

**NCAC-24**  
**2006 Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**Washington, DC**  
**January 19 & 20, 2006**

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**Members in Attendance:** Matt Baker – Texas, Robert Birkenholz –Ohio, William Camp – New York, Thomas Dormody – New Mexico, Jack Elliot – Arizona, Bryan Garton – Missouri, Steven Harbstreit – Kansas, Darrell Hartle –Minnesota, Tracy Hoover – Pennsylvania, James Leising – Oklahoma, Robert Martin – Iowa, Allen Talbert – Indiana, Greg Thompson – Oregon, Daniel Wheeler – Nebraska, Scott Witter – Michigan, Gary Lemme, Administrative Advisor.

**Guests:** Henry Bahn – CSREES/ECS; Jeff Gilmore – CSREES/HEP; Pat Hipple – CSREES/NRI; Roger Tormoehlen, Purdue University – Indiana

**Meeting Call to Order:** The NCAC-24 Committee Chair Robert Birkenholz called the meeting to order at approximately 8:30 a.m., January 19, 2006. The annual meeting of the NCAC-24 committee was held at the Waterfront Centre, Washington, DC.

**Welcome:** Guests Bahn, Hipple, and Gilmore welcomed the NCAC-24 committee to Washington, DC and CSREES.

**Opening Remarks:** Chair Birkenholz had the group introduce themselves.

The meeting agenda was reviewed and approved.

**Registration:** There was no registration fee.

**Minutes of 2005 Meeting:** Secretary Allen Talbert presented the minutes from the 2005 meeting held in Galveston, TX, January 20-21, 2005. The minutes were approved.

**New Members:** The membership roster of the committee was reviewed. Two states are considering requesting membership: North Carolina and South Carolina. Florida and South Dakota need to update the Appendix E to officially add their representatives to this committee. Requests are to be initiated by the experiment station director and directed to the Administrative Advisor.

**Administrative Advisor Report:** AA Gary Lemme provided comments about his role on the committee. Formal responsibilities include approving new members, transactional items, and providing advice. It is important for this committee is to identify collaborative opportunities for

research across state lines. He challenged the group to connect into the Extension network and to maintain a connection with CSREES to provide Agricultural Education input into the research agenda. He informed the group of efforts to develop department head and other leaders for the future. He reminded the secretary to submit minutes to NIMSS within 30 days. A question and answer session followed his comments.

**State Reports:** Each representative provided an update of research activities and program issues in their respective states.

**CSREES:** Colien Hefferan, Administrator of CSREES, gave a welcome. The challenge is to get adequate funding for high priority efforts. CSREES looks for focused efforts while allowing for faculty creativity. The multi-state program is increasingly becoming important. It brings together expertise that resides at different campuses across numerous states. More Hatch funds may be moved into competitive programs especially those that are multi-state projects. Higher Education Programs, especially graduate education funding, will concentrate more on focal areas. Recommends that this be a discussion topic for NCAC-24 to provide input on what areas should be funded in future years. CSREES is committed to continue to build the Challenge Grants program. The question is how to improve and grow this program. Globalizing the experience is a high priority for CSREES. This includes graduate and undergraduate education, as well as getting faculty involved in international activities. October 3-5, 2006 is the NASLGC Academic Summit that NCAC-24 members might want to attend. A question and answer session followed her comments.

**Council on Food, Agricultural, and Resource Economics (C-FARE):** Tamara Wagester, Executive Director of C-FARE, gave an overview of the organization (see handout). She highlighted the possibility for a grant for economics education in the secondary curriculum that Agricultural Education could collaborate with C-FARE. She also provided a legislative update on the Farm Bill and related issues. For further information go to the website [www.house.gov/agriculture/](http://www.house.gov/agriculture/) A question and answer session followed her comments.

**CSREES Integrated Programs:** Deborah Sheely, Director of Integrated Programs, gave an overview of the program (see handout). Key is the word “integrated” which is to bring the three components of research, extension, and education together around a problem area or activity. Program areas are food safety, water quality, and integrated pest management. Proposals with an education and extension focus need to be submitted and education/extension faculty need to be on peer-review panels. To volunteer to serve on a panel, should state what expertise you bring to the panel.

**USDA Higher Education Programs:** Jeff Gilmore, Director of Higher Education Programs of USDA provided the committee with a description of the USDA Higher Education Programs (see distributed materials). The best proposals are multi-disciplinary, multi-functional, and multi-state. Agricultural Education faculty should volunteer for review panels. A question and answer session followed his comments. Website: <http://www.reeusda.gov/serd/hep/hep.htm>

**Agricultural Education Research Priorities Report:** Robert Birkenholz distributed a draft of a Research Priority Areas report. Send feedback to members of the committee. The five

overarching areas are Agricultural Communication, Agricultural Leadership, Agricultural Education in Community Settings, Agricultural Education in University Settings, and Agricultural Education in Schools. The various constituent groups (AAAE, ACE, ALE) will be asked to endorse the document.

**CSREES, Competitive Programs:** Anna Palmisano, Deputy Administrator, provided an overview of the programs. She encouraged us to be lead investigators on proposals. A question and answer session followed her comments.

