



USWBSI Steering Committee Meeting
Minutes – September 26, 2000, 10:00 – 4:00 Central Time
Chicago, IL

Members Present: Tom Anderson, Lynn Dahleen, Mike Davis, Ruth Dill-Mackey, Jack Eberspacher, Elias Elias, Gary Hanning, Pat Hart, Rich Horsley, Yue Jin, Roger Jones, Gary Lemme, Doyle Lentz, Pat Lipps, Marcia McMullen, Jackie Rudd, Greg Shaner, Rick Siemer, Rick Vallery, and Rick Ward

Members Absent: Chris Bowley, Tim Dodd, Mike Ellis, Lawson Jones, Bill Laskar, Steve Leath, and Maynard Satrom

Invited Guests: Tom Hohn and Gene Milus

Support Staff: Sue Canty

1) Current Status of the U.S. Wheat & Barley Scab Initiative

- A. Strategic Overview – Rick Ward presented an overview of the organizational structure, and planning and budget process of the Initiative (handout attached). During the overview Mike Davis was asked to give an update on the funding for next year. Mike indicated that although the Agriculture Appropriation Bills in both the House and the Senate contain an increase of \$800,000, the final bill has not been passed.
- B. Research Area Updates
 - a. Biotech - Lynn Dahleen gave an update on the research projects currently being funded (handout attached). L. Dahleen indicated that there were no problems with the ranking and reviewing of the projects last year.
 - b. Chemical and Biological Control – Marcia McMullen gave an update on the research projects currently being funded (handout attached).
 - c. Epidemiology – Pat Lipps gave an update on the research projects currently being funded (handout attached).
 - d. Food Safety, Toxicology & Utilization – Pat Hart gave an update on the research projects currently being funded (list of projects attached). Pat commented on the large number of samples that were tested by some of the projects involved with diagnostic services – over 5,000 samples.
 - e. Networking & Facilitation Office (N&FO) – Rick Ward gave an overview of the N&FO, including objectives, accomplishments, and the budget (handout attached)
 - f. Germplasm Introduction and Enhancement – Yue Jin gave an update of the research projects currently being funded (handout attached). He also commented on the need for a coordinated National effort on improving the process of bringing in seed from CIMMYT. The Initiative will try to work with ARS, APHIS, and CIMMYT to try to speed up the process.

- g. Variety Development & Uniform Nurseries – Jackie Rudd gave an update of the research projects currently being funded (handout attached).
- 2) Committee Membership Issues
- A. Executive Committee
 - a. The steering committee approved the process for appointing members to the Executive Committee; it's structure, function, and membership are as follows:
 - i. Co-chairs of Executive Committee – Tom Anderson and Rick Ward
 - ii. Barley Representatives – Rich Horsley and Mike Davis
 - iii. Winter Wheat Representatives - Rick Siemer and Greg Shaner
 - iv. Spring Wheat Representatives – Rogers Jones and T.B.A.
 - b. The steering committee asked those members of the steering committee representing spring wheat to meet separately to select a representative to nominate for the executive committee. The spring wheat group nominated Jackie Rudd for the executive committee. Rudd accepted the nomination and the steering committee approved the appointment.
 - c. There was also a motion to appoint Herb Ohm as Chair of the Variety Development & Uniform Nursery research committee (Rudd was chair of committee), and ask Jim Anderson to move from the Biotech research committee to the Variety Development committee. Motioned was approved. (J. Rudd will contact H. Ohm and J. Anderson)
 - d. M. McMullen made the motion to add a Durum rep to the executive committee and nominated Elias Elias. Dill-Mackey seconded the motion. After much discussion, the motion was tabled.
 - B. Steering Committee
 - a. The overall function and structure of the Steering Committee was discussed and approved, with Tom Anderson and Rick Ward reaffirmed as co-chairs.
 - b. Motioned made and approved to contact all members on the steering committee not present to request that that they notify the Networking & Facilitation Office (N&FO) of their willingness to continue serving on the steering committee. The following areas require a confirmed representative:
 - i. Millers – National Millers Association
 - 1. Rick Siemer will contact the association and request that Art Loeffler be reaffirmed or another rep be appointed.
 - ii. Wheat Growers – If Mike Ellis is not willing to continue serving on SC, Jack Eberspacher will help find a replacement
 - iii. Seed Industry
 - 1. Tom Hohn will discuss with John Salmeron assigning a rep from Novartis to serve on the steering committee
 - 2. We will try to get a rep from Busch-Ag. Mike Davis will contact Busch-Ag.
 - iv. Crop Protection (changed from Fungicide/Chemical Company) – Jack Eberspacher will send us the address for the American Crop Protection Association. Marcia McMullen will contact their association to discuss willingness to have a rep serve on the SC.
 - v. Pathology/Wheat – Gene Milus was added as a fourth rep.
 - vi. Food Safety/Toxicology - Pat Hart will try to find rep from Industry.

