

Minutes for NCR-194 Research on Cooperatives
Wednesday, October 29, 2003
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Kansas City, Missouri

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Chair:

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Vice Chair:

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Secretary:

Michael Boland
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Treasurers:

Michael Boland and David Barton
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Members in Attendance:

Bruce Anderson, Cornell University
Jim Baarda, USDA RBCS
David Barton, Kansas State University
Michael Boland, Kansas State University
Sanjib Bhuyan, The State University of New Jersey – Rutgers
Fabio Chaddad, Washington State University
Michael Cook, University of Missouri
Bob Cropp, University of Wisconsin Center for Cooperatives
John Dunn, USDA RBCS
Joan Fulton, Purdue University
Roger Ginder, Iowa State University
Peter Goldsmith, University of Illinois
David Hahn, Ohio State University
Shermain Hardesty, University of California - Davis
Brian Henehan, Cornell University
Sue Hine, Colorado State University
Julie Hogeland, USDA RBCS
Phil Kenkel, Oklahoma State University
Gregg Lawless, University of Wisconsin Center for Cooperatives
Darrell Mark, University of Nebraska
William Nelson, Cenex Harvest States

Brian Oleson, University of Manitoba
Chris Peterson, Michigan State University
Ashwini Rao, University of Wisconsin Center for Cooperatives
Anne Reynolds, University of Wisconsin Center for Cooperatives
David Trechter, University of Wisconsin, River Falls
Eric Thor, Arizona State University
Randall Torgerson, USDA RBCS (retired)
Evert Van der Sluis, South Dakota State University
Kimberly Zeuli, University of Wisconsin Center for Cooperatives

Other individuals attending NCR-194

Jeremias Alvarez, Farm Credit Administration
Vincent Amanor-Boadu, Kansas State University
Hanas Cader, Kansas State University
Elvis Cordova, Farm Credit Administration
Albert Daoust, Agriculture Canada
Myles Duffy, Farm Credit Administration
Joe Folsom, USDA RD
Ray Hammarlund, Kansas Department of Commerce
Roger Herman, University of Saskatchewan
Elisabeth Howard, University of Wisconsin
Constantine Iliopoulos, Greece
Lena Lind, Swedish University of Agriculture Science
William Matthews, University of Missouri
John Moore, Farm Credit Administration
Anup Menon Nandialath, Kansas State University
Tom Sharkey, University of Wisconsin
Sreedhar Upendram, Kansas State University
Peng Xu, Farm Credit Administration

Members Absent:

Harvey Brooks, University of Alberta
Joe Coffey, Midlothian, VA
Ron Cotterill, University of Connecticut
Kenneth Duft, Washington State University
John Foltz, University of Idaho
Murray Fulton, University of Saskatchewan
Allan Gray, Purdue University
Steve Halbrook, Farm Foundation
Wes Harrison, Louisiana State University
James Haskell, USDA Rural Business-Co-op Services
Bill Heffernan, University of Missouri
David Holder, USDA-CSREES
Robert King, University of Minnesota
Mahlon Lang
Stephen Lauck, CoBank

Randall Little, Mississippi State University
Thomas Little, National Council of Farmer Cooperatives
William Nelson, North Dakota State University
Jay Noel, California Polytechnic State University
Emmanuel Onunkwo, South Carolina State University
Burton Pflueger, South Dakota State University
Dick Poorbaugh, Pennsylvania State University
Bruce Reynolds, USDA/RBS/CS
Timothy Richards, Arizona State University
Richard Rogers, University of Massachusetts
Jeff Royer, University of Nebraska
Richard Sexton, University of California – Davis
Edward Smith, Texas A & M University
Thomas Sporleder, Ohio State University
Thomas Stafford, USDA Rural Business –Cooperative Services
David Swanson, Doherty Rumble & Butler
William Thomas, University of Georgia
Mike Thomsen, University of Arkansas
David Trechter, University of Wisconsin – River Falls
Ruby Ward, Utah State University
Dave Weatherspoon, Michigan State University
Robert Weaver, Pennsylvania State University
Lionel Williamson, University of Kentucky
Timothy Woods, University of Kentucky

BUSINESS MEETING

Agenda:

1. Approval of Past Minutes
2. Report from Nominations Committee
3. Election of Officers
4. Treasurer's Report
5. Reauthorization of NCR-194
6. Discussion of Journal of Cooperatives
7. NCR-194 meeting structure
8. Resolutions

NCR-194 Annual Meeting, 2003

Chair David Trechter called the meeting to order at 3:19 p.m. He indicated that attendance included 45 registered individuals and four walk-ins which was an all time record for attendance for NCR-194.

