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USWBSI Steering Committee Meeting

December 7, 2002

Holiday Inn Cincinnati Airport, Conference Center, Erlanger, KY

Members Present: Tom Anderson (*MN Wheat Grower*), Louis Arnold (*North Dakota Barley Council*), Chris Bowley (*WheatTech, Inc.*), Pat Buschett (*National Association of Wheat Growers*), Mike Davis (*American Malting Barley Association*), Ruth Dill-Macky (*University of Minnesota*), Elias Elias (*North Dakota State University*), Len Francl (*Pennsylvania State University*), Rich Horsley (*North Dakota State University*), Yue Jin (*South Dakota State University*), Shahryar Kianian (*North Dakota State University*), Bill Laskar (*Pioneer Seeds*), Brad Miller (*Dakota Growers Pasta Co.*), Gene Milus (*University of Arkansas*), Herb Ohm (*Purdue University*), Paul Schwarz (*North Dakota State University*), Greg Shaner (*Purdue University*), and Rick Ward (*Michigan State University*)

USDA-ARS-NPS ADODR: Kay Simmons

Invited Guests: Bernadette Gregoire, USDA-ARS-EAD

Support Staff: Sue Canty, NFO/USWBSI

Meeting called to order: 9:30 AM

Introductions

- Tom Anderson asked that the Steering Committee (SC) allow Bernadette Gregor, External Agreements Specialist (USDA-ARS) attend the closed SC meeting. The SC approved the request.
- A request was made to issue a standing invitation to the ADODR (appointed by ARS) to participate in any USWBSI committee activities (SC meeting and/or EC conference calls). SC approved standing invitation.

Steering Committee approved the minutes of the 5-30-02 SC meeting.

Review of Activities since the 5-30-02 Steering Committee's Meeting.

- 2003 National FHB Forum – Forum will take place December 13-15, 2003, in Minneapolis, MN. Hotel has not yet been selected.

- 2004 International Scab Symposium – International Committee has approved the USWBSI's request to hold the symposium in December, 2004. The next step will be to establish a temporary committee to select the location. Once a location is selected, a national organizing committee will be formed. A suggestion was made to hold the symposium in a warm-climate location.
- SC and EC Term Lengths – The SC approved via an e-mail vote the term lengths for SC and EC members that was proposed by the EC. (See attached)

Election of Steering Committee Members.

- A ballot was distributed to SC members along with background information on all of the nominees. Members had until the end of the meeting (including lunch) to complete their ballot. The NFO was charged with tallying the result and informing the SC of the results.
- There was some discussion concerning membership/representation on the SC. It was concluded that the USWBSI Policies and Procedures (P&P) needed to be further refined.
- Rick Ward proposed that the SC considered offering the North American Millers Association organizational representation on the SC in the 'Wheat Miller' area. No action was taken. Further discussion is warranted.

Nomination and Appointment of the Barley and Winter Wheat Representatives to the Executive Committee.

- Barley - SC members representing barley nominated Rich Horsley to the EC. SC approved nomination.
- Winter Wheat – SC members representing winter wheat decided it is important to replace winter wheat rep with a miller or someone from the milling or seed industries. Rick Ward will contact people in those areas to find people who would be interested in serving on the EC. The winter wheat group will then caucus and submit a nomination to the SC. SC will act on nomination via e-mail.

FY03 Research Plan & Budget.

Rick Ward presented the EC's recommendation for the FY03 Research Plan and Budget. The SC approved the recommendation as proposed.

Brief Updates on ARS Issues and Federal Fiscal Year 2003 (FY03) Budget

- ARS - Kay Simmons informed the SC that ARS has established a policy of retaining ½ of any new add-ons awarded to the various Initiative's under ARS' jurisdiction. These monies would be used for core activities related to the goals of those Initiatives. The SC endorsed this policy.
- Update on FY03 Federal Budget (Mike Davis) - Following the mid-term elections, Congress returned for a lame duck session. Funding has and is being maintained at last year's level by continuing resolutions. The wheat and barley industries did lobby for an

additional \$600K for the USWBSI. Currently, the Senate's proposed budget contains the \$600K increase; the House's proposed budget does not.

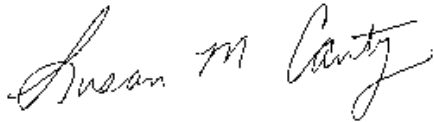
Based on ARS' policy in regards to add-ons, and considering that it is not yet known if the USWBI will have an increase in funding from FY02, it was recommended that the EC be charged with handling the allocation of any new monies for FY03 only. The SC approved recommendation.

Logistics for 2003 Spring Steering Committee Meeting.

No action was taken at this time. Various dates and locations will be selected by the EC and then finalized by the SC through a poll by e-mail.

Meeting adjourned 12:00 PM.

Minutes submitted by:

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Susan M. Canty".

Susan M. Canty