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National Genetics Resources Council Informational Conference Call
Monday, March 18, 2019, 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. EST.

National Genetics Resources Council Committee Members Present: Dr. Kevin McCluskey, Dr. James McFerson, Dr. Sarada Krishnan, and Dr. Terrence Tiersch

Not: Dr. Harvey Blackburn

NAREEE Board Staff: Michele Esch, Executive Director/Acting Chief of Staff, REE and Shirley Morgan-Jordan, Program Support Coordinator

Ex-Officio(s): * Dr. Peter Bretting

Roll call was taken.

Michele welcomed and thanked everyone for joining the call.

- The last face to face meeting was in August. There has been a couple of Board members that have rolled off the committee.
- The new 2019 Farm Bill passed in December with changes to the several committees including the NGRAC. The Farm Bill changes the membership from 9 to 13 members. Now there is 6 members shall be appointed from the Scientific disciplines, 3 members shall be appointed from General Public, 4 members shall be appointed from expertise in Cultivar Development and Animal Breed Development, and 4 members shall be appointed from 1862 Land Grant Colleges and Universities, 1890 Land Grant Colleges and Universities, 1994 Equity in Education Land-Grant Institutions, or Hispanic-serving Institutions.
- We are encouraging all members to help us find replacements for the NGRAC Board. If you have someone that is eligible, please forward their name to the NAREEE Advisory Board Office.
- The last day for the Appropriations to be passed by Congress is September 30, 2019.
- There was question on how the terms will play out so that there will still be some staggering in the expiration of members. The new NGRAC Members that will be

appointed will serve a 4-year term which will expire in 2023. We may have to adjust some terms so that there will still be a quorum as terms expire.

- It was agreed to keep the NGRAC Conference Calls on every 3rd Monday.
- Dr. Bretting stated that he and Dr. Krishnan will be attending a 2019 North America Growth Meeting from March 5-8, 2019.

Next meeting will be scheduled for April 15, 2019 @ 12:00 p.m., EST

The meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.