

MINUTES NCAC-02 ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

March 1, 2018 (5:30 - 6:00 PM) – USDA NIFA, Waterfront Center, Washington DC

Present:

John Angelos (California)
Dale Bjorling (Wisconsin)
Frank Blecha (Kansas, Secretary)
Shawn Donkin (Purdue, Administrative Advisor)
Harm HogenEsch (Purdue)
Lois Hoyer (Illinois)
Jeff LeJeune (Ohio, Incoming Chair)
John Middleton (Missouri, Outgoing Chair, remote)
Srirama Rao (Minnesota)
Vilma Yuzbasiyan-Gurkan (Michigan)
Qijing Zhang (Iowa)
Margo Holland (USDA, NPL, remote)
Peter Johnson (USDA, NPL)

Items Discussed:

The business meeting of the NCAC-02 was held immediately after an information meeting with USDA NIFA personnel (agenda below). The meeting was called to order at 5:30 PM.

John Middleton gave a brief summary of the projects review conference call held on January 30, 2018 at 12:00 - 1:30 PM CST (detailed below).

A discussion ensued about assigning stations (in order) to the review process and leadership positions to improve equity of the workload among members. A motion was made to adopt this procedure; the motion passed, unanimously. Shawn Donkin, Administrative Advisor, agreed to discuss with NCRA member institutions the issue of stations that have not participated in several years.

John Middleton completed his three-year term as Chair of the NCAC-02 (2015-2018) after this year's business meeting. Jeff LeJeune, who was Secretary from 2015-2017, assumed the Chair for a two-year term (2018-2020) and Frank Blecha will complete his term as Secretary in 2019.

NCAC-02 members attended the AAVMC Research Committee meeting on March 2, 2018 (agenda below).

Meeting adjourned at 6:00 PM.



**United States
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Agriculture**

**National Institute
of Food and
Agriculture**

NIFA meeting with
Associate Deans of Research-Colleges of Veterinary Medicine and
Veterinary Science Department Heads
(Co-sponsored by NCAC-02 Multistate Animal Health Advisory Committee)

March 1, 2018
1 PM – 5 PM (open meeting)
5 PM – 5:30 PM (closed meeting)

In-person***
[National Institute of Food and Agriculture](#)
Conference Room 4103
800 9th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20024

*** Guests pass through security, show a form of identification, & receive a name badge.
A NIFA escort will bring guests to the 4th floor conference room.

Remote (If using smart phone, make sure you have downloaded free WebEx app)

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Agenda

- 12:45 PM In-person guests ARRIVE AT USDA-[NIFA](#)
(Coffee, tea, other drinks available in NIFA's self-serve café)
- 1:00 PM NIFA Welcome & Introduction of NIFA staff
([Parag Chitnis](#), Deputy Director, Institute of Food Production & Sustainability-IFPS)

(Adele Turzillo, Division Director, Animal Systems, Institute of Food Production & Sustainability-IFPS)

Introduction of Associate Deans of Research & Veterinary Science Department Heads

- 1:15 PM UPDATES from NIFA's Office of the Director:
Budget/Appropriations/Farm Bill/FACT/ Q&A

(Robert Holland, NIFA Associate Director)
(Parag Chitnis, Deputy Director, Institute of Food Production & Sustainability-IFPS)
(Jeanette Thurston, NIFA Science Program and Analysis Officer)
(Josh Stull, Congressional & Stakeholder Affairs Officer)
- 2:15 PM National Animal Health Laboratory Network (NAHLN); Dual Use Research of Concern (DURC);
Gain of Function; Veterinary Medicine Loan Repayment Program ([VMLRP](#))
(Michelle Colby, National Program Leader- Animal Biosecurity; Animal Systems, IFPS)
- 2:45 PM NIFA's Antimicrobial Resistance Funding Opportunities
(Mervalin Morant, National Program Leader- Food Science & Food Safety; Food Safety Division, Institute of Food Safety & Nutrition)
- 3:05 PM BREAK
- 3:20 PM NIFA Food Safety Awards/Funding opportunities
(Isabel Walls, National Program Leader- Food Science & Food Safety; Food Safety Division, Institute of Food Safety & Nutrition)
- 3:40 PM Animal Health Capacity funding-Sec. 1433/ FARAD / Small Business Innovation Research /
Veterinary Services Grant Program ([VSGP](#))
(Bob Smith, National Program Leader- Veterinary Sciences; Animal Systems, IFPS)
- 4:05 PM Higher Education Opportunities for Veterinary Colleges/Departments of Veterinary Science
(Siva Sureshwaran, Division Director; Community & Education Division; Institute of Youth, Family, & Communities)
- 4:25 PM Updates: Animal Health, Animal Welfare, Minor Use Drugs, Tactical Sciences Initiative
(Peter Johnson, National Program Leader- Animal Health/Welfare; Animal Systems, IFPS)
- 5:00 PM All ADJOURN, except NCAC-02 members begin closed meeting with NIFA Liaisons
- 5:30 PM NCAC-02 closed meeting adjourns

