**NE 2140 Minutes 2022 meeting held via Zoom October 19-21**

Attendees: LaMondia, Westphal, Quintanilla, Mitkowski, Schumacher, Crow, Wang, Neher, Melakeberhan, Bernard, Taylor, Kotcon, Bird, Hay. Administrative liaison Bekkerman.

**October 19:**

Meeting commenced at 9:00 AM EST with welcome by host (Crow)

Bekkerman updated the group on new issues related to the Farm Bill, NIFA, and AFRI that were relevant to NE2140.

State reports were given by LaMondia, Westphal, Quintanilla, Mitkowski, Schumacher, Crow.

**October 20:**

State reports were given by Wang, Neher, Melakeberhan, Bernard, Taylor, Kotcon, Bird. Special reports were given by Florida grad students Lynhe Demesyeux and Christian Kammerer.

**October 21:**

State report by Hay.

Bekkerman brought up an accomplishment award for Hatch Multi-State projects. He is willing to nominate us if we want to compete. The group agreed this is a good idea. Bird volunteered to take the lead and Crow volunteered to help.

Quintanilla (chair) requested that members submit their state reports to her by the first week of November. She will compile them and submit the group report in mid-December.

Following a call for self-nominations, Mitkowski put his name forward and was elected unanimously.

Bernard volunteered to host the 2023 meeting in Knoxville TN at dates TBD in mid-October.

The meeting adjourned at 11:25 AM EST.