

Minutes of the Business Meeting of NCR-194, Research on Cooperatives
Tuesday, November 2, 2004
Fairmont Hotel
Kansas City, Missouri

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Members in Attendance:

David	Barton
Michael	Boland
Michael	Cook
Anthony	Crooks
Joan	Fulton
Roger	Ginder
Peter	Goldsmith
Steve	Guebert
Shermain	Hardesty

Brian	Henehan
Roger	Herman
Susan	Hine
Phil	Kenkel
William	Nelson
Frayne	Olson
H. Christopher	Peterson
Burton	Pflueger
Evert	Van der Sluis
Kim	Zeuli

Other Individuals Attending:

Georgeanne	Artz
Alena	Bosse
Molly	Chambers
Trent	Craddock
Vernon	Eidman
Elaine	Farmer
Mary	Holmes
RaNae	Isaak
John	Jones
Jennifer	Keeling
Fredy	Kilima
Fabiona	Lastoria
Juan	Liu
Chris	Merrett
Bradley	Plunkett
Leslie	Shuler
Judy	Turpin
Donald	Waltz
Barbara	Whitelaw
Christopher	Wilson

Call to Order

Chairman Evert Van der Sluis called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

Approval of minutes from the 2003 Annual Meeting

Secretary Phil Kenkel distributed the 2003 meeting minutes. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Kim Zeuli and seconded by Joan Fulton. Motion carried.

Nominating Committee Report

Jim Baarda, Roger Ginder and Kim Zeuli gave the nominating committee report. The committee recommended an officer slate consisting of: Mike Boland-Chair, Phil Kenkel-Vice Chair and Sue Hine-Secretary. There were no further nominations from the floor. A motion to elect the recommended slate of officers by acclamation was made by Chris Peterson and seconded by Burton Pflueger. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Mike Boland presented the financial report. Prior to the meeting expenses, the organization had a balance of \$5,823. Mike reported that NCR-194 had received \$2,000 for student scholarships from the CHS Foundation and dispersed approximately \$4,000 in total scholarships. The projected balance after the 2004 meeting expenses was \$1,541. A motion to approve the financial report was made by Chris Peterson and seconded by Phil Kenkel. Motion carried.

Reauthorization Report

Evert Van der Sluis reported on communications received from NCR-194 Administrative Advisor Sally Thompson on the new nomenclature for projects. This requires NCR-194 to designate itself as either a Coordinating Committee (NCCC-194) or an Education/Extension & Research Activity (NCERA-194).

The description for a Coordinating Committee is *“activities that provide a mechanism for addressing critical regional issues where multistate coordination or information exchange within a function (research, extension or education) have expected outcomes, convey knowledge and our peer reviewed.*

The description of an Education/Extension Research Activity is *“Activities that serve to integrate education (academic and/or extension) and research on a particular topic where multistate coordination or information exchange within a function (research, extension or education) have expected outcomes, convey knowledge and our peer reviewed.*

The NCR-194 executive committee recommended the NCERA designation because the committee's activities include research, extension and education. A lengthy discussion ensued. A motion was made by Chris Peterson and seconded by David Barton that the group pursue the NCERA designation contingent upon further investigation by the executive committee to confirm that the committee's outcomes are consistent with the requirements of the NCERA designation. Motion carried.

Annual Report

Joan Fulton passed on information from Administrative Advisor, Sally Thompson, that the committee needed to complete and file an annual report on the NMIS system. Mike Boland volunteered to coordinate and draft the report. Evert Van der Sluis recommended that each committee member provide Mike Boland with a short paragraph on their activities.

2005 Annual Meeting

Evert Van der Sluis led a discussion on the time, place and format for the 2005 annual meeting. Mike Boland reported that the current format appears to offer sufficient time for sharing research results. Thirteen papers were submitted for the 2004 meetings and all submissions were presented, 10 as papers and 3 as poster presentations. William Nelson commented that the ability for students to attend both the annual Farmer Cooperatives Conference and NCR-194 meeting helped justify the scholarship support from the CHS Foundation. The consensus of the members present was to continue coordinating the NCR-194 Annual Meeting with the Farmers Cooperative Conference. The group expressed a preference for timing the NCR-194 meeting following the Farmer Cooperatives Conference and for a combined time format of either Monday through Wednesday or Wednesday through Friday. Kim Zeuli reported that the 2005 Farmer Cooperatives Conference was tentatively planned for Minneapolis, MN.

Student Registration Fees and Financial Support

Evert Van der Sluis and Mike Boland reported on student scholarships for the Farmer Cooperatives Conference and the NCR-194 meeting. Evert commented on problems with student requests past the deadline and encouraged the group to do a better job of alerting students of the opportunity and application deadline. William Nelson commented that it would be appropriate for NCR-194 to charge registration fees for students receiving scholarships if the student registration waivers would adversely impact NCR-194's finances. Kim Zeuli commented that two individuals who had registered for the Farmer Cooperatives Conference but were unable to attend, had asked that their registration fees be used to fund students.

Resolution of Appreciation

A motion thanking the CHS Foundation and the Ralph K. Morris Foundation for their support of the meeting and thanking CALS Outreach for facilitating the registration process was made by Joan Fulton and seconded by Chris Peterson. Motion carried.

Journal of Cooperatives

Roger Ginder reported that the 2003 edition of the Journal of Cooperatives was being published and that the journal was accepting articles to complete the 2004 edition. Several committee members commented on the lengthy review process (over one year in some cases). Roger reported that NCFC was interested in being the copyright home for the journal and assisting with distribution.

Student Research Recognition

William Nelson reported that NCFC Education Committee is interested in bringing back the student research recognition and that NCR-194 may be able to manage the process. Mike Boland will follow up with NCFC and William Nelson and report back to NCR-194.

Coop Textbook

Dave Barton reported on the cooperative text book project. Dave Barton suggested that a conference be held to revise and complete the project. Dave and Mike expressed optimism that the project could be completed in the coming year.

Other Business

Randy Torgerson encouraged the group to lobby for research funds from USDA RD.

A motion thanking Evert Van der Sluis for his dedicated service as chair was made by Phil Kenkel and seconded by Brian Henehan. The motion was approved.

The meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.