

S1093 – Meeting Minutes

This was the first official meeting of the S1093 Multistate Research Project

November 7th & 8th, 2023

Margaritaville Lake Resort (600 Margaritaville, Park Way, Montgomery, TX 77356)

2023 officers

Reinaldo Cooke – chair

Kelsey Harvey - secretary

Attendees

Reinaldo Cooke (Texas A&M University; chair)

Kelsey Harvey (Mississippi State University; secretary)

Ky Pohler (Texas A&M University)

Joao Vendramini (University of Florida)

Barbara Reis (Mississippi State University)

Marcelo Vedovatto (Louisiana State University)

Rodolfo Cardoso (Texas A&M University)

Rodrigo Marques (Montana State University)

Vinicius Gouvea (Texas A&M University)

Robert Godfrey (USDA-NIFA Representative)

Pedro Fontes (University of Georgia)

Juliana Ranches (Oregon State University)

Cliff Lamb (virtual presence; Texas A&M University – Project Advisor)

November 7th, 2023

Reinaldo Cooke officially opened the meeting and welcomed all attendees, followed by individual introductions and greetings from members in attendance.

Business Meeting:

2024 President – Kelsey Harvey

Reinaldo Cooke nominated Joao Vendramini for secretary, Ky Pohler seconded. Motion passed.

2024 Secretary elected – Joao Vendramini

Joao Vendramini suggested the 2024 S1093 meeting to be held in Florida or another location in the southern US during the month of November. He will provide more details to the group in the near future. This idea was seconded by Reinaldo Cooke and the motion passed by the group.

Reinaldo Cooke and the group also discussed Annual Report and Meeting minutes. Since this is the first meeting of the S1093 Multistate Research Project, there is no Annual Report documenting collaborative research achievements of the group. Therefore, an Annual Report will be compiled and submitted annually beginning in 2024.

Cliff Lamb provided report and comments as Project Advisor:

Ensure there is an organizational structure around the committee.

- Be clear about elections, who is doing what?
 - o Minutes need to be submitted in an appropriate timeframe; it is imperative these are submitted by the secretary.
- Midterm review will take place to evaluate progress of various projects, final review will take place as well. If the group wants to continue, a new submission of proposal is needed.

- Make sure efforts are actually collaborative, we should be doing projects together and have deliverables and effort should be clear.
- Make sure the group is generating impacts, and that what comes out of this is actually reported. Reported not just to the administrative group, but widely available and readable by a variety of groups and audiences. Impacts are crucial to group success. At least one impact per faculty member needs to be reported in the annual report.
 - Be clear about a dissemination plan. Getting this information out to Extension, even if you don't have a formal Extension appointment. Be clear about getting information out there.
 - If you are part of another multistate group, do not double report. Report only what is specific to this multi-state group. Double reporting gets flagged, creates an administrative burden, and inhibits productivity of the group.
 - Understand how you are going to be evaluated as a group. Feel free to reach out to Dr. Cliff Lamb as a resource.

Robert Godfrey provided report and comments as NIFA Representative:

- General NIFA update.
 - o New director as of May of this year, fully staffed now.
- Larger grants are focused on precision livestock farming, always reach out to the NPL to see where your grant will fit. Use them as a resource.
- Potential for the government shut down, be prepared if this occurs. Basically, NIFA services will be offline and funding movement will cease. Paperwork and processes will be delayed, so plan accordingly.

Introductions and individual station reports:

Reinaldo Cooke moderated this part of the meeting and stated that well-established collaborations exist between members of this group already, and the group needs to ensure it is documented properly. He also suggested acknowledgement of this multi-state group in manuscripts published pertaining to this group and efforts. He concluded by describing his research program at Texas A&M and identified areas of collaboration for members of the multistate project.

After Reinaldo Cooke, all other members described their research interests and also areas of potential collaboration with other S1093 members. Members that presented were (in this order) Joao Vendramini, Ky Pohler, Rodrigo Marques, Rodolfo Cardoso, Pedro Fontes, and Juliana Ranches.

Reinaldo Cooke adjourned the meeting for the day, and the group met for dinner.

November 8th, 2023

Reinaldo Cooke opened the 2nd day of the meeting and welcomed all attendees back.

Introductions and individual station reports:

Reinaldo Cooke moderated this part of the meeting. Additional members described their research interests and also areas of potential collaboration with other S1093 members. Members that presented were (in this order) Barbara Reis, Marcelo Vedovatto, and Vinicius Gouvea.

Reinaldo Cooke adjourned the meeting, and the group was dismissed. Meeting concluded.