Participants:

Kevin Armbrust, Louisiana State Agricultural Experiment Station
Allan Felsot, Washington State Agricultural Experiment Station
Cathleen Hapeman, USDA-ARS Beltsville, MD
Vince Hebert, Washington State Agricultural Experiment Station
Jeff Jenkins, Oregon State Agricultural Experimental Station
Qing Li, Hawaii Agricultural Experiment Station
Glenn Miller, Nevada Agricultural Experiment Station
Bob Peterson, Montana State Agricultural Experimental Station
Chris Pritsos, Nevada Agricultural Experiment Station; W-3045 Administrative Advisor
Michael Sadowsky, Minnesota Agricultural Experiment Station
Tracy Sterling, Montana State Agricultural Experiment Station

Esteemed Guests: Ann Lemley, Tom Collins, Alan Schreiber, James Moyer, Thomas Henick Kling

Monday, 6 June 2016

Welcome and Introductions:
Acting Chair Peterson convened the meeting at 8:35 a.m. The group thanked Vince Hebert and Allan Felsot for hosting the meeting. Hosts Hebert and Felsot welcomed everyone to Washington State University, Tri-Cities and provided information about the Tri-Cities campus. Administrative Advisor Pritsos followed with comments about Hatch funding, AFRI funding, and recent efforts by APLU to try to get federal lawmakers to address the pressing issue of deferred building and infrastructure maintenance. Michael Sadowsky, University of Minnesota and Minnesota Agricultural Experiment Station, was welcomed and he introduced himself to the group.

Report Reviews:
Nine report reviews (Peterson, Li, Jenkins, Armbrust, Hebert, Hapeman, Sterling, Felsot, Miller) were critiqued. Five reports were reviewed in the morning and four were reviewed in the afternoon.

Tour of WSU Wine Science Center
Participants received a tour of the WSU Wine Science Center from Dr. Tom Collins from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m.
Marijuana Pest Management and Pesticides
Dr. Alan Schreiber, AGD Research Group, presented to participants an overview of pest problems in marijuana in the Pacific Northwest. He focused on pesticide concerns given the current lack of tolerances and labeled uses.

Welcome from WSU Associate Dean
Dr. James Moyer, WSU Associate Dean and Director of the WSU Agricultural Research Center, welcomed participants to WSU and provided information on Washington agriculture.

The first-day session ended at 5 p.m.

Tuesday, 7 June 2016

Acting Chair Peterson convened the meeting at 9 a.m. Participants unanimously voted to admit Dr. Michael Sadowsky to W-3045.

Old Business
The 2015 Minutes were approved. Motion to approve (Miller); seconded (Hapeman). Unanimously approved.

New Business
Acting Chair Peterson thanked Felsot and Hebert for hosting the meeting and Felsot for hosting participants at his home the previous evening.

The group discussed the process for approving minutes. The group decided that rather than approving the previous year’s minutes during the following year’s meeting, it would approve them soon after the current year’s meeting before they are submitted.

The group discussed meeting days of future meetings and concluded that a travel day of Monday was better than Sunday. Future meetings will have the travel day on a weekday.

The group discussed the location of the 2017 meeting. It was decided that the 2017 meeting would be in Baton Rouge, June 6-8. Motion to approve (Miller); seconded (Pritsos). Unanimously approved. The group thanks Fred Michel who offered to host the meeting in Wooster, Ohio. The group is very interested in having a future meeting in Ohio.

The group discussed the review process for reports and decided that the current process was effective and well respected internally and externally. The group discussed recruiting new members, especially from states without current representation. A list of potential members was produced and specific members will contact them.

Emerging issues were discussed, especially as they relate to the 2017 meeting location. Issues included Zika virus/mosquito control, climate change, Gulf dead zone.
Meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.


Photographs from vineyard and winery visits and meeting.