

**State Board of Agricultural Research
Minutes - October 20, 1997
Fargo, North Dakota**

The State Board of Agricultural Research met October 20, 1997 in Fargo, North Dakota, NDSU campus at the Northern Crops Institute at 1:30 p.m. Members present were: Sharon Anderson, Tom Archbold, Ryan Brooks, Tim Bryan, Sylvia Daws, Jerry Doan, Jody Hauge, George Heller, Pat Jensen, Burdell Johnson, Roger Johnson, Shirley Meyer, Tom Plough, Robert Todd, and Mark Weber. Others attending the meeting were: Dave Berryhill, Ken Bertsch, Lynn Brun, Wayne Carlson, and Al Schneider.

Chairman Jerry Doan opened the meeting. Minutes of the September 22, 1997 meeting were approved.

Chairman Doan said he is often asked about membership of the State Board of Agricultural Research. Doan requested each board member provide a list of their areas of involvement and/or representation so he would be able to respond to related inquiries.

Following up on previous discussions, members present all indicated they would be able to use the internet from their homes if the necessary software was installed. Members without a computer could use an institutional loaner if the decision is made to communicate by this method.

Sharon Anderson shared a draft position announcement for a community economic development specialist. She discussed the need for a position to provide program leadership that integrates community economics and leadership development into a strategic planning process for rural communities. Discussion seemed to indicate a need to provide leadership in this area. Chairman Doan suggested that in the board's advisory role to the Extension Service, they may say if it was a good idea, but that the decision to proceed would be left with administrators.

Robert Todd presented an overview of the dollars spent on livestock research at the experiment station. Todd reviewed the informational packet sent to board members and answered related questions.

The meeting adjourned and members of the board attended reviews of animal research programs held in Van Es Hall and at the NCI Feedmill Conference Room the rest of the afternoon and the following morning.

The next meeting of the State Board of Agricultural Research will be on campus November 24-25 and plant research programs and budgets will be reviewed.

Recorded by Margaret Olson