**S1087 Multi-State February 25, 2022**

**Location: UGA Costal Botanical Gardens: Savannah, GA**

**Attendance: 12**

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| **In-Person** |
| Robin | Brumfield | Rutgers University |
| Julie | Campbell | University of Georgia |
| Jennifer | Gray | American Hort/Horticultural Research Institute |
| Charlie | Hall | Texas A&M |
| Hayk | Khachatryan | University of Florida |
| Melinda | Knuth | North Carolina State |
| Alicia | Rihn | University of Tennessee |
| Daniel | Tregeagle | North Carolina State |
| Ariana  | Torres | Purdue |
| Guil | Signorini | Ohio State |
| Debasish | Paul | North Carolina State – Graduate Student |
| Ethan | Jenkins | North Carolina State – Graduate Student |

Alicia Rihn, chair, called the meeting to order.

The minutes from the previous meeting were put forth and approved without amendment. Melinda moved to accept, and Hayk seconded.

**Administrative Advisor comments:**

We recently learned Susan Duncan (Administrative Advisor) passed away in October. We all reflected on what a great administrator she had been and how she would be a great loss to the new group.

We are unsure of the new administrative advisor, but are still keeping up with administrative duties of the group.

**Discussion of the 2019 National Survey Project / Dataset:**

We discussed where various papers were in the writing and publishing process. More information can be found in the Google Doc <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/15p3h-TEzr6gdCYyXeakX7zIAO30Se8wjA8Bua0XoF6Y/edit#gid=0>

We discussed the new Google drive Melinda has created for the group that will be housed on the North Carolina Servers. This will be a place for us to have all documentation for this group going forward.

**Survey Funding – New Grant**

Charlie and Jennifer discussed the next round of funding through HRI. There will need to be some modifications to the survey that will be sent out. If you have questions or wish to tweak the questions contact Charlie.

Hayk brought up the possibility of having a more structured outline for authorship on papers going forward. This would also be extended to data that is being used in the next survey. Guidelines about ordering of authors and claiming of data for papers needs to be clearer. The guidelines about sharing data were also discussed. A more comprehensive outline of these policies will need to be developed soon and shared in the Google Drive.

**Elections**

Melinda was elected Chair and Daniel was elected Secretary.

**Action Items**

If you need access to the team drive request access from Melinda.

Keep track of all of your actions related to this committee going forward as we hope to apply for an award next year.

Next meeting date: February 22-23rd in Knoxville, TN – Coordinated by Alicia

**Individual Reports**

Robin Brumfield

* Annie’s Project – Annie goes online
* Various Crop Budgets

Julie Campbell

* Finishing Boxwood project
* SCRI Ambrosia beetle management
* Floral Buyers

Charlie Hall

* Ecosystem Services
* Economic Benefits of plants
* Green Gentrification
* EAGLE program
* Index of prices paid by growers

Hayk Khachatryan

* Homeowner preferences
* Pest management economic impact study
* Blueberry preferences/issues
* Stormwater issues

Melinda Knuth

* Benefits of plants
* Labeling tags
* Natives and water use
* Supply chain

Debasish Paul – Graduate Student

Ethan Jenkins– Graduate Student

Alicia Rihn

* Automation for nursery growers
* Natives Preferences
* SCRI Flatheaded borer management
* SCRI Ambrosia Beetle

Daniel Tregeagle

* Labor issues
* Data Harvesting

Ariana Torres

* Markets for different crops
* Biological control in high tunnels
* Online curriculum agribusiness
* Online tool for turf
* Food Safety

Guil Signorini

* New fruit value chain
* Biopesticide adoption
* Understand industry perspectives

The group discussed Robin Brumfield’s retirement and what she has meant to the group over the years. She will be greatly missed by this group, as she has been a vital member over the years.

**With no further business, Charlie moved to adjourn; Melinda seconded.**

Julie Campbell – Secretary