



MINUTES
CDS Conference Call
Friday, May 8, 2020, 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. EST

Citrus Disease Subcommittee Members Present: Justin Brown, (Chair), Gregory Galloway, Justin Golding, David Howard, Julia Inestroza, Matt McLean, William “Gee” Roe III, Mari Skari

Citrus Disease Committee Members Absent: James Snively, Harold Browning, and John Gless

Absent: Ex Officio: Richard De Los Santos

Other Board Members: David Baltensperger, Chair, NAREEE Advisory Board

NAREEE Board Staff: Ms. Michele Esch, Executive Director and Ms. Shirley Morgan-Jordan, Program Support Coordinator

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

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

Ms. Michele Esch welcomed everyone and did the roll call.

II. Welcome from Chair

The CDS Committee approved the minutes from the March teleconference call.

III. Update from NIFA on the RFA for ECDRE

Ann Park-Lichens gave an update the ECDRE process stating that the deadline for submissions was May 4th. She received 21 CAP proposals and 44 standard proposals and proposals for each of the different types of priorities. A few Project Directors submitted multiple proposals and they weren't allowed to do that. Projects Directors are only allowed to submit one. They will reach out to the Project Directors for the ones to proceed with and the others will be returned.

They will hold a webinar on May 21st or 22nd. You will not be required to attend both days. The goal is to review the Relevancy Review standard proposals the first week in

June and the top proposals will move forward the second week in June. By the end of June, they will see the ones that reviewed well, and they will be asked to submit their proposal.

Late August and mid-August the scientific merit award will be reviewed. By September 1st they all will be reviewed and hopefully finalized by September 30th. She stated that a person can be a PI on one project and be a Co-PI on another project. When one PI submits multi projects, it doesn't tend to be a good project. It's best they pick one. Either be the PI or the Co-PI on the project submitted. Questions concerning the submittal of projects was asked and answered. Michele Esch stated that she submitted names for the review on the proposal this morning. She told the members if they have names for submission to please do so that they can see the availability for the review process ahead of time. The pre-app deadline is May 4th and it had to be submitted first. Those are the ones that move forward. CDS members will be invited to listen to the technical review.

Questions were asked on the submission of confidentiality and past figures. Ann Park-Lichens stated that the number of application submissions will eventually go down and some of the awards will have high budgets. The second part of the phase for review will be value to the industry and then typical merit in the review process. Ann Park-Lichens stated that she would send a reminder to the members who are to be on the review process.

A Technical Review Panel Manager had been identified and that is good. The name will be revealed on the next CDS Conference call.

IV. Other Business

- The members stated that calendar invites are helpful to the committee for calls going forward.

Meeting adjourned at 3 pm.

Next meeting will be Friday, June 19, 2020 at 2 p.m. EST