**Regional Reports:** The Chair distributed three regional research reports for review. He appointed three subcommittees to provide feedback to the entire group.

Proposal for NCDC titled “Technological Innovation of Information and Educational Systems for Rural Communities” was reviewed. The subcommittee recommends that the proposal be rewritten to meet the requirements for an NCDC committee. The subcommittee noted there is merit and potential in the proposal. When revised, the proposal needs to be submitted through the NIMSS system. It was moved and seconded to revise and submit the proposal to MRC. Motion passed.

Proposal for NCDC titled “Identifying Models that Build Human and Social Capacity in Rural Communities” was reviewed. Feedback was provided regarding following multistate, multidiscipline guidelines. The subcommittee recommends that the proposal be revised and submitted through the NIMSS system for review by the Multistate Research Committee (MRC). It was moved and seconded to revise and submit the proposal to MRC. Motion passed.

A subcommittee reviewed NC 1003 “Impact Analysis and Decision Strategies for Agricultural Research” and presented a synopsis for the midterm review. The NCAC-24 Committee discussed the progress, linkages, funding, and information and technology transfer accomplishments/impacts. It was moved and seconded to recommend approve/continue the project with normal revision. Motion passed.

Gary Lemme recommended that for future years, the Chair appoint a subcommittee prior to the annual meeting to review projects assigned to NCAC-24. This can be done electronically.

The meeting adjourned for the day at 5:00 p.m.

The NCAC-24 meeting reconvened at 8:30 a.m. on Friday, January 20, 2006 by Committee Chair, Robert Birkenholz.

**Election of NCAC-24 Officers (2006-2008):** Nominations were solicited for the offices of chair, vice chair, and secretary to begin in 2006 after this meeting and end at the conclusion of the 2008 meeting. Unanimously elected were: Chair, Joe Harper – Illinois; Vice Chair, Roger Tormoehlen – Indiana; Secretary, Matt Baker – Texas.

**Meeting Place for 2007:** After a brief period of discussion, the committee decided to hold the 2007 meeting on January 17-19, 2007 in Washington, DC. The meeting and the itinerary will extend from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Thursday and from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon on Friday, with Wednesday to serve as a travel day. Chair Harper will coordinate with Pat Hipple to host the 2007 meeting and make the necessary arrangements.

**Economic and Community Systems:** Frank Boteler, Deputy Administrator, Fen Hunt, National Program Leader, and Henry Bahn, National Program Leader, presented an overview. They outlined potential new educational initiatives for graduates in the food and agribusiness management area (undergraduate and graduate degrees in agriculture). A question and answer session followed their comments.

**USDA National Research Initiatives:** Pat Hipple, program leader of social sciences for NRI, provided the committee with an overview of NRI. She distributed several handouts and discussed how Agricultural Education can fit within the competitive programs. Two major changes in NRI from last year. Markets and Trade will alternate with Rural Development and be offered every other year, with Rural Development offered this year. These NRI programs will be for research only, and will not invite proposals that encompass extension or education functions. The program now has one research priority is to increase economic opportunity and improve rural quality of life. She highlighted programs within NRI that solicit integrated approaches. The International Science and Education Competitive Grants Program have opportunities for Agricultural Education. She answered questions throughout her presentation.

**WERA-207 Ag in the Classroom Report:** Jack Elliott reported on the efforts of the committee. The committee is going from a planning committee to a project. He encouraged states to consider appointing a member to the committee when the announcement comes out. The next meeting is April 18-22, 2006 in Boise, Idaho. A question and answer session followed his comments.

**National Advocacy Committee Report:** Leising reported on efforts of this committee. One effort was to revise the eligibility requirements for the Secondary Agricultural Education Challenge Grant program to allow four-year university faculty to be principal investigators. The collaboration with secondary programs would still be required with most of the funds still invested on the local level. Another was to provide input on the 2007 Farm Bill. A question and answer session followed his comments.

**ESCOP Social Science Committee Report:** Committee members Birkenholz, Elliott, Camp, and Leising are also members of the ESCOP Social Sciences Committee. Birkenholz described the purpose of the ESCOP committee and its meetings (see handout). A question and answer session followed his comments.

**CoFARM Report:** Bob Martin participates on CoFARM conference calls. He has been able to add an Agricultural Education perspective to the discussions. Website: [www.cofarm.org](http://www.cofarm.org)

**National Council for Agricultural Education Report:** Camp described efforts of the Council. One is the legislative items described above. Another is developing content standards for secondary agricultural education. The Council is seeking funding for this effort. A question and answer session followed his comments.

**Strategic Planning for NCAC-24:** Birkenholz provided materials to lead the group in looking at the purpose, mission, vision, goals, objectives, and action plans of NCAC-24. Discussion followed regarding what this committee could do over the next five years to enhance the research of our profession. Functions of this committee include: identify priorities for research; identify strategies to enhance research and development; identify strategies to increase capacity for Agricultural Education research; and identify success/accomplishments that we are achieving to accomplish these goals. Birkenholz charged the Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary to further explore and report back at next year's meeting.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 12:00 p.m. on Friday, January 20, 2006.

Respectfully submitted,

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B. Allen Talbert, Secretary  
NCAC-24 Committee, 2006

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Gary Lemme, Administrative Advisor  
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