

State Board of Agricultural Research and Education
Minutes – November 30, 2004
Doublewood Inn – Bismarck, ND

The State Board of Agricultural Research and Education met at the Doublewood Inn, Bismarck, ND beginning at 8:30 a.m. on November 30, 2004. Members present: Ole Aarsvold, Tom Archbold, Bob Bahm, Keith Bjerke (for Joseph Chapman), John Bollingberg, Tom Borgen, Randy Christmann, Jerry Effertz, Ed Goerger, Carol Goodman, Ken Grafton, Duane Hauck, Rodney Howe, and Roger Johnson.

Minutes of the August 31, 2004 meeting were approved as distributed.

Ken Grafton provided the following update:

- 1) NDSU Vice President for Research, Phil Boudjouk, sent several ideas for Centers of Excellence forward to the Chancellor's office for consideration.
- 2) The AES is still short on vacant positions.
- 3) Working with Departments of Plant Pathology and Plant Sciences on greenhouse proposal.
- 4) Discussion continued during NASULGC meetings about other states seeing budget reductions. NDSU is fortunate to hold even and present a needs-based budget.
- 5) The Horticulture Research and Demonstration Garden was dedicated during Harvest Bowl - it will provide a great showcase for the university.
- 6) Dr. Ken Odde continues work on the Beef Center for Excellence and a successful closure is anticipated.
- 7) Work continues on the Center for Genetics with some potentially intriguing opportunities with a company called Agrigen.
- 8) SBARE members are encouraged to participate in any of a series of winter meetings that will be held at research extension centers in the coming months.

Duane Hauck briefed the board as follows:

- 1) Ken Grafton, Duane Hauck and Tom Archbold met with the new university system chancellor to discuss working relationships and to explain funding.
- 2) There is potential to host a joint position between North Dakota, Minnesota and South Dakota that would foster relationships between the 1994 and 1862 land-grant institutions, with most attention on extension and outreach activities.
- 3) Shared article published in the Fargo Forum reporting how NDSU responded to adverse conditions during late summer and fall.
- 4) Shared a draft of this year's "Agriculture Highlights" to be distributed the end of December.

Jody Hauge, chair of the Ag Coalition, updated the board indicating there are currently 38 paid members. Two major organizations are still missing and are being encouraged to join – Farmer's Union and the North Dakota Stockmen's Association. The Ag Coalition feels the organization could be even stronger with those partners. She stated that 75% of members must be in favor of an idea/issue before the Ag Coalition takes a stand with the Legislature, showing very strong support from the ag community. Hauge stated that the next Ag Coalition meeting is December 9 and there will be a vote on whether to support greenhouse funding and the SBARE budget recommendations. She added that the Coalition has breakfast meetings at the State Capitol cafeteria each Thursday morning at 7:00 a.m. during the legislative session and SBARE members are invited to attend any of the meetings.

Tom Archbold told board members that an SBARE meeting will be held December 13-14 in Fargo, following the announcement of the governor's budget guidelines and a retirement dinner will be held for Patricia Jensen on that Monday evening at the Ramada.

Lori Capouch, Agricultural Research Fund administrator, requested approval from the board to proceed with granting committee meetings using the recommended committees. Board members reviewed the committee list provided and Rodney Howe made a motion to approve as presented with two corrections noted. Bob Bahm seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Capouch noted that the pool of grant funds is down by \$50,000 this year.

Arnold Kruse talked with the board about a perennial biomass proposal for which he is seeking support. He stated that he understands it is too late to gather support for this budget year, but would like SBARE to consider funding support in the future.

Ed Goerger, chair of the crops subcommittee, reported that the group has been working on details related to the greenhouse project. He said there is a plan to distribute a letter to commodity groups emphasizing the need for new greenhouses and the economic impact. He indicated that the governor's office is supportive and he anticipates support will be included in the governor's budget.

Ken Grafton said he plans to meet with Vice President Phil Boudjouk to connect with the federal delegation to work on securing federal funds for the greenhouse project.

Carol Goodman reported that the "other" committee deals with community issues, trends and concerns. She noted the biggest accomplishment was the Rural Leadership Program, which has been successful beyond expectations.

The board discussed possible names for the "other" committee to better identify the work they do. Suggested names included: social, North Dakota development, ag and educational, general issues, allied issues, and issues and development. Tom Archbold suggested board members think about it and it will be discussed at the next meeting.

In Burdell Johnson's absence, Jerry Effertz reported that the livestock subcommittee had met and continues to work on securing a private partner for the Beef Center of Excellence.

Randy Christmann told SBARE members concerned with the time it is taking to move forward with the beef center, that he believes good plans take time to materialize and if really pursuing excellence, it is okay to move slowly. He stated that if questions come up about a delay, individuals need to be prepared to present history and reasons for delay.

Tom Archbold reminded board members that the SBARE chair was to be elected annually and since he has served a full year, it was time for an election. Following discussion, Jerry Effertz made a motion to appoint Tom Archbold to continue as chair until his term expires June 30. John Bollingberg seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Carol Goodman nominated Jerry Effertz to vice chair and Ole Aarsvold seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Archbold recommended the following subcommittee memberships:

Crops: Ed Goerger, chair; Bob Bahm; John Bollingberg; and Tom Borgen

Livestock: Burdell Johnson, chair; Jerry Doan; Jerry Effertz; and Rodney Howe

Other: Carol Goodman, chair; John Bollingberg and Jerry Effertz

The two SBARE member/legislators will serve on committees as their interest and schedule permits and any member of the board is welcome to participate in any or all subcommittees. John Bollingberg made a motion to accept the subcommittee recommendations; Ed Goerger seconded the motion, which passed.

Ken Grafton reminded subcommittee chairs to contact Margaret Olson when they plan to meet so notices can be sent and interested board members are informed.

Archbold said the executive and budget subcommittees will remain the same, there will be no long-range planning subcommittee, and the chairs of subcommittees and the past chair will serve as the nominating committee.

Following a lunch break, the board reconvened and discussed proposed changes in the law relative to term limits for SBARE members. There have been some concerns with interpretation of the law and Tom Archbold wants clarification. Following discussion, John Bollingberg made a motion to request a change so that an individual appointed to serve an incomplete term is not precluded from serving two complete terms as appointed. Tom Borgen seconded the motion, which passed.

Tom Archbold talked about recruitment of the agriculture vice president (Vice President for Agriculture and University Extension) and stated that he has met with President Chapman and the President took SBARE's recommendation into consideration when working through the agriculture organizational structure.

Duane Hauck explained the "extension" component in the title, suggesting the individual will have a broader role in engaging more of the university in extension, connecting resources of entire university to the needs of the state.

Carol Goodman said she sees this as an opportunity for agriculture and extension to lead the way to share programs and meet demands of the entire state. She added that the research and extension network has a unique opportunity to play a huge role in distributing programs across the state.

Kathy Tweeten, director of the Center for Community Vitality and Jodi Bruns, Dickey County Extension Agent, talked with SBARE about successes of the center. She shared examples of how the rural community is being empowered and how interest in the programs continues to grow.

The meeting adjourned at 2:55 p.m.

Recorded by Margaret Olson