University of Tennessee
Chengci Chen – Montana State University
Joel Cuello – University of Arizona
Ali Demirici – Pennsylvania State University
Zhilang (Julia) Fan – University of California Davis
Zhengrong (Jimmy) Gu – South Dakota State University
Brendan Higgins – Auburn University
Haibo Huang – Virginia Tech
Ray Huhnke – Oklahoma State University
Loren Isom – University of Nebraska
Ajay Kumar - Oklahoma State University
Samir Khanal – University of Hawaii
Mi Li – University of Tennessee
Wenqi Li - University of Kentucky
Carl Lira – Michigan State University
Can Liu – University of Kentucky
Nurun Nahar – North Dakota State University
Abby Olaleye - University of Kentucky
Raj Raman – Iowa State University
Kent Rausch – University of Illinois
Brain Richards – Cornell University
Roger Ruan – University of Minnesota
Troy Runge - University of Wisconsin
Chris Saffron – Michigan State University
Ajay Shah – Ohio State University
Jian Shi – University of Kentucky
Vijay Singh – University of Illinois
Ed Spang – University of California Davis
Wei Su – University of Hawaii
Xiuzhi (Susan) Sun – Kansas State University
Mike Tumbleson – University of Illinois
Juliana Vasco-Correa – Pennsylvania State University
Terry Walker – Clemson University

Donghai Wang – Kansas State University
Yi Wang – Auburn University
Lin Wei – South Dakota State University
Mark Wilkins – University of Nebraska
Al Womac – University of Tennessee
Bin Yang – Washington State University
Ruihong Zhang – University of California Davis
Yuxuan Zhang – University of Kentucky
Yi Zheng – Kansas State University

Agenda:

1. Introduction of attendees
2. Following states presented their reports: PA, MN, AZ, AL, CA, HI, IL, KS, KY, LA, MI, MN, MS, MO, NY, ND, OK, SC, SD, TN, VA, WA & WI.
3. Timothy Conner, NIFA representative on S1075, share following major updates from NIFA:
 - NIFA moved from DC to Kansas City. Despite shortage of staff at the new location, all capacity programs and funding are continued.
 - Competitive programs are also being continued.
 - Sustainable Agriculture system is our new CAP coordinate agriculture projects, which is our big awards that these are \$10 million awards. And over the first three years we've had now three caps in this body economy space mainly about products, a little bit about fuels, but it's been primarily focused on sort of the bow economy nature of that. And so I think that three out of 17 or so across all of the ag portfolio is pretty successful. And I hope that these multi state projects like this will be things that will be better fuel and feed that will allow you guys to reach out or work with each other's to look at ways in which you can sort of put together these.
 - USDA exploratory program was phased out to fit that scope in other programs.
 - We also are putting more effort now into New Investigator Award.
 - Sustainable ag systems call: We will release RFA, maybe a month or two back and then we've covered 19 and all the questions we've been getting in. We decided that probably wasn't good time to have a fully integrated, you know, that kind of complex project out there. So, there will be one coming out.
4. Business:
 - a. Chris proposed 2021 S1075 meeting on Jul 22 and 23 in Lincoln, NE. Ali seconded. Majority voted for the motion.
 - b. Secretary nomination: Ajay Kumar will be moving to Vice-chair and Chris Saffron will be moving to Chair position. Secretary position is now open for nomination. Chris nominated Jian Shi for the position. There was no other nomination and majority was in favor of the Jian Shi. Jian Shi was elected for the secretary position
 - c. Writing new proposal for S1075 will be initiated two years before the due date.

- d. Chris notified that NSF award for the meeting was available this year but was extended because of the pandemic. Next year, we will have funding to partially support student travel.
5. Meeting adjourned at 2:30 PM.

Officers:

Mark Wilkins, Chair

Chris Saffron, Vice-Chair

Ajay Kumar, Secretary