

**State Board of Agricultural Research
Minutes - December 16, 1998
Loftsgard Hall - NDSU Campus
Fargo, North Dakota**

The State Board of Agricultural Research met December 16, 1998 in Loftsgard Hall on the NDSU campus at 10:00 a.m. Members present were: Sharon Anderson, Tom Archbold, Ryan Brooks, Tim Bryan, Sylvia Daws, Jerry Doan, Cole Gustafson, Pat Jensen, Jeff Weispfenning for Roger Johnson, Dale Reimers and Mark Weber.

Chairman Jerry Doan called the meeting to order. The minutes of the October 2 meeting and the November 4 conference call were approved as distributed.

Doan introduced Cathy McDonald from the University System Office and Celeste Kubasta from the Office of Management and Budget. He commended them for including the State Board of Agricultural Research in the process of budget preparation. He indicated that the meetings he has had with legislative leaders have been very positive and the SBAR is highly regarded for their commitment to ag research. Doan suggested the State Board of Agricultural Research work on establishing long-term goals and priorities in keeping with progress.

Ag Budget Director Bruce Bollinger, Cathy McDonald, and Celeste Kubasta distributed copies of the governor's budget recommendations for NDSU agriculture, summarized them and responded to questions. Items to note:

- ▶ The governor's budget included \$1.3 million in new money for ag research, which includes most SBAR-ranked priorities
- ▶ \$500,000 in capital improvement funds were not included - the State Board of Agricultural Research should work to get that money reinstated since that project work is critical to research efforts
- ▶ "Costs to continue" are not included in ag budget
- ▶ Research Extension Centers now have one-line budgets, which will allow more flexibility in financial management
- ▶ The Extension Service budget was funded at 100%, but no new money was included in the governor's budget
- ▶ NCI received restoration from the 95% budget request

Chairman Doan suggested SBAR implement some type of long-range plan. He recommended formation of a subcommittee to develop ideas to present to SBAR for discussion during the legislative session. Mark Weber, Cole Gustafson, Pat Jensen, Sharon Anderson, Tom Archbold and Jerry Doan volunteered to serve. Burdell Johnson was also recommended to serve if he is willing.

The board discussed forming an executive committee. The committee would address issues requiring quick attention, without entire SBAR approval. Ryan Brooks made a motion to establish an executive committee, Tom Archbold seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved. Ryan Brooks moved that the committee include Jerry Doan, Burdell Johnson, and Cole Gustafson. Dale Reimers seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

The board discussed proposed changes to legislative language, which would give SBAR supervisory authority for extension, as well as research. Jerry Doan indicated concern has been expressed by some legislators he has visited with. They want to make sure SBAR is able to accomplish its work with research before adding more responsibility. After considerable discussion and input from individuals attending the meeting, Ryan Brooks made a motion to establish a small committee to review the issue and develop a plan. Dale Reimers seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously. Volunteers for the committee were Sharon Anderson, Ryan Brooks, Tim Bryan, Jerry Doan and Dale Reimers. Duane Hauck, Extension District Director, will also participate in the group's planning session.

Craig Schnell, Vice President for Academic Affairs, talked with the board about the Program Review Process at NDSU and how it affects recommendations made by SBAR.

Lori Capouch, ag research fund coordinator, visited with SBAR about some minor changes in legislative language and policy that would make the research fund more manageable. Issues noted include:

- 1) use of "cash receipts" as measure for allocated funds
- 2) hay (as a major crop) - no matches available
- 3) carryover authority
- 4) appointees from experiment station - whether researchers should serve only as a resource and not as voting committee member
- 5) questions about need for preproposals
- 6) proposed projects which cross over commodities

Cole Gustafson updated the board on the status of federal funds, implementation of an operating manual for the experiment station, and the need to establish policies for exclusive varieties.

Sharon Anderson brought it to the attention of SBAR that Central Grasslands Research Extension Center is the only center that does not have an extension connection. She indicated it could be beneficial to have that connection and such a proposal should be considered in the future.

Blaine Schatz, Carrington Research Extension Director, told members of SBAR that there have been some questions about the responsibilities of the research extension center advisory boards and their relationship to SBAR. Jerry Doan stated that the State Board of Agricultural Research needs to work very closely with the advisory boards. Members of SBAR were encouraged to participate in area multi-county program unit meetings and research extension center advisory board meetings.

Nine proposed initiatives were presented to SBAR for future consideration. The initiatives and their presenters were:

- 1) High speed connectivity for out-state centers/Paul Nyren
- 2) Enhanced processing of oilseeds and their co-products/Dennis Wiesenborn
- 3) Milling/Pat Berglund
- 4) Addition to the irrigation high value crops initiative/Jerry Bergman
- 5) Plant breeding/Al Schneider
- 6) Sclerotinia/Jim Venette
- 7) ND ag weather network/John Enz
- 8) Market assessment for new wheat variety development/Bill Wilson
- 9) Cooperative work with Roughrider Industries/Rudy Radke

The meeting adjourned at 4 p.m. and SBAR members were given a tour of the small animal research building on campus.

Recorded by Margaret Olson