***AGENDA (DRAFT )***

**Annual Meeting of NC1198**

**October 14-16, 2019: Minneapolis, MN**

**Meeting Locations**:

Oct 14th (Monday) Travel to Minneapolis (The Graduate Hotel, 615 Washington Ave SE, Minneapolis, MN 55414

Oct. 15th-16th The Campus Club of University of Minnesota (4th floor of Coffman Memorial Union, 300 Washington Ave SE, Minneapolis, MN 55455 <http://www.campusclubumn.org/parking-directions>)

**Registration Fee: $95 (please be prepared to write a check to the University of Minnesota)**

***Goals for the Meeting:***

• Acquaint all new and continuing committee members with the national Ag-of-the Middle initiative ([www.agofthemiddle.org](http://www.agofthemiddle.org/)) and the role of NC1198 in providing research-based information & education to support the renewal of mid-size farms, ranches, and fisheries.

• Update each other on member contributions to NC-1198 project objectives over the past year.

• Share issues and results from recently funded research/education projects involving committee members.

• Identify relevant policy issues and opportunities for Ag-of-the-Middle research, education and outreach, in light of next Farm Bill.

***Monday, October 14th***

**Arrive in MPLS**

***Tuesday, October 15th***

**Meet in the Hotel Lobby at 8:30 AM to walk to the Campus Club**

**9:00 AM – 9:30 AM Finalizing the Agenda & Brief Member Introductions**

• Committee member *brief* individual introductions: On interests, current relevant research, education or outreach work

**9:30 AM – 10:15 AM Brief Introductions of Current & New AOTM Projects**

* *Brief* introductions of new AOTM projects funded

**10:15 AM - 10:30 AM Break**

**10:30 AM – 10:40AM Announcements**

**10:40 AM - 12:00 PM** **AOTM Project Reports**

**12:00 PM - 1:30 PM Lunch (included in registration)**

**1:30 PM – 2:30 PM Discussion of Future Projects**

**2:30 PM – 3:15 PM Discussion of upcoming publications**

**3:15 PM – 3:30 PM Break**

**3:30 PM – 5:00PM**  **Discussion of** **NC 1198 Website**

**5:00 PM Adjourn for the day; free time until dinner.**

**6:30 PM Dinner**

***Wednesday, October 16th***

**Meet in the Hotel Lobby at 8:30 AM to walk to the Campus Club**

**9:00 AM – 10:30 AM Policy Issues & Work**

**10:30 – 10:45 AM** **Break**

**10:45 AM – 12:00 PM** **Wrap up Discussion**

* Confirm action items
* Review plans/assignments/deadlines for this year’s NC-1198 annual report

**12:00 PM Adjourn and Safe Travels!**

**NC-1198 Objectives**

To continue to investigate strategies to foster the viability and of small and mid-sized farms through values-based supply chains, we propose the following objectives:

1. **Economic.** Investigate key factors that influence economic performance and viability of mid-scale farms/ranches and their supply-chain partners.
2. **Social.** Identify and assess the possibilities of mid-scale supply chains to contribute to community goals and needs.
3. **Envionmental.** Identify and assess the environmental and natural resource contributions of mid-scale supply chains.
4. **Governance.** Examine and assess governance structures and mechanisms of mid-scale supply chains and their role in mediating, communicating, and implementing values around food quality, economic performance, social equity, and environmental sustainability.
5. **Policy.** Build the capacity of project members to investigate, address, and communicate policy issues surrounding mid-scale supply chains.