

NCAC-02 Annual Report

We met by **conference call** at 1 PM CST on February 8, 2016 with the primary objective of reviewing the two proposals below. We also discussed future NCAC-02 meetings.

Attendance:

John Middleton (Chair; University of Missouri)
Shawn Donkin (Administrative Advisor; Purdue University)
Margo Holland (USDA NIFA Liaison)
Terry Lehenbauer (UC-Davis)
Vilma Yuzbasiyan-Gurkan (Michigan State University)
Lois Hoyer (University of Illinois)

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Comments were reviewed. Overall the project was found to have merit, but some points of clarification are needed. Terry will send comments to John, and John will have Christina Hamilton add to Dale's review for submission. Consensus was to Accept with Minor Revisions (based on comments).

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Comments were reviewed. Overall the project was found to have merit, but some points of clarification are needed. Vilma will send comments to John, and John will combine and submit the review. Consensus was to Accept with Minor Revisions (based on comments).

NCAC-02 Annual Meeting at AAVMC

Margo Holland discussed that the NCAC-02 Annual Meeting and AAVMC Committee on Research meeting are separate items that have been merged in recent years due to convenience as many, but not all, of the NCAC-02 members are also Associate Deans for Research at Veterinary Colleges or Departments of Veterinary Science. However, these are still two distinct committees. It was determined that an Action Item for the NCAC-02 Business meeting in DC (07:15-08:00 March 4th at the Omni Shoreham Hotel) is to determine the format and meeting agenda for future NCAC-02 meetings. Do we want to spend more time with NIFA reviewing the different programs or do we want to continue to combine with the AAVMC/AVMA Committees on Research? Do we want to invite Associate Deans for Research that are not members of NCAC-02, if we expand the scope of the NCAC-02 meeting, or hold a separate meeting? Do we want to consider an alternate time for the NCAC-02 group to meet such as Thursday or Friday afternoon? Please think about these questions so we can discuss in DC.

Annual Meeting

We met in person on March 4, 2016 at the Omni Shoreham Hotel, Washington DC at 7:00 am to conduct the annual business meeting:

Agenda

- 1) Introductions
- 2) Summary of Project Reviews – John Middleton
- 3) News from USDA – Margo Holland
- 4) Future Meetings – Margo Holland and John Middleton
- 5) Any proposals for new Multistate projects

Attendance:

Lois Hoyer
Frank Blecha
Sean Donkin
John Middleton
Terry Lehenbauer
Qijing Zhang
Vilma Yubasiyan-Gurkan
Harm Hogenesch
Margo Holland (USDA NIFA Liaison)

Dr. Margo Holland, NIFA, USDA, provided a brief overview of funding activity and perspectives from NIFA related to animal health and veterinary medicine. It was noted that Dr. Gary Sherman was going to provide a more detailed discussion of the situation during the AAVMC Research Committee meeting to be held later that day.

- A discussion ensued as to whether the funding paylines (around 17-20%) for many programs represented a true increase in funding or a decrease in the number of applications. It was concluded that the latter, fewer applications, was primarily responsible as the actual number of awards did not increase. Of note is that the quality of proposals was good: There were several proposals in the Outstanding category in some programs that were not funded due to insufficient resources.
- Dual Use Program- comes back with a projected Sept 2016 deadline.
- Ecology and Evolution of Infectious Disease -NIFA is exploring if MOU with NSF will be continued.
- NIFA is asking for input on their program. Every 5 years, there is a stakeholders' workshop; Fall of 2016 will be virtual. Please submit input on programs and priorities. Positive input encouraged to maintain and retain topics and programs. E-notification will be sent out. Different date and time for each commodity group. Electronic input can be provided beforehand. Topics on Microbiome, Alternates to ABX, and Animal Welfare will be solicited. Send any stakeholder names that might be otherwise overlooked.

- Please send Margo thoughts on extending invitations to participate in these meetings to a broader range of groups that have not traditionally been strong advocates for animal agriculture.
- Margo was interested in learning how \$ are allocated from Ag Exp Station to host meetings: Most multi-state groups support conferences by registration. The question was in reference to providing conference grants to multi-state groups. The group's consensus was if the conference proposal was broader in scope than the typical multi-state meeting, then they should not be disqualified and should be evaluated along with the other proposals.

John Middleton brought up the topic of the format of future meetings. Questions asked included:

- How can NCAC-02 interact more with USDA/NIFA during our annual meeting?
 - Meet with FFAR?
 - The group's decision was to plan meetings in the future, possibly at USDA's office that could engage more fully with a variety of program leaders at NIFA. Possibly on Friday afternoon. This plan will be pursued for next year.

Is there a need for a new multi-state projects? Please propose any ideas and pass them on to Sean and Margo.

- There is a new co-ordinating group/NCDC-230 (antibiotic resistance) Individuals who are interested should complete appendix E and submit through their Agricultural Experiment Station.

The meeting adjourned at 7:57 am