Approval of Past Minutes

A motion was put forth, seconded and accepted to approve the minutes of the November 13 meeting, 2002 annual meeting.

Financial Report

Michael Boland gave the financial report. As of October 29, 2003, NCR-194 had a balance of \$1,002.42 (report attached).

Report from Nominations Committee

Joan Fulton reported on nominations for executive officers. The Nominations Committee consisted of Joan Fulton, Kim Zeuli, and Roger Ginder. The committee's nominations were:

1. Chair: Evert Van der Sluis
2. Vice Chair: Michael Boland
3. Secretary: Phil Kenkel
4. Treasurers: Michael Boland and David Barton

Motion made and seconded to approve the list of nominees and to cast a unanimous ballot. Motion approved.

Reauthorization of NCR-194

Phil Kenkel indicated that the report had been submitted and approved. Joan Fulton reported that Sally Thompson was not present but indicated that Sally was pleased with the program and that everyone was doing a great job. A motion was made, seconded, and approved unanimously to pass a resolution thanking Phil Kenkel for all his work involved with obtaining reauthorization for NCR-194.

Chairman Trechter asked that a resolution be made to thank the CHS Foundation in general, and William Nelson in particular for providing scholarships to graduate students, which helped them to attend the NCR-194 and Farmer Cooperatives meetings. Said motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously.

Chairman Trechter asked that a resolution be made to thank Randy Torgerson for his enthusiastic support of NCR-140/NCR-194, his contributions to cooperatives, and congratulations upon his retirement. Said motion was made and seconded. The resolution passed unanimously.

Discussion of Journal of Cooperatives

Roger Ginder stated that the Journal is still a relevant research outlet that serves the purposes of NCR-194 and others interested in agricultural cooperatives. Ginder stated the Journal remains open to receiving, and encouraged audience members to submitting manuscripts. The National Council of Farmer Cooperatives (NCFC) has indicated that it will no longer sponsor the Journal. Roger Ginder reported that the AAEEA would do the editing and collect fees. A 2003 edition will be done in print form.

Editor John Dunn reported that manuscripts were being accepted and that additional manuscripts are needed to create an entire issue of the Journal of at least 60 pages or 6-7 articles.

A discussion of methods on how to finance the Journal was held. Page charges will increase from \$25 a page to \$40 a page.

William Nelson reported on NCFC and its future. A discussion was held regarding NCFC activities.

NCR-194 Structure

With regards to the planning for the 2004 annual meeting, Chairman Trechter asked for input on whether or not the meeting should be held to coincide with the annual Farmer Cooperatives meeting. A one day meeting vs. a two day meeting was discussed.

Joan Fulton advised keeping the door open for other possible times, so as to maintain the group's ability to respond to developments that might be relevant to NCR-194. Possible alternatives were to hold NCR-194's annual meeting just before or after annual meetings of the Association of Cooperative Educators (ACE), NCFC, or WCC-72 (the Western Coordinating Committee on Agribusiness). After discussion, a motion was made and seconded to hold the 2004 annual meeting of NCR-194 jointly with the annual Farmer Cooperatives meeting. Motion approved unanimously.

Other Items

Secretary Boland reported on the ten Agricultural Innovation Centers that were recently funded by USDA Rural Business and Cooperative Service. Five of those centers have agricultural economists with ties to NCR-194 (Cornell, Kansas State, Michigan State, Penn State, and Purdue). Reports were made on those centers.

Boland reported that USDA RBCS was still looking for reviewers for the Value-Added Product Market Development Grant (VADG) grants and that reviewers should not be afraid to make clear decisions in their reviews.

Business meeting adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

Research Reports

The following research reports were presented. The entire papers may be found on the NCR-194 web site (<http://www.agecon.ksu.edu/acc/ncr194/default.htm>):