

NCAC2 FY22 Project Reviews and Annual Business Meeting Minutes
Virtual meeting held on Tuesday, February 7, 2023
11:00 AM – 1:00 PM Central Time
(9:00 AM – 11:00 AM Pacific Time; 12:00 PM – 2:00 PM Eastern Time)

1. NCAC2 Participant Roll Call

Present:

Pamela Adkins; Missouri - University of Missouri

John Angelos (Chair); California - University of California, Davis

Frank Blecha; Kansas - Kansas State University

Christopher Chase; South Dakota - South Dakota State University

Harm HogenEsch; Indiana - Purdue University

Lois Hoyer; Illinois - University of Illinois

Suresh Marulasiddappa; Wisconsin - University of Wisconsin

Molly McCue; Minnesota - University of Minnesota

Scott McVey; Nebraska - University of Nebraska

Heidi Pecoraro; North Dakota - North Dakota State University

Angela Pillatzki; South Dakota - South Dakota State University

Gireesh Rajashekara; Ohio - Ohio State University

Guillermo Scaglia; North Dakota - North Dakota State University

Michael Schutz; Minnesota - University of Minnesota

Srinand Sreevatsan; Michigan - Michigan State University

Alan Young (Secretary/Chair-Elect); South Dakota - South Dakota State University

Anne Dorrance; Administrative Advisor: Multistate Review Committee; Ohio - Ohio State University
College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences

Robert Smith; USDA-NIFA Representative; National Program Leader- Animal Health

Kathe Bjork; USDA-NIFA Representative; National Program Leader- Animal Health

Christina Hamilton; NCRA Assistant Director and NIMSS System Regional System Administrator

All in attendance introduced themselves and their affiliations. Thanks were extended to Chris Hamilton who is key to helping organize proposals for this committee to review.

b. Welcome new NCAC2 members

Our newest committee members were recognized: Pamela Adkins (Missouri); Guillermo Scaglia (North Dakota); Heidi Pecoraro (North Dakota); Angela Pillatzki (South Dakota); and Paul Plummer (Iowa).

3. NIFA updates (Bob Smith; Kathe Bjork)

Bob extended thanks to peer reviewers of NIFA grant proposals, and acknowledged that the success of these programs really hinges on efforts by peer reviewers. Bob provided NIFA updates (distributed with the meeting agenda) related to personnel, budget, and competitive programs. Specific mention was made of the [Veterinary Services Grant Program](#) and [Veterinary Medicine Loan Repayment Program \(VMLRP\)](#) designed to support veterinarians going into food animal/rural practice in areas of need, and the fact that efforts by educational institutions to help teach veterinary school graduates on grant writing are needed. Bob noted that proposals that are not funded through the [Small Business Innovation Research \(SBIR\)](#) might also fit under the following AFRI programs: Agricultural Biosecurity, under the guidance of Dr. Michelle Colby, and Diseases of Agricultural Animals, under the guidance of Drs. Tim Sullivan and Kathe Bjork.

Kathe noted the addition of objectives related to tribal animal health in section A1221 (2d. Diseases of Agricultural Animals) of the [Agriculture and Food Research Initiative Competitive Grants Program](#)

[Foundational and Applied Science Program](#). Kathe also pointed out that there will be a virtual stakeholder listening session on establishment of a new Laying Hen and Turkey Research competitive grant program (February 14, 2023; see: <https://www.nifa.usda.gov/virtual-stakeholder-listening-session-laying-hen-turkey-research-program>).

2. Project Reviews

Project Review Instructions:

- Primary Reviewer: Present the review and recommendation
- Secondary Reviewer: Supplement primary review as needed and recommendation
- Open comments from remainder of NCAC2 participants
- Primary reviewer submits completed review through NIMSS by **February 15, 2023** (log in at www.nimss.org, select Reviews >> My Reviews >> Edit/Input)

Current Proj # (Temp #)	Renewal or Midterm (R/M)	Title/Reviewers	Project/Proposal Homepage (Ctrl+Click to follow link)	Review Template (for viewing only; reviews should be submitted into the NIMSS online form assigned to the Primary reviewer)
NC2040 (NC_temp2040)	R	<i>Metabolic Relationships in Supply of Nutrients for Lactating Cows;</i> Primary: John Angelos; Secondary: Pamela Adkins	https://www.nimss.org/projects/18963	AppH: https://www.nimss.org/forms/appendix_h.pdf Recommendation: Accept with minor revision
NCCC308 (NCCC_temp308)	R	<i>Nutrition and Management of Feedlot Cattle to Optimize Performance, Carcass Value and Environmental Compatibility;</i> Primary: Scott McVey; Secondary: Mike Schutz; Guillermo Scaglia; Gireesh Rajashekara	https://www.nimss.org/projects/18951	AppJ1: https://www.nimss.org/forms/appendix_j1.pdf Recommendation: Approve/continue with normal revision.
NC1209	M	<i>North American interdisciplinary chronic wasting disease research consortium;</i> Primary: Frank Blecha; Secondary: Heidi Pecoraro	https://www.nimss.org/projects/18702	AppI: https://www.nimss.org/forms/appendix_i.pdf Recommendation options: Approve/continue with normal revision.

3. Review Committee Leadership and Succession Plan & Roles and Responsibilities:

The succession plan that was established following the 2022 meeting was reviewed (see below). Given the fact that leadership has been established for the next few years, we anticipate that the leadership plan can be revisited again at the 2024 meeting. Based on discussions and final agenda from Jan 2022 meeting, the following succession plan was established as shown below:

Role:	Jan/Feb 2023 meeting	Jan/Feb 2024 meeting	Jan/Feb 2025 meeting	Jan/Feb 2026 meeting
Chair	John Angelos	John Angelos	Alan Young	Alan Young
Secretary/Chair-Elect	Alan Young	Alan Young*	Scott McVey	Scott McVey*
*Secretary/Chair-Elect assumes role of Chair immediately following the indicated meeting				

Role	Responsibilities
Chair	Drafts and distributes meeting agenda; sends out requests for reviewers; organizes meeting/date with participants in conjunction with regional system administrator; runs Business Meeting; works with Secretary to finalize meeting minutes; uploads final meeting minutes into NIMSS
Secretary (Chair-Elect)	Drafts meeting minutes (note: outgoing Secretary is responsible for compiling meeting minutes following the meeting in which they become the new Chair); works with Chair to finalize meeting minutes; is the Chair-Elect and becomes Chair following completion of a 2 year term as Secretary
Participant	Completes primary/secondary reviews as needed; primary reviewer compiles final comments and recommendations in collaboration with secondary reviewer and uploads final review into NIMSS by listed deadlines

4. Other agenda items

No other agenda items were brought forward.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at approximately 12:20 pm CST.