

Minutes
Meeting of the NCAC6
February 3, 2020

The Committee met via Zoom web conference call at 10:00 AM Eastern Standard Time. Members of the SAC-02 were also on the call, with 25 members, representing both committees, participating in the call. Clint Krehbiel (U. of Nebraska) chaired the NCAC6 meeting.

After self-introductions and brief comments from Don Marshall, NCAC6 Administrative Advisor, the Committee began review of NC multi-state projects.

NC1184 Review:

Mike Schutz (U. of MN), served as Primary Reviewer of NC1184 and led the discussion of this project. The project titled *Molecular Mechanisms Regulating Skeletal Muscle Growth and Differentiation* is due for renewal, and thus the proposal was considered under Appendix H review criteria. Some minor recommendations were suggested, including ways to enhance interactions and collaborations among the group. Schutz moved to recommend acceptance of the proposal, pending minor revisions, and he and other members planned to follow up with the group to discuss and facilitate revisions. The motion was seconded and was passed by unanimous vote.

NC214 Review:

Marc Bauer (NDSU) served as Primary Reviewer for NC214 and led the discussion for the review. The project titled *Increased Efficiency of Sheep Production* was formerly a NCERA, and the current version constituted a new proposal and was considered under appendix H review criteria. It was noted that the goals did not include wool production or ecosystem management; however overall, the proposal was well-formulated with high potential for success. Bauer moved to recommend approval of the proposal with minor revisions. John Foltz (OSU) seconded the motion which passed by unanimous vote.

NC1201 Review:

Mike Day (K State) served as Primary Reviewer for this project and led the discussion. The project titled *Methods to Increase Reproductive Efficiency in Cattle* was due for a mid-term review thus Appendix I considerations were applied. Concern was expressed that little collaboration was evident for the research associated with this project, however there appeared to be good productivity and collaboration for the extension and outreach aspects of the project. Day moved to recommend continuation of the project, but with the additional recommendation that project members be urged to increase research collaborations for a more cohesive productivity. Schutz seconded the motion which passed by unanimous vote.

NC1202 Review:

Alan Mathew (Purdue U.) served as Primary Reviewer for this project and led the discussion. The project titled *Enteric Diseases of Food Animals: Enhanced Prevention, Control and Food Safety* was due for a mid-term review, thus Appendix I considerations were applied. It was noted this project had a strong history of productivity and member attendance at annual meetings was very good. Collaboration across member institutions was evident and research projects were well-coordinated, and included collaborative USDA grants. Mathew moved to recommend continuation of the project, with no suggestions for enhancement/improvement. Vikram Mistry (SDSU) seconded the motion which passed by unanimous vote.

NCERA225 Review:

Joe Cassidy (SDSU) served as the Primary Reviewer for this project and led the discussion. This project, titled *Implementation and Strategies for National Beef Cattle Genetic Evaluation* was due for a mid-term review, thus Appendix I considerations were applied. It was noted that this project had a strong extension component with good dissemination of information. Member attendance at annual meetings was also good. Cassidy moved to recommend continuation of the project. Marc Bauer seconded the motion which passed by unanimous vote.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting of NCAC6 was adjourned, and general discussions with SAC-02 followed.

Respectfully submitted,
Alan Mathew
Secretary, NCAC6