**DRAFT MEETING AGENDA**

**Annual Meeting of Regional Project NE1731 (formerly NE1231)**

**Collaborative Potato Breeding and Variety Development Activities to Enhance Farm Sustainability in the Eastern US**

**January 6 (1PM) to January 7 (noon), 2020**

**Beltsville, MD (BARC Building 010A Conference Room)**

1. Call to order, additions, approval of agenda, approval of minutes from last meeting

2. Introductions

3. Committee Discussion and/or Appointment of Committees

Site selection (continue Beltsville meeting location?)

Resolutions

Nominations (currently a non-rotating system; discussion/changes?)

4. Local Arrangements – C. Clarke

5. Administrative Advisor Report – M. Hutton

6. National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA) Report – A.M. Thro

7. Research Presentations

* Chris Clarke, USDA-ARS “Research Update: Common Scab Disease of Potato”
* Rick Jones, USDA-ARS “Alternaria Research”
* Ek Han Tan, UMaine “Workflow Automation for Marker Assisted Breeding and Genetics of Disease Resistance”
* Don Webber, USDA-ARS “Colorado Potato Beetle Research”

(Note: Don Webber’s presentation will be on January 7)

8. State, Federal, and Provincial Site Reports

Florida

Maine

New York

North Carolina

Ohio

Pennsylvania

Virginia

New Brunswick

Quebec

Others

9. Comments from Industry Representatives

10. Pathology Tests Reports

USDA-ARS (Beltsville)

Maine

Pennsylvania

AAFC Fredericton

Others

11. Breeding/Genetics Reports

Maine

New York

North Carolina

USDA-ARS (Beltsville)

AAFC Fredericton

12. NE1731 website/database development/data reporting/summary generation

* NE1731 Trial Data, Reporting – M. Clough
* VDM, NE1731 Data, Features and Functions – B. Halladay (Medius Ag)
* Fieldbook App software/app for data collection – M. Clough

13. Seed nursery, orders, shopping list, new entries – Greg Porter

14. Eastern Region USDA-NIFA Potato Special Grant project – G. Porter

15. Grants/Funding: new opportunities?

16. Old Business

* NE1731 Annual Report – G. Porter
* NE1731 Impact Statement – G. Porter
* Other?

17. New Business (if any)

18. Committee Reports

19. Other Business

20. Adjourn