

Basic Information

- **Project No. and Title:** NCAC14 : Plant Pathology
- **Period Covered:** 01/01/2021 to 12/31/2022
- **Date of Report:** 04/03/2022
- **Annual Meeting Dates:** 02/14/2022 and 02/17/2022 (Virtual)

Attendees

Marty Draper (Administrative Advisor), Tom Mitchell (The Ohio State University/Chair), Megan Kennelly (Kansas State University), Jim Bradeen & Ruth Dill-Macky (University of Minnesota), Amanda Gevens (University of Wisconsin), Tesfaye Meniste (Representing Purdue University), Jack Rasmussen (North Dakota State University), Loren Giesler (University of Nebraska-Lincoln), Sandy Pierson (Texas A&M), Adam Davis (University of Illinois), Lawrence Datnoff (Louisiana State University), Jeffrey Dean (Mississippi State), Ken Korth (U of Arkansas), Justin Talley (Oklahoma State), Carlyle Brewster (Clemson), Steve Lommel (NCSU)

Brief Summary of Minutes of Annual Meeting

Virtual Zoom Meeting - February 14 and 17, 2022

Due to the ongoing COVID19 pandemic the meeting was held virtually. The agenda (included below these notes) was distributed prior to the meeting.

Tom Mitchell (Chair) opened the meeting with introductions by all participants.

The attending group has members from North Central states well beyond the region that demonstrates our relevance and impact. For 2022 the group also invited the members of SAC11 and their administrative advisor Steve Lommel.

Our administrative advisor (Marty Draper) provided an update. The role of the advisor is to be a resource for the committee and clarify any information and general committee oversight for effectiveness. Below are the topics that he covered that we discussed. Some of the topics were reminders and expansions of topics from 2021.

- The different types of multi-state projects (research, research and extension, development, etc)
- Benefits of faculty participating in committees
- How funds are administered, which varies (sometimes significantly) among institutions
- How colleges are expected to report on administering the funds provided
- The role of dept committees in reviewing the progress of committees including monitoring their reporting
- How new projects are initiated and how institutions form around a topic

SAC11 advisor Steve Lommel also provided some history and context around how that group has operated in the past and indicated an interest in partnering again in the future.

Project reviews:

One of the main activities of the NCAC14 is to review activities of NC committees.

Required reviews (mid-term and renewal)

- **NC1208:**Biology, Etiology, and Management of Dollar Spot in Turfgrasses. Midterm review, <https://www.nimss.org/projects/18590>, presented by Megan Kennelly (KS); Steve Harris (IA). A motion was made and seconded to **continue** this project and it received unanimous vote of approval. Recommendations were made to seek external funding and to ensure that participating researchers formally join the project so that they are included in the Appendix E.

- **NCERA137:**Soybean Diseases, midterm review, <https://www.nimss.org/projects/18582>, was presented by Loren Giesler (NE), David Wright (SD). The activities of this committee were met with support. Some discussion of whether the committee's focus was too broad. A motion was made and seconded to **continue** this project and it received unanimous vote of approval.
- **NCERA184:**Management of Small Grain Diseases, Renewal. <https://www.nimss.org/projects/18343> was presented by Jack Rasmussen (ND), Sandy Pierson (TX). The activities of this committee were met with support. Recommendations were made to ensure that participating research and extension faculty are recruited to the new project and accurately represented in Appendix E. A motion was made and seconded to **renew** this project and it received unanimous vote of approval.
- **NCERA224:**IPM Strategies for Arthropod Pests and Diseases in Nurseries and Landscapes, Renewal. <https://www.nimss.org/projects/18353>, presented by Amanda Gevens (WI), Megan Kennelly (KS). A motion was made and seconded to **request a revision of the report to clarify impact, progress, and participation.**

General progress of ongoing projects

Though not required, the NCAC14 group recently decided to annually discuss the progress of all projects help encourage/recruit new faculty to join appropriate projects, raise overall awareness of project activities, and head off issues before mid- or renewal timepoints.

