

NCCC167
North Central Regional Corn Breeding Meeting
BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

Meeting was called to order by the chair, Natalia de Leon, at 4:00 pm

- 1 Approval of Minutes from 2010 Meeting
 - a. A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes.
- 2 Approval of Agenda
 - a. Several items were added to the proposed agenda (election of officers, discussion of regional trials, and sponsorship) and agenda items were reordered for ease of discussion.

3 Treasurer's Report

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<u>ce carried forward from 2010</u>	<u>\$911</u>
Registration fees (pre-registered)	\$3425
Registration fees (on site) estimated	\$700
Sponsorship by Monsanto (D. Cummins)	\$900
<u>Sponsorship by Pioneer (G. Graham & D. Bubeck)</u>	<u>\$2500</u>
Deposit for meeting	(\$325)
Conference room, meals, breaks estimated	(\$2200)
<u>Student presentation award</u>	<u>(\$250)</u>
BALANCE	estimated \$5661

Some things to consider for the future include:

- b. Reducing registration fee now that we have a positive balance
 - i. Online credit card pre-registration helps
 - ii. Approach more sponsors earlier
 - iii. Apply for a mini-grant for the meeting
- c. We should write a thank you letter to the sponsors including information on the number of students present, the presentations and result of student contest, and invite them to next year's meeting.

4 Secretary's Report

- a. None.

5 Advisor's Report

- a. Shawn Kaepler submitted the renewal. It is under review, and we will have a decision by April. If revisions need to be made, they are due by June 1. The renewed project begins 10-1-2011.
- b. Discussion of the budget situation and proposed cuts to USDA. Formula funds and NIFA will be impacted by the proposed cuts.

6 Items for Discussion

- a. Election of Officers
 - i. Treasurer – Marcelo Carena elected for another 3 year term
 - ii. Secretary – Paul Scott elected for a 2 year term
- b. Date, location, chair, and format for 2012 meeting
 - i. Options discussed included meeting in conjunction with:
 - 1. Maize Genetics Conference in Portland March 15-18; advantages include that most of our group attends MGC anyway, that this is a way to interact with basic scientists, and that there are many good speakers, lots of students, and includes Europeans.
 - 2. Joint meeting with NE Corn Improvement Conference at a currently unknown location and date.
 - 3. Illinois Corn Breeders School in Champaign-Urbana in early March, advantage is that a larger number of company corn breeders attend.
 - 4. SCC-80 meeting to be hosted by Dow with unknown location and date; advantages include the large number of students (50% of attendees).
 - ii. A vote resulted in MGC in Portland, OR, March 15-18.
 - iii. Natalia de Leon will contact the NE Corn Improvement to propose that we either hold the joint meeting in Portland in 2012 or postpone the joint meeting until 2013.
 - iv. Jode Edwards was elected as chair for 2012 meeting. He will determine the format of the meeting (one suggestion was for longer breaks for socializing).
- c. Status of NCCC167 renewal
 - i. Covered in Advisors report
- d. Station reports – none submitted, consequences?
 - i. A detailed station report is not needed for the annual report.
 - ii. Sherry Flint-Garcia will contact the NCCC167 group requesting publication lists (dissertations and peer reviewed publications).
 - iii. The annual report should contain the meeting agenda, abstracts, publications, business meeting minutes, and a summary paragraph

(number of students, number of corporate attendees, mention of the student presentation award, etc all relative to the previous year).

- e. Executive Committee (Flint-Garcia, Bohn, Scott, Frey, Brutnell) report?
Outcome of vote last year regarding mission statement and CBC bylaws?
 - i. A provisional executive committee was formed in 2009 to identify the community and draft a mission statement and bylaws.
 - ii. The mission statement and bylaws were approved at the 2010 meeting but no further action was taken.
 - iii. After much discussion, we agreed that a newly-elected, regionally-diverse provisional executive committee will contact the public with the message: 1 we are building the maize breeding community, 2 we are asking for their participation, 3 ask them to identify others at their institutions who are interested in maize breeding. Be sure to include to provisional mission statement and bylaws in the contact letter, and include a deadline for initial participation.
 - iv. After a list of participants is compiled, we will elect the first formal executive committee.
 - v. The name of this group will be “The Maize Breeding Community”
 - vi. A vote was held for the formation of the new provisional executive committee: Shawn Kaeppler, Torbert Rocheford, Wenwei Xu, Margaret Smith or Liz Lee, Nathan Springer, and Bill Tracy.
 - vii. Deadlines for the proposed work are to send out the public letter by April 15 and request a response by April 30.
- f. Fate of germplasm at “closed” programs – guidelines from subcommittee?
 - i. Candy Gardner will contact the Pennsylvania Ag Expt Station to ask if they will deposit their lines in Ames for free distribution.
- g. Joint meeting with NE Corn Improvement group in 2012
 - i. Covered in 2012 meeting planning.
- h. Inclusion of posters for next meeting
 - i. This is a good idea. It will be the 2012 Chair’s (Jode) decision to include posters in the meeting format.
- i. Student presentation award
 - i. All audience members voted for the student presentation award. Joana Novais from University of Illinois was the winner of the contest.
 - ii. The new award was well received by the group. This award will encourage high quality student research and presentations.

- iii. We should give the award a formal name. Options were discussed, and the group agreed on the “Larry Darrah Student Presentation Award”
- iv. Again, it was stressed that we should communicate our gratitude, a summary of student participation, and the outcome to our current sponsors.
- j. Conservation of written reports from prior NCR167 meetings
 - i. Discussed during round table discussion in the morning session of the meeting. Several in the group have complete or nearly complete sets of meeting reports. Natalia and Jode discussed working toward this goal. The issue is where should the data be housed?
- k. Regional trials
 - i. Continuation of these trials should be left up to the participants of each of the regions.
- l. Sponsorship
 - i. Solicitation of sponsors should be a responsibility of the formal executive committee.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:30 pm

Minutes prepared by Sherry Flint-Garcia