NCCC-211 annual meeting minutes

24 January 2023

1. Attendance: Anna Cates, Eileen Kladivko, Andrea Basche, Peter Tomlinson, Mark Licht, Marisol Berti, Osler Ortez, Matt Ruark (virtual), Giovani Preza Fontes (virtual), Kim Cassida (virtual), Vance Owens (NIFA, virtual), Mathieu Ngouajio (NIFA, virtual), Kendall Lamkey (virtual)
2. Approve 2022 meeting minutes: Cates moved, Tomlinson seconded; approved.
3. Update from Kendall Lamkey, project advisor
   1. Had mid-term review and got through all the department heads. Doing well.
   2. Current project expires in 2025. So starting in 2024, need to appoint a writing committee for the next version of the project.
   3. Kladivko will be reporting and needs to be added as NIMSS editor.
4. Updates from Vance Owens and Mathieu Ngouajio, NIFA
   1. NIFA is starting to assign more than one person to each regional project. For NCCC-211, Vance is first advisor and Mat is second.
   2. Both mentioned the many funding opportunities coming down the road and we should keep our eyes open. Cover crop work could fit into a wide variety of programs, including SARE, organic, AFRI, applied areas, specialty crops, crop protection, SAS, and others.
   3. Always seeking reviewers for grant programs. If you’d like to volunteer, can fill out a form on-line to get into the system. <https://prs.nifa.usda.gov/>
   4. To keep up to date with announcements, tentative calendars of expected RFAs, etc., they provided several links:

<https://www.nifa.usda.gov/grants/upcoming-request-applications-calendar>

<https://www.nifa.usda.gov/about-nifa/who-we-are/organizational-structure/national-program-leaders>

<https://www.nifa.usda.gov/nifa-update>

1. Reminder of annual reporting requirements/timeline
   1. Reports due to Eileen Kladivko by February 24
   2. Due to NIMSS in 60 days (March 24)
   3. NCCC 211 is one paragraph summarizing your whole state (abstract of things going on)
   4. Plus: metrics (# of pubs, grads, presentations, etc.)
   5. Make as more of a collaborative rather than a state report
2. Vote on Secretary Elect to serve in the 2023-2025 years
   1. Kladivko moved, Berti seconded the nomination of Osler Ortez to serve as secretary for the incoming year (2023-24) and to move to chair the following year (2024-2025). Unanimous election.
3. Impact Statement:
   1. Eileen Kladivko writes this with help from Mark Licht and others
   2. Can combine MCCC and NC211 impacts, should be a group impact statement
   3. What should it include?
      1. PSA cover crop course—Basche and Baas
      2. PSA common experiments—Basche, Armstrong, Tomlinson, Ruark
      3. Recipes award from ASA-CSSA-SSSA meeting
      4. Inclusion in Rob Myers variety trial grant proposal
      5. Added Manitoba to the MCCC
      6. Intern worked on new termination page, and updating state pages, on website
      7. More recipes added
      8. Decision tool updates in 2 states
4. Representation
   1. Purdue: Eileen Kladivko, Shalamar Armstrong
   2. ISU: Mark Licht
   3. KSU: Peter Tomlinson
   4. MSU: Kim Cassida
   5. UMinn: Anna Cates, Donald Wyse
   6. UNL: Andrea Basche
   7. NDSU: Marisol Berti
   8. OSU: Osler Ortez
   9. UWisc: Matthew Ruark
   10. SDSU: vacant
       1. David Karki (on MCCC but not eligible for NCCC 211)
       2. Jason Clark – Extension soil fertility specialist
       3. Ali Nafchi – precision cover cropping
   11. U IL: vacant
       1. Giovani Preza Fontes (has agreed and is working to get state approval)
       2. Nathan Johanning (on MCCC but not eligible for NCCC 211)
   12. U MO: vacant
       1. Charles Ellis (on MCCC but not eligible for NCCC 211)
       2. Jordan Wade new for soil health
5. Tomlinson moved to adjourn, Basche seconded, meeting adjourned at ~8:15 am