

2012 NCAC-1 Meeting  
NIFA Headquarters, Washington DC  
January 23-25, 2012

**MINUTES**

January 24<sup>th</sup>, 8 am

Introductions

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NIFA & Administrative Advisor Updates

(Ray Knighton) Significant changes at NIFA that have been under way for some time are beginning to take shape. Although the total budget may increase slightly, less funding is expected to be available to support new projects this year due in part to the approach NIFA took last year of more fully expending available funding to support projects. Funding levels for Coordinated Agricultural Projects are expected to be approximately one-half that of the prior year. ARS has historically utilized earmark funding as a way to initiate new programs, so the absence of this source of funds will impact their programs as well. NIFA travel budgets have been reduced significantly, so National Program Leaders will no longer travel to states to discuss programs of work for Hatch and Smith-Lever funds. Also, NIFA will no longer be providing leadership for periodic program reviews.

(Ken Grafton) Ken mentioned that the North Central Experiment Station and Extension Directors commissioned a study by Battelle titled POWER & PROMISE: Agbioscience in the North Central United States, The importance of North Central Experiment Stations, Extension Services and their Land-Grant Universities in the Global Bioscience Economy. The full report is available at <http://nccea.org/documents/powerandpromiseweb.pdf>

Project Reviews

New or terminating projects

1. NC7 (Lamkey)
  - a. Motion to approve, seconded, passed unanimously.
2. NC1168 (Kells)
  - a. Motion to approve with minor revision, seconded, passed unanimously.

3. NCCC84 (Lamkey)
  - a. Motion to approve with revision, seconded, passed unanimously.
4. NCERA103 (Rosen)
  - a. Motion to approve with minor revision, seconded, passed unanimously.
5. NCERA184 (Kells)
  - a. Motion to approve with minor revision, seconded, passed unanimously.

#### Midterm Reviews

6. NC1178 (Collins)
  - a. Motion to approve with minor revision, seconded, passed unanimously.
7. NC1179 (Lamkey)
  - a. Motion to approve with revision, seconded, passed unanimously.
8. NC1181 (Collins)
  - a. Motion to approve with minor revision, seconded, passed unanimously.
9. NC1182 (Casey)
  - a. Motion to approve with revision, seconded, passed unanimously.
10. NCERA3 (S. Anderson)
  - a. Motion to approve with minor revision, seconded, passed unanimously.
11. NCERA212 (J. Anderson)
  - a. Motion to approve with minor revision, seconded, passed unanimously.
12. NCERA212 (S. Anderson)
  - a. Motion to approve with revision, seconded, passed unanimously.

#### State Reports

1. North Dakota (School of Natural Resource Sciences) (Casey)
2. Minnesota (Rosen)
3. Purdue (J. Anderson)
4. Michigan (Kells)
5. Missouri (Soils) (S. Anderson)
6. Missouri (Plant Sciences) (Collins)
7. North Dakota (Plant Sciences) (Horsley)
8. Iowa (Lamkey)

#### Miscellaneous

Marty Draper, National Program Leader, stopped by the meeting room to be introduced.

Ali Mohamed, Director of the Division of Environmental Systems, stopped by and spoke briefly to the group about the programs he manages.

The group discussed possible changes in the approach to conducting project reviews with the goals of allowing more flexibility in scheduling the meeting (project reviews are due in early February) and to allow more time for discussion of issues of common interest. Common issues might include how the various departments handle budget management, faculty hiring and promotion, graduate and undergraduate academic programs, and others. The group agreed to gather information on how the other NC Administrative Committees handle project reviews to

assist in exploring alternatives. It was mentioned that one of the other committees may conduct project reviews by email exchange prior to their NCAC meeting, which is held in May.

#### Current and Future Meeting Information

For the 2012 meeting Kendall Lamkey served as Chair and Mike Collins as Secretary.

The 2013 will be in Missouri and Mike Collins will coordinate with assistance from Steve Anderson. Joe Anderson will coordinate the 2014 meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 5:00PM

*January 25<sup>rd</sup>, 8 am*

Some members of the committee met with Karl Glasener, Director of Science Policy for the ASA, CSSA, and SSSA at their office in Washington, DC.