



February 10, 2023 – 8 a.m.

Graduate Boardroom, IHotel and via Zoom

Committee members present in person: Cindy Skrukrud, Michael Ganschow, Jeff Kirwan, Dirk Rice, David Droste, Don Guinnip, Mark Litteken, Chuck Cawley, Tim Laatsch, Jake Vossenkemper, Ronaldo Maghirang, Trevor Sample, Matt Duncan, Scott Lager.

Committee members present via Zoom: David Wessel

Others present in person: Julie Hewitt, Shani Golovay

Others present via Zoom: Jennifer Jones (ISA), Megan Dwyer (ICGA), Lauren Lurkins (ILFB)

The meeting was called to order by committee Chairman Matt Duncan at 8:04 a.m.

Cindy Skrukrud moved to accept the minutes of the November committee meeting, Scott Lager seconded. Motion passed.

The committee did a debrief on the Investment Insights Live event which was held the previous day. Discussion centered on ways to improve the event for next year and on defining the audience that we want to reach. Action items included: 1) hold a breakout session/event for students, 2) require a one-pager for presenters and poster exhibitors, and 3) explore creating “tracks” of subject areas.

Dr. Golovay reviewed the current projects and talked through wheat planting dates in the SIU cover crop project. She also let the committee know that she is gathering all of the reports and beginning the work on the Annual Report. She also indicated that she will be working with Angela Kent to put together a one-pager on her project.

Matt Duncan and Julie Hewitt reviewed the updated voting system that was adopted at the December Council meeting. This system will be in place for the 2023/24 project review period.

The committee then held an open discussion around ongoing and/or emerging issues that may be a good fit for NREC research investments. Topics covered included:

- Shalamar’s watershed project – at some point should he switch the treated/untreated watersheds to evaluate how long it takes to make an impact
- Cover crop termination options if Roundup is no longer an option
- A cost-share guide for practices
- Because of the assumption that you need high N rates for high yields is there a need for an intensely managed study to show NUE
- Continue to keep an eye on the regional distribution of the research
- How much of the N in MAP/DAP are we losing when average temps are above 50 degrees
- Conservation rotation (wheat harvested as a cash crop)
- Strip-till. Is there a research opportunity there or is it just an outreach thing?

Dr. Golovay shared the timeline and process for adding new/updated practices to the NLRS and discussion was held around drainage water management.

Julie shared the plans for the Outreach & Education RFP.

Dr. Golovay and Julie reviewed the draft RFP letter and updated the language based on the discussion. That will be send out in March with a return date of mid-May.

David Droste moved and Trevor Sample seconded to adjourn the meeting at 12:00 Noon. Motion carried.

Dale Hadden moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:56 a.m. The motion was seconded by Jeff Kirwan.