



MINUTES
Executive Committee Zoom Meeting
Friday, November 6, 2020, 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. EST

Executive Committee Members Present: Dr. David Baltensperger (Chair), Dr. Edmund Buckner (Vice-Chair), Dr. John Coupland, Mr. Richard De los Santos, Ms. Liz Hobart, and Dr. Jayson Lusk

Executive Committee Members Absent: Ms. Robin Beck, Dr. Sarah Francis, and Dr. Michael Oltrogge

NAREEE Board Staff: Ms. Kate Lewis, Executive Director

Ex-Officio(s): Dr. Jacobs-Young (ARS), Dr. Dionne Toombs (OCS),

Other: Bryan Kaphammer, Sarada Krishnan (NGRAC Member), Veronica Wong (REE)

Others Present: Dr. Rich Derksen (OSEC)...

I. Welcome and Roll Call of the Executive Committee Members and Other Attendees

An introduction and roll call were made by Kate Lewis. All EXECOM members and Ex-Officio stated their name and organization and Agency/category they represent.

II. Welcome from the Chair

Dr. Baltensperger welcomed everyone on the call. He called for the approval of the full Board's July 7-8, 2020 meeting minutes and the approval of EXECOMM Oct meeting minutes. Both were approved.

III. Office and REE Agencies

Dr. Hutchins was absent. Dr. Chavonda Jacobs-Young led the updates for ARS and the REE Agencies.

NASS – Dr. Kevin Barnes

Mr. Barnes...

ARS – Dr. Chavonda Jacobs-Young

Dr. Jacobs-Young stated...

ERS – Ms. Kate Lewis (for Michele Esch)

I have an email from Michele that I read but I can't find it. I'll get back to you on this.

NIFA – Dr. Bryan Kaphammer

NIFA has taken possession of their new building at 805 Pennsylvania Avenue in Kansas City. However, due to COVID they will not be occupying the building until it can be done safely. NIFA's hiring continues and currently there are 192 permanent staff onboard, with a number of others joining in the next few months. NIFA plans to be fully staffed sometime in 2021. NIFA continues implementing the suggestions from Project Café. The reporting system is being rebuilt and the extension portion was launched in September. Further modifications will be released throughout 2021. Other Project Café projects that are underway include modernizing the NIFA website, developing training tools for all the new employees, and increasing interactions with partner institutions.

OCS – Dr. Dionne Toombs

IV. Update on Reports/Letters

- Dr Sarada Krishnan gave an overview and presentation about NGRAC's Safeguarding and Distributing Priority Native Crop Wild Relative Genetic Resources of the United States. The report was approved as moved to the full board for final approval.
- Dr. Robin Beck was absent. The Relevance and Adequacy Review – Ag Climate Adaptation report was approved and moved to the full board for final approval.
- The NAREEE Board Letter about increasing Diversity/Inclusivity was approved and moved to the full board for final approval.

V. NAREEEAB Next Meeting

- A decision was made to hold the next board meeting virtually in February 2021. Dates TBD.

VI. Other Business

- Kate Lewis indicated that a public Federal Register Notice would soon be published for the goal of recruiting additional nominees for the Citrus Disease Subcommittee (CDS). Once it publishes in mid Nov, the notice on will close on 12/19/20.
- Kate also provided an out brief of the CDS 2020 public meeting that took place in Oct and Nov 2020 – three sessions. Goals of this meeting was to coordinate CDS feedback on recent awards and forward-looking strategy of/for NIFA's Emergency Citrus Disease Research Extension (ECDRE) Program.

- Kate updated all on the status of member solicitation (NAREEE/SCC/NGRAC) appointments. Current member terms have been extended to December 31, 2020; she hopes to be able to appoint new members before that date above.

VII. Next Steps Spring Meeting

- This discussion and next steps were captured in V. above

Meeting adjourned at 2:05 pm.

Next meeting will be Friday, December 4, 2020, at 1:00 p.m. EST

Dr. David Baltensperger
Chair

Dr. Edmund Bucker
Vice Chair

Kate Lewis
Executive Director

APPROVAL BY ADVISORY BOARD:

Date

Initials following Advisory Board Approval