

## Minutes of NCAC-2 business meeting at USDA-NIFA, Washington, DC.

March 9, 2012, 8:30 am – 9:00 am

Present: Mark Ackerman (Iowa State), Dale Bjorling (Wisconsin), Frank Blecha (Kansas State), Harm HogenEsch (secretary, Purdue), Margo Holland (USDA-NIFA), John Middleton (Missouri), Sriram Rao (chair, Minnesota), Mo Saif (Ohio State), David Zeman (South Dakota State).

1. Dr. Rao opened the meeting and thanked Margo Holland and the USDA for hosting the NCAC-2.
2. Current multistate projects:
  - a. The process of reviewing multistate projects was discussed. One of the goals of the review is to determine if a project needs to be continued. Overlap with other multistate projects also needs to be considered. The current review process seems to work well.
  - b. Progress reports should be submitted to NIMSS in a timely fashion and they should clearly spell out evidence of cooperation between states and how much funding the projects have acquired from other sources.
  - c. It was suggested that the NCAC2 project leaders be reminded to submit progress reports on time. This should be coordinated with Chris Hamilton. Project leaders need to be given a firm deadline for submission of reports and frequent reminders.
3. New multistate projects:
  - a. Plans have been circulating for a new project focused on mycobacterial diseases including Johne's disease. Nobody knows the status of this project. Dr. Rao will follow-up with Dr. John Baker (MSU).
  - b. Ideas for new projects. The NCAC-2 leadership should discuss the need of possible new projects at the annual meeting. Two ideas were briefly discussed:
    - i. Reproductive health. This would be separate from the swine reproduction project that focuses more on physiology.
    - ii. Food safety. This is covered in part by the NCAC-2 enteric disease project and also by the North East project on mastitis.

These ideas should be discussed further at a later meeting with feedback from colleagues at the participating institutions.

4. The meeting was adjourned at 9.05 am. The NCAC-2 business meeting was followed by a meeting of AAVMC Associate Deans for Research, Chairs of Departments of Veterinary Science, and Departments of Comparative Medicine with USDA/NIFA National Program Leaders and officials (agenda attached). In addition to the NCAC-2 committee members in attendance the following AAVMC members were in attendance:

- Sue VandeWoude (Colorado State)
- Kent Lloyd (UC, Davis)
- Harry Dickerson (Georgia)
- Dominique Griffon (WUHS, Pomona)

- Jerry Malayer (Oklahoma State)
- Bhanu Chowdhary (Texas A&M)
- Mark Lawrence (Mississippi State)