**NCAC2 FY21 Project Reviews and Annual Business Meeting Minutes**

**Zoom Call – Monday, January 25, 2021**

**11:00 AM – 1:00 PM Central Time**

**(9:00 AM – 11:00 AM Pacific Time, 12:00 PM – 2:00 PM Eastern Time)**

The meeting was called to order at 11:01 AM (Central Time)

**1. NCAC2 Participant Roll Call from NIMSS Roster**

Present: John Angelos (Secretary), Dale Bjorling, Frank Blecha, Christopher Chase, Harm Hogenesch, Lois Hoyer (Chair), Scott McVey, John Middleton, Gireesh Rajashekara, Srinand Sreevatsan, Alan Young, Qijing Zhang

Administrators: Shawn Donkin, Bob Smith

Absent: Clayton Kelling, Molly McCue, Mark Russell, Siba Samal

**b. Additions or deletions to the NIMSS list**

In an E-mail dated December 4, 2020, Clayton Kelling requested to be deleted from the roster. Scott McVey confirmed Clayton’s retirement and indicated that he replaced Clayton on the committee. NIMSS roster updates will be pursued.

Bob Smith from NIFA was present for the roll call and presented the group with a NIFA update sheet (attached). He intends to be an active participant in group meetings and should be invited to subsequent NCAC2 events. Bob mentioned that Tim Sullivan is our secondary NIFA representative on NCAC2. Bob left the meeting before the project reviews began.

**2. Project Reviews**

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| **New/Renewal FY21 Projects**  | **Reviewers** | **Recommendation** |
| 1. **NC\_temp1192**: An integrated approach to control of bovine respiratory diseases, [https://www.nimss.org/projects/18831](https://urldefense.com/v3/__https%3A/www.nimss.org/projects/18831__;!!DZ3fjg!vLmbD8xOHiVhBbG0yuuOdo0l5GcW1jf63l7zVsUYh787FfwqB4SE3-L3GMDPjSeQag$)
 | 1. Harm Hogenesch2. Frank Blecha | Approve with minor revision |
| 1. **NC\_temp1029:** Applied Animal Behavior and Welfare, [https://www.nimss.org/projects/18776](https://urldefense.com/v3/__https%3A/www.nimss.org/projects/18776__;!!DZ3fjg!vLmbD8xOHiVhBbG0yuuOdo0l5GcW1jf63l7zVsUYh787FfwqB4SE3-L3GMBpaQfVqQ$)
 | 1. Dale Bjorling2. Frank Blecha | Approve with minor revision |
| 1. **NC\_temp1211** (New NC project): Precision Management of Animals for Improved Care, Health, and Welfare of Livestock and Poultry, [https://www.nimss.org/projects/18777](https://urldefense.com/v3/__https%3A/www.nimss.org/projects/18777__;!!DZ3fjg!vLmbD8xOHiVhBbG0yuuOdo0l5GcW1jf63l7zVsUYh787FfwqB4SE3-L3GMBMkdWfFw$)
 | 1. Lois Hoyer2. Alan Young | Approve with minor revision |
| 1. **NCERA\_temp219:** Swine Production Management to Enhance Animal Welfare, [https://www.nimss.org/projects/18800](https://urldefense.com/v3/__https%3A/www.nimss.org/projects/18800__;!!DZ3fjg!vLmbD8xOHiVhBbG0yuuOdo0l5GcW1jf63l7zVsUYh787FfwqB4SE3-L3GMDryBe3Zw$)
 | 1. Gireesh Rajashekara2. Qijing Zhang | Disapprove |
| **Midterm Reviews FY21 Projects**  | **Reviewers** | **Recommendation** |
| 1. **NC2040**: Metabolic Relationships in Supply of Nutrients for Lactating Cows, [https://www.nimss.org/projects/18450](https://urldefense.com/v3/__https%3A/www.nimss.org/projects/18450__;!!DZ3fjg!vLmbD8xOHiVhBbG0yuuOdo0l5GcW1jf63l7zVsUYh787FfwqB4SE3-L3GMC3Mhb1Yw$)
 | 1. John Middleton2. John Angelos | Approve |
| 1. **NCCC308**: Nutrition and Management of Feedlot Cattle to Optimize Performance, Carcass Value and Environmental Compatibility, [https://www.nimss.org/projects/18449](https://urldefense.com/v3/__https%3A/www.nimss.org/projects/18449__;!!DZ3fjg!vLmbD8xOHiVhBbG0yuuOdo0l5GcW1jf63l7zVsUYh787FfwqB4SE3-L3GMCty0dCGg$)
 | 1. Srinand Sreevatsan2. Chris Chase | Approve with revisions |

**3. Current Status of Committee Leadership**

Currently, Lois Hoyer is serving as the Committee Chair (2020-2022) and John Angelos is the Committee Secretary. John will become Chair for the 2022-2024 term. The committee discussed identifying a successor for John. No one volunteered. Potential changes to the committee leadership terms were discussed including a rotation among schools so that the leadership is not tied to a person, but to an institution, with each school taking a turn in a leadership role. Discussion also featured the idea that the term as Secretary and Chair be one year each, which would lead to a two-year, rather than four-year, total commitment to the roles.

Previous decisions for committee leadership were made when the group last visited at NIFA in Washington, DC several years ago. No one could recall whether leadership was identified beyond 2022-2024 at that time. Frank agreed to check his notes and meeting minutes. The topic will be brought up again at subsequent committee meetings.

**4. Other Topics from the Group**

Throughout the review of projects, it was clear that beneficial modifications could be made to the standard reporting forms. Recent and future changes in reporting forms would provide better documentation of multistate project successes and lead to more accurate and informed reviews of group activities and documentation of actual collaborations by multistate group participants. Shawn agreed to bring these ideas to the next level of review.

The group briefly reviewed the previous association between the NCAC2 business meeting and the annual AAVMC meeting in Washington, DC. It was agreed that the connection to AAVMC was exclusionary for people who are not part of the veterinary college/school Associate Deans for Research group. Zoom teleconferencing, now a stable part of everyone’s meeting skills, provides an ideal means to gather at other times during the year. Committee members agreed to consider potential other activities for the committee and to consider an additional virtual meeting perhaps early in the fall semester. Potential topics include identifying better ways to initiate and sustain multistate research projects and analyzing the dynamics and practices of productive multistate research teams.

Shawn reminded the group of the roles for NCAC2. These include project review, as well as identifying new areas of research concentration. The Committee has not served in the latter role for some time. Shawn also reminded the group that NCAC2 can add representatives from other schools to the committee. The newly reconstituted committee membership, as well as the collegiality and enthusiasm of its members, suggest that NCAC2 could play a larger role in the multistate research system.

The meeting adjourned at 1:00 PM (Central Time)