SUMMARY OF PROJECT REVIEWS

Reviewed by Conference Call January 30, 2018 12:00 - 1:30 PM

Present on conference call:

John Middleton (Chair), Frank Blecha (Secretary), Shawn Donkin (Administrative Advisor), Peter Johnson (USDA NPL, standing in for Margo Holland), Dale Bjorling, Harm HogenEsch, Lois Hoyer, Vilma Yuzbasiyan-Gurkan

Agenda:

Project Reviews – Two project renewals were discussed (NC_temp2040 and NCCC_temp308). The primary and secondary reviewers are listed in the Table below. NC_temp2040 was approved with minor revisions with the main issue being centered around the lack of detail on the interdisciplinarity of the project and how resources and data are shared among members of the group to deliver on their proposed outputs and outcomes. NCCC_temp308 was approved with normal revision. John will incorporate Harm’s comments and submit the review for NC_temp2040 in NIMSS (completed), and Frank will likewise incorporate John’s comments into his review and submit the NCCC_temp308review in NIMSS. Reviews are due February 15th.

Annual Business Meeting – An information meeting with USDA NIFA personnel to be held in conjunction with the NCAC-02 annual business meeting has been proposed for Thursday March 1st in Washington, DC at the NIFA offices. A program of meetings will be scheduled with various program leaders to provide information to attendees and gain feedback. A discussion of the future goals and organization of the NCAC-02 group will also be discussed. Originally, Margo had proposed two possible times 10 AM – 4 PM or 1 – 5 PM. The group on the call was polled and the 1-5 PM time slot was selected to best accommodate travel plans as many of the members attending AAVMC will arrive on the 1st. It was discussed that the meeting will be available virtually for those that cannot attend in person, and the meeting will be recorded. NCAC-02 members and other Associate Deans of Research will be invited to attend.

Harm discussed the AAVMC Research Committee meeting, which will be held from 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM on March 2nd at AAVMC, and an additional meeting that will be held from 8:00 – 10:00 AM on Sunday March 4th at the AAVMC to discuss integrating research into the veterinary medical curriculum. Harm proposed that NIFA may give a summary report at the AAVMC Research Committee meeting on Friday March 2nd. The consensus of the group was that we should get an estimate of in-person versus virtual attendance at the March 1st meeting with NIFA. Peter Johnson will email John Middleton a proposed agenda and John will send out a poll to the NCAC-02 group as well as the CVM Associate Deans for Research (via Ted Mashima at AAVMC) to gauge attendance so Peter can better tailor the meeting. If attendance figures are low based on RSVP, then we may schedule a completely virtual meeting after the AAVMC meeting, but we will gauge attendance figures for March 1st before making that decision. The poll will be distributed later this week once the tentative agenda is received from Peter.

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

Project	Reviewers	Action
<i>Renewal</i>		
NC_temp 2040: Metabolic Relationships in Supply of Nutrients for Lactating Cows	Middleton (primary) HogenEsch (secondary)	Approve with minor revisions
NC_temp 308: Nutrition and Management of Feedlot Cattle to Optimize Performance, Carcass Value and Environmental Compatibility	Blecha (primary) Middleton (secondary)	Approve with normal revisions

Research Committee Meeting
2018 AAVMC Annual Conference
Grand Hyatt Washington, 1000 H St NW, Washington, DC
Constitution CDE Room
Friday, March 2, 2018, 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

- 7:00 **Registration and breakfast**
- 8:00-8:15 **Welcome and Introductions**
Sue VandeWoude, Chair, Research Committee; Colorado State University
- 8:15-8:45 **Clinical and Translational Science Award One Health Alliance (COHA)**
Deborah Kochevar, COHA Steering Committee; Tufts University
- 8:45-9:00 **National Institute of Food and Agriculture, US Department of Agriculture**
Peter Johnson, National Program Leader
- 9:00-9:45 **Synergies and opportunities with the American Veterinary Medical Association**
Sue VandeWoude, Chair, Research Committee; Colorado State University
- 9:45-10:00 Break
- 10:00-11:30 **Discussion: Encouraging careers in research**
Harm HogenEsch, Chair-Elect, Research Committee; Purdue University
Sue VandeWoude, Chair, Research Committee; Colorado State University
Vilma Yuzbasiyan-Gurkan, Michigan State University
Lisa Greenhill, Senior Director for Institutional Research and Diversity, AAVMC
- Including:**
NIH Physician-Scientist Workforce Report Implementation
Diversity in the academic and research workforce
National Veterinary Scholars Symposium
Combined DVM/VMD-PhD programs
Veterinary curriculum to enhance research careers
- 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