Multi-state meeting March 3, 2021

**Administrative Advisor comments:**
Thank you for successfully moving transition from prior project to new project and getting approval. Southern Region Agricultural Experiment Station Directors are interested in making certain we have highly qualified teams putting in for recognition as a multistate team. We missed this year’s call for the award. There is the southern selection, if you are chosen for this, you will be considered for the national level. I encourage you to think about other ways to have recognition and visibility in projects. Awards notices will be sent out by the Southern Region Agricultural Experiment Station Directors. SCRI projects are encouraged to be contributed.
FYI, NIFA is going through a restructuring of the REEport system and will be moving away from this system into a new one in the near future.

**Update on project renewal:**Project renewal process had changed, and it took a while to get the new renewal in place. Thanks to all who helped with this process.

**Chair and secretary elections:**
Ben Campbell’s and Ariana Torres’ terms are ending.

Nominations for Chair: Alicia Rihn has accepted the committee Chair’s nomination for two terms.
Nominations for Secretary: Julie Campbell has accepted the nomination for Secretary.

The committee has accepted both chair and secretary by acclamation.

**Discussion of the 2019 national survey project/dataset:**

The survey project can be accessed via Google Sheets. Every five years there is a survey sent out to Green Industry firms in the U.S. with roughly 3,000 responses. Production practices, marketing, labor questions, first survey started in 1990. If you want a copy of the survey please ask Ben Campbell.

**Discussion of new projects/ideas**

* Pollinator meadows
* Species mixes and establishment strategies
* Social media
* Landscape issues, promoting native plants
* Publications from data sets
* HRI native proposal
* SCRI planning grant automation use
* HIR plant benefits
* SCRI plant headed bore management
* Transplants
* Microgreens
* Consumer hort
* Floral marketing project
* Funding for value for food labels
* Certification programs
* Blueberry industry surveys
* Florida friendly landscape
* Pest control practices- pollinator friendly
* Sustainable landscaping
* Propagation of plants
* Native honeysuckle
* Genetic work
* Alternative propagation systems
* Replacement of trees
* Optimal age of perennial feed stock
* Production techniques of small fruits and sweet potatoes
* Urban ag workshop work in New Jersey
* Recycling, water and nursery
* New and social media agriculture
* Migration from Mexico
* Pesticide training

**Selection of site for Winter 2021 meeting**

Date: to be determined
Format: Virtual