- vii. Pasta Industry – Elias Elias will try to find second industry rep for the Pasta Industry area.
- viii. Consumer Group – Rick Vallery suggested Judy Adams of the Wheat Food Council. N&FO will work with Rick Vallery on getting someone appointed.
- ix. Consultant Group area dropped from steering committee.

C. Research Area Committees

- a. Motion was made and approved that the steering committee would be responsible for the composition and appointment of members, but would empower the executive to appoint members, if steering committee is unable too.
- b. Motion made and approved to have a minimum number for four members on each research area committee.
- c. Composition of current research area committee and appointment of new members or change in members:
 - i. Biotech Committee – Lynn Dahleen (Chair), Sharyar Kianian (Co-chair), Anne Blechl, and Jim Anderson. Since Jim Anderson has been reassigned to the Variety Development & Uniform Nurseries committee, the steering committee approved the appointment of Gary Muehlbauer to the Biotech committee.
 - ii. Chemical and Biological Control – Marcia McMullen (Chair), Gary Bergstrom (Co-chair), and Gene Milus. The steering committee approved the appointment of Tim Paulitc to the Chemical and Biological Control committee. M. McMullen will contact him to ask if he is willing to serve.
 - iii. Epidemiology and Disease Management – Pat Lips (Chair), Leonard Francl (Co-chair), Ruth Dill-Macky, and Bob Bowden.
 - iv. Food Safety, Toxicology & Utilization – Pat Hart (Chair), Phil Schwartz (Co-chair), and Jim Pestka. Hart will ask Vince Haggerty (non-scab person) to review pre-proposals.
 - v. Germplasm Introduction & Enhancement – Anne McKendry (Chair), Yue Jin (Co-chair), Elias Elias, and Brian Steffenson
 - vi. Variety Development & Uniform Nurseries – Herb Olm (Co-Chair & Chair designate if he accepts), Kevin Smith. Jim Anderson and Paul Murphy will be asked to serve on the committee (Both Anderson and Murphy have since agreed to serve on the Variety Development & Uniform Nurseries research area committee.)

3) Review of procedure used to recommend funding to ARS.

A. Recommended Process

- a. Research area committees submit a description of their area for approval by the steering committee.
- b. Once pre-proposals are received by the N&FO, a book containing the pre-proposals (separated by research area) are sent to each member of research area committee as well as to all members of the executive committee.
- c. Each member will fill in a review sheet for each pre-proposal. The research area chair will collect the review sheets from each member of the committee create a tally of the reviewers' ratings, so as to make a recommendation for funding to the Executive Committee (EC).

- d. The EC will then meet with each research area committee (RAC) chair to discuss their recommendations.
 - e. Once the EC has met with each RAC chair, they will sit down to see if the recommendations fit with the current budget.
 - f. The EC then produces a budget/funding report to the steering committee (SC) for recommendations/approval.
- B. The steering committee approved the current review process, but requested that it be written out and distributed to the committee members.
 - C. Update from Jack Eberspacher on the development of a national wheat research program within the National Association of Wheat Growers (NAWG). It is a priority of NAWG to try to create a balance in its representation. One way of doing that is to get universities, especially extension/outreach, involved with this national research program, as well as industry.
- 4) Agenda for 2000 Forum
- A. After much discussion, the following changes were made to the agenda:
 - a. Registration would be from 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.
 - b. More time needed to be given meeting with the authors of posters.
 - B. The steering committee discussed the idea of appointing a sub committee to organize the annual Forum. No decision was made at this time. However, a conference call will be scheduled with the chairs of the RAC and the EC to get input for the upcoming Forum.

Meeting adjourned at 5:07 p.m.

Minutes recorded by Sue Canty