



**USWBSI Steering Committee Meeting
Sunday, December 10, 2000
Holiday Inn Cincinnati-Airport**

Present: Tom Anderson, Chris Bowley, Mike Davis, Lynn Dahleen, Ruth Dill-Macky, Gary Hanning, Tom Hohn, Pat Hart, Rich Horsley, Lawson Jones, Roger Jones, Bill Laskar, Steven Leath, Gary Lemme, Doyle Lentz, Pat Lipps, Art Loeffler, Anne McKendry, Marcia McMullen, Brad Miller, Gene Milus, Herb Ohm, Mike Pate, Jackie Rudd, Greg Shaner, Rick Ward, and Les Wright

Guests: Louie Arnold, Gary C. Bergstrom, Robert L. Clarkson, Shahryar Kianian, and John Mittleider

Additional Support: Susan Canty

The Steering Committee (SC) approved (via e-mail) adding a durum representative to the Executive Committee (EC). The durum group was asked to submit a name to the EC via e-mail. Elias Elias was nominated by the durum group to be representative on the EC. The nomination was approved.

Roger Jones has stepped down as the spring wheat representative on the Executive Committee. The spring wheat group caucused and nominated Ruth Dill-Macky to represent their group on the EC. The Steering Committee approved adding Ruth Dill-Macky to the EC as a spring wheat representative.

On behalf of the Executive Committee, Rick Ward made the motion to release the funding recommendation at the forum. Greg Shaner seconded the motion. After much discussion, the motion was denied. A motion was made and seconded to not release the funding results during the forum. Instead, a letter of notification will be sent out to all researchers who submitted pre-proposals to the Initiative. Those who were awarded funded will also be sent final grant instructions and forms for submitting final proposal to USDA-ARS. Motion was approved.

Barley Rep on Steering Committee - There are two barley grower positions on the steering committee. Prior to steering committee meetings, the USWSI Networking & Facilitation Office (N&FO) will contact both the North Dakota Barley Council and Minnesota Barley Council to request they send a representative to the meeting. The rep can be a grower and/or an executive director.

Tim Dodd will be replaced by Brad Miller as the durum rep for the pasta industry on the Steering Committee.

The SC appointed a sub-committee to create by-laws for the administrative function of the Scab Initiative. The sub-committee is comprised of the two co-chairs (Anderson and Ward), Mike Davis, and Greg Shaner. The sub-committee will work to have a draft of the by-laws ready for review at the next SC meeting (June, 2001).

The EC will re-evaluate the Request for Proposals (RFP) and the Budget process. They will seek input from the research area committees (RAC) and present a plan at the next SC meeting.

The EC recommended 2001 budget was presented to the Steering Committee. Gary Lemme made a motion to approve the Budget. Lynn Dahleen seconded. Motion passed.

Tentative date for the next forum is December 8-10, 2001. The Forum would begin on a Saturday and end on a Monday. The EC will take a poll via e-mail for the location of next forum. In regards to the budget process and the forum, it was decided that we would follow the same format as this year: EC would meet with the RAC co-chairs the day before the Forum begins, and present the budget to the SC the morning the forum begins. The funding results will not be released during the forum.

Item 3 (Update on Action Items from 9/26/00 Steering Committee Meeting) was tabled until next SC meeting.

There was some discussion regarding getting information to the growers at the grass roots level. No action taken.

The next steering committee meeting will be held in June 2001. The date will be scheduled at a later time.

Adjourned 12:15 p.m.