**MINUTES NCAC-02 ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING**

**March 10, 2017 (07:00-08:00 AM) – Omni Shoreham Hotel, Washington DC**

**Present:**

Dale Bjorling (Wisconsin)

Frank Blecha (Kansas)

Shawn Donkin (Purdue)

Harm HogenEsch (Purdue)

Lois Hoyer (Illinois)

Terry Lehenbauer (UC Davis)

John Middleton (Missouri)

Srirama Roa (Minnesota)

Vilma Yuzbasiyan-Gurkan (Michigan)

Margo Holland (USDA)

**Items Discussed:**

The business meeting of the NCAC-02 was held just prior to the joint AAVMC Research Committee and AVMA Council on Research meeting. NCAC-02 members attended the AAVMC Research Committee/AVMA Council on Research meeting (agenda below). Following introductions, Margo Holland gave a brief NIFA update. John Middleton gave a brief summary of the project review conference call held on January 26th from 10:00-11:30 AM (detailed below).

The review process was discussed and some recommendations made for Shawn Donkin (Administrative Advisor) to discuss with NCRA. A listserve of all current participants would be helpful. There is currently discussion within NCRA on the project review process. We discussed the need for clarity on funding of AES multistate projects, particularly for new investigators, i.e. the projects do receive funding, but individual institutions are given latitude on how the funds are distributed and hence the common complaint from investigators that “I don’t get any funding for participating in a multistate project.” We discussed the need for clarity on recruiting new members for advisory committees and defining roles for members of the advisory committees. We discussed the need for clarity on the review process, both for reviewers and those groups submitting projects. It would be useful for the writers to see the review criteria and understand the expectations of reviewers to hopefully improve the quality of submissions and emphasize that there are real expectations for a quality proposal.

With regard to project reporting, Margo emphasized the need to differentiate outputs (e.g. publications) from outcomes (e.g. how the results changed what we do in agriculture) and the need to “tell the story” of who was trained, where they were placed, and how the work has impacted agriculture and more broadly society. Margo discussed that there are new instructions for reporting results in REEport including “talking points”, hot links for citations, and discussion of human resources trained (including names, affiliations, and job placement). These things are currently in place for AFRI awardees, but are coming for Hatch and 1433 projects.

A conference call to review NIFA programs for FY17/FY18 will be held once Margo has a better idea of the Federal funding landscape and the new Secretary of Agriculture is confirmed.

John Middleton completed his two-year term as Chair of the NCAC-02 (2015-2017) after this year’s business meeting. Jeff Lejeune (Secretary 2015-2017) should replace John Middleton as Chair (2017-2019), but was absent for both the January conference call and the annual meeting. A call for nominations of Secretary was made and Frank Blecha volunteered and was elected Secretary (2017-2019). In Jeff’s absence, John Middleton agreed to serve an additional year as Chair. Shawn Donkin will contact Jeff to discuss whether he plans to take over as Chair and is willing to fulfill the duties of Chair.

Meeting adjourned at 08:00 AM.

**AAVMC Research Committee Meeting**

Hampton Ballroom

Friday, March 10, 2017

8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

8:00-8:15 **Welcome and Introductions**

 *Sue VandeWoude, Chair, Research Committee; Colorado State University*

8:15-8:45 **National Institute of Food and Agriculture, US Department of Agriculture**

 *Margo Holland, National Program Leader, Animal Health and Well-Being Programs*

 *(invited)*

8:45-9:00 **AVMA Council on Research**

*E.D. Murphey, Assistant Director, Education and Research Division, AVMA*

9:00-9:45 **Strategic Discussion: Research Career Development**

 *Sue VandeWoude, Chair, Research Committee; Colorado State University*

9:45–10:00 Break

10:00-11:00 **NIH Physician-Scientist Workforce Report Implementation**

 *Sherry Mills, Director, Office of Extramural Programs, NIH*

11:00-11:15 **National Veterinary Scholars Symposium**

 *Mark Simpson, Director, NIH Comparative Biomedical Scientist Training Program*

 *National Cancer Institute, NIH*

 *Vilma Yuzbasiyan-Gurkan, Michigan State University*

11:15-11:30 **Washington Update**

 *Erika Miller, CRD Associates*

11:30-12:00 **Open Discussion**

*Sue VandeWoude, Chair, Research Committee; Colorado State University*

*Harm HogenEsch, Chair Elect, Research Committee; Purdue University*

*Sawkat Anwer, Past Chair, Research Committee; Tufts University*

**SUMMARY OF PROJECT REVIEWS**

**Reviewed by Conference Call January 26, 2017 10:00-11:30 AM**

The table below summarizes our overall decisions on each of the 5 projects we were assigned to review this year.  Reports have been completed and submitted in NIMSS.

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| **Project** | **Action** |
| ***Renewal*** |  |
| NC\_temp 1202: Enteric diseases of Food Animals | Approve with minor revision |
| ***New*** |  |
| NC\_temp 1206: Antimicrobial Resistance | Approve with major revision |
| ***Mid-term*** |  |
| NC229: Detection and control of PRRS and emerging viral diseases of swine | Approve with minor revision |
| NCCC209: Agricultural bioethics | Inactivate |
| NCERA57: Swine reproductive physiology | Approve |