Extension and Research Committees:

- NCERA222 Integrated Pest Management - Adam Davis (IL), Bruce Barret (MO)

Research Committees

- NC1183 Mycotoxins in a Changing World - Marty Draper (KS), Sandy Pierson (TX)
- NC1197 Practical Management of Nematodes on Corn, Soybeans and Other Crops of Regional Importance - Loren Giesler (NE); Amanda Gevens (WI).

Coordinating Committees

- NCCC307 Biochemistry and Genetics of Plant-Fungal Interactions - Jim Bradeen (MN), Tom Mitchell (OH)

State Reports and General Discussion

Tom Mitchell and Loren Giesler volunteered to develop a standard operating procedures manual for the group to facilitate smooth transitions from old chair to incoming chair and to help the overall group understand our roles, responsibilities, reporting timelines, reporting procedures, etc. The group discussed that it could be housed in NIMMS or perhaps in a private-facing shared document system.

State reports were discussed by each representative. Topics included:

- faculty recruitments/retirements/staffing/upcoming hires
- changes in upper administration (president and VP level gaps, searches, etc)
- justice/diversity/inclusion/equity initiatives including discussion of acronyms DEI and JEDI that our various institutions use
- departmental mergers
- business processes and structures such as shared hubs and centralized services
- 9 vs 12 month contracts
- mentoring of junior faculty

- undergraduate programs
- teaching needs/course “gaps”

Election of officers:

- Megan Kennelly will be the Chair for the coming year.
- Steven Harris will be the incoming chair after Kennelly

Future meeting plans:

There was discussion that the SAC11 group would like to host the group. SAC volunteered to lead on local arrangements. Various dates, locations, and formats were discussed along with pros and cons of different options. Since the group has met virtually twice there is enthusiasm for an in-person meeting in 2023.

Notes recorded and submitted by Megan Kennelly

Agenda
2022 NCAC14/SAC11 Virtual Meeting

Zoom: <https://osu.zoom.us/j/94184328243?pwd=N1dJckF4Y1dzMFZyMFhRUIRkVmZ3Zz09>

Monday, February 14 (1:00-4:00 EST)

- 1:00-1:30 PM Introductions, housekeeping
- 1:30-2:15 PM Updates from NCAC14 Administrative Advisor (Marty Draper)
- 2:15-2:45 PM Updates and Comments from SAC11 Administrative Advisor (Steve Lommel)
- 3:00-3:15 PM Break
- 3:15-4:00 PM Required Project Reviews:

Project # (Renewal #)	Renewal or Midterm (R or M)?	Title	Link to Project Page in NIMSS
NC1208	M Kennelly(1) Harris. (2)	Biology, Etiology, and Management of Dollar Spot in Turfgrasses	https://www.nimss.org/projects/18590
NCERA137	M Giesler (1) Wright (2)	Soybean Diseases	https://www.nimss.org/projects/18582

NCERA184	R Staiger (1) Rasmussen (2)	Management of Small Grain Diseases	https://www.nimss.org/projects/18919
NCERA224 (NCERA_temp224)	R Gevens (1) Kennelly (2)	IPM Strategies for Arthropod Pests and Diseases in Nurseries and Landscapes	https://www.nimss.org/projects/18875

4:00 PM Wrap up and any homework assignments for Thursday's meeting
Virtual Social – all interested can have breakout rooms and random groups

Thursday, February 17 (1:00-4:00 EST)

1:00-1:30 Summary report of non-mandatory project reviews

Extension and Research Activities

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- **NCCC307** Biochemistry and Genetics of Plant-Fungal Interactions - Jim Bradeen (MN), Tom Mitchell (OH)

1:30-3:00 PM Business meeting

- 1) State reports and university updates
- 2) Elect officers (Vice-Chair)
- 3) Location for 2023 meeting

3:00-4:00 PM Group discussions

- Vacancies, collaboration opportunities, operations during COVID, other>>>>

4:00 PM Adjourn