



**MINUTES**  
**Citrus Disease Conference Call**  
**Wednesday, September 25, 2020, 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. EST.**

**Citrus Disease Committee Members Present:** Justin Brown, Harold Browning, Gregory Galloway, John Gless, Justin Golding, David Howard, Julia Inestroza, Matt McLean, William Roe, Mani Skari, Jim Snivey, and Julia Tenalu, William “Gee” Roe

**Absent:** Richard De los Santos

**NAREEE Board Staff:** Michele Esch, Chief of Staff, ERS and Shirley Morgan-Jordan, Program Support Coordinator

**Others Present:** Michael Fitzner, Ann Park-Lichens, and Robert Nowierski

**I. Welcome and Roll Call of Committee Members and Other Attendees**

Michele did a roll call.

**II. Welcome From The Chair**

Justin Brown did not have any updates.

**III. Update from NIFA on the ECDRE – Ann Lichens**

NiFA have made 12 awards - 5 cap and 7 standard. She thanked and acknowledge panel managers for scientific review and relevancy review. The areas supported for the 5 standard awards are on the CRISP website. The specific of the 5 projects supported: therapies and methods of delivering therapy to citrus trees and cultural methods to root health of affected trees and greeting more resistant citrus trees. The proposals that are publicly available are located at: [www.cris.nifa.usda.gov](http://www.cris.nifa.usda.gov).

There are presently 5 standard awards available to view and the cap awards will be loaded shortly. In a few days, all 12 will be loaded. The next steps for the committee will be when the committee meets for the next call. NIFA wants an official consultation within the next month so they can do the next round. The project awardees were asked to be prepared to give a 15 min presentation on their awards. The group plans to have a meeting with a couple of days. A broader history of the awards is needed and will be helpful to the CDS Committee when updating committee at the meeting. A briefing of

the last 5 years of the project will be helpful also. Once the CAP awards has been finalized, a CDS member will be appointed a member to be on the advisory group. Ann Lichens will help facilitate in putting a CDS member on the advisory group.

#### **IV. Other Business**

Michele requested an extension of membership term just until the end of the year to keep a quorum. We are asking for some names for CDS committee.

Next meeting will be scheduled for October 19, 2020 @ 12:00 p.m., EST

The meeting adjourned at 2:46 p.m.