

2022 S-1075 Multistate Annual Meeting Minutes

The hybrid business meeting was held in Houston TX on 7/15/2022

The meeting and symposium was held on 7/15/2022 & 7/16/2022

Attendees:

Ajay Kumar, Chris Saffron, Jian Shi, Roger Ruan, Ewumbua Monono, Wei Lin, Tim Rials, Troy Runge, Victoria Finkenstadt, Yi Wang, Mark Wilkins, Muthu Muthukumarappan, Juliana Vasconcorrea, Sergio Caperda, Mark P. Elless, Meheryar Kasad, Alvin Womac, Jessica Mccord, Julie Carrier, Bin Yang, Angelika Ouedraogo, Hasan Atiyeh, Jaya Tripathi, Camila Gonzalezarango, Attia Rram, Robiul I. Rubel, Mohammad Ruzlan Habib, Wachiranon Chuenchart, Zhyan Du, Ty Shitanaka, Yuxan Zhang, Kailong Zhang (32 total)

1. Meeting opening.

- a. The project committee chair, Ajay, started the meeting at 8:30 am. He introduced the committee members, past chair Chris, elected chair Jian Shi, and Secretary Lin Wei. All attendees introduced themselves to others.
- b. Lin introduced the first invited speaker, Dr. Victoria Finkenstadt, USDA NIFA National Program Leader. Dr. Finkenstadt gave a speech on perspectives of biobased industry and economy and the updated of USDA NIFA programs and funding opportunities and then answered the questions asked by attendees. Jian introduced the second invited speaker, Dr. Mark P. Elless, Technology Manager of Bioenergy Technologies Office, DOE. Dr. Elless gave a talk on introduction of DOE programs on biomass feedstock, waste conversion, plastics, etc. and then answered the questions asked by attendees. Both invited speeches were offered online.
- c. Station reports
The representative of each station reported annual achievements and/or progresses made in the last year. Roger Yuan reported for MN station. Yi Wang for AL, Chris Saffron for MI, Monono for ND, Ajay OK, Juliana for PA, Lin for SD, Sergio for TX, Rock Tu for Hawaii, Jian for KY, Alvin for TN, Troy for WI, Jude for Virginia, Bin Yang for WS.
- d. Student poster competition
Thirteen graduate students received travel awards (including prizes and certificates) and presented 13 posters in the 2022 annual meeting.

2. Old business meeting items

- a. Ajay summarized the 2022 annual meeting business and agenda. Sergio moved to approve the agenda. Muthu seconded. No objection, motion carried.
- b. Approval of Minutes of 2021 annual meeting. Jian presented the minutes of 2021 annual meeting. Muthu moved to approve the minutes. Lin second. No objection. Motion carried.
- c. Troy moved to adjourn the old business. Sergio second. No objection. Motion carried.

3. New business meeting items

- a. Project annual report of FY 21/22. Ajay will submit the report by Aug. 30, 2022. He reminded each state need to submit their annual report to him by Aug 15, 2022.
- b. Election of new secretary. Ajay suggested to select new officer to fill the open in the project committee since he will be the past chain after 2022 annual meeting. Jian will

be the chair for FY 22/23. Lin will be vice chair for FY 22/23. Muthu nominated Monono for new secretary for FY 22/23. Sergio seconded. Troy asked Monono whether is willing to serve as secretary. Monono agreed to serve. No objection, Monono was elected to be the secretary for FY 22/23.

- c. New members and lists for new proposal/project. Jian agreed to send out emails all members on the old list and the station/people who may be interested in participating the new proposal/project and then update the new list.
 - d. Plan for 2023 annual meeting. Kansas City was selected for the 2023 annual meeting. Viki mentioned the USDA NIFA office can support the annual meeting by offering conference rooms and some meeting costs. Muthu moved the next annual meeting in Kansas City before ASABE 2023 AIM. Lin seconded. No objection. Motion carried. The project committee will work on the details of 2023 annual meeting logistics later.
 - e. Tim reminded the current project will be expired in September 2023. The plan of rewriting proposal for next term should be considered in this annual meeting. He suggested the multi-state project should be interactive between or among states on bioeconomic, sustainability, integrating, and so on.
 - f. Jian introduced the initial plans of rewriting new proposal, timeline, how to get feedbacks on what objectives, research plans of each station, etc. from NIFA and each state/station.
 - g. Chris suggested a rewriting committee should be generated. Tim nominated Julie to be the member in the committee. Other attendees including Sergio, Troy, Roger, etc. suggested to start the rewriting early and layout a timeline and deadline for the new proposal justification, objectives, research focusing and activities of each station. It's important to carefully considering the scope, topics, and what should be included in the new project for being reviewed and accepted by USDA, AES Director, etc. The final draft of new proposal should be finished before August 2023.
 - h. As project committee chair, Jian will oversee the rewriting of new proposal. Members of rewriting committee include Chris, Ajay, Lin, Julie, Tim, and Monono.
 - i. Jian suggested the renew S-1075 proposal should be due by Dec 2022. New S-1075 project will start in Sept 2023. He will start to organize the rewriting of new proposal after this meeting. The assignments and timeline of the rewriting include request for rewriting proposal; establishing rewrite committee; deciding the objectives and tasks for each station; structures and components of new proposal, and so on.
 - j. Jian suggested the rewriting committee should have the first meeting via zoom at 9:00 am next day, July 16, 2022. The committee members accepted the suggestion.
4. Meeting adjournment
Ajay moved to adjourn the meeting. Lin second. No objection. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 pm.

Committee officers:

Ajay Kumar (Chair)

Jian Shi (Vice-Chair)

Lin Wei (Secretary)

Chris Saffron (Past Chair)