

National C-FAR 2011 Year-End Board Meeting, December 15, 2011

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NC-FAR President and Board Chair Chuck Conner (NCFC) opened the 2011 year-end Board meeting, provided an overview of the meeting and webinar program, thanked Dr. Dave Edwards and BIO for hosting, and asked participants to self-introduce. *Participant list appended.*

WEBINAR PROGRAM

- Conner introduced Dr. Kitty Smith (AFT) and turned the program over to her to moderate the webinar Panel, which was charged with **“Making a More Compelling Case for PUBLIC/Federal Funding for Food and Agricultural Research and Education.”**
 - Smith [Presentation](#), **“Public Agricultural Research Funding is Decreasing”**
 - Dr. Wendelyn Jones (DuPont Pioneer) [Presentation](#), **“Partnering and Collaborating”**
 - Tom Sell (Combest, Sell & Assoc) Presentation, **“Ag Producer Perspectives”**
 - Dr. Martin Apple (CSSP), [Respondent Presentation](#), **“Stay Ahead of the Waves of Change!”**
- Conner introduced USDA Under Secretary Cathie Woteki.
 - Woteki [Presentation](#), **“The Challenges Facing Public Agricultural Research Today”**
- Conner introduced Fred Hutchison, Franklin-Hamilton, Inc., who briefed participants on a proposal to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the land-grant system through 300 days of outreach. Phase 1 will begin on Feb. 4 and conclude on the 150th anniversary date, on July 2—a look “back” at the 150 most significant discoveries, alumni, and benefits. Phase 2 will begin on July 3 and end 150 days later on Nov. 29. This phase will look “ahead,” profiling the system’s varied institutions, celebrating its rising stars, and outlining the principal food, agriculture, and natural resource challenges that lie ahead. No action was requested.
- Dr. Barb Glenn [CropLife Board representative and Research Outreach Committee (ROC) Chair] presented the [ROC Report](#), with an overview of actions in 2011 and 2012 recommendations.
 - Hill Seminars:
 - 12 Seminars in 2011-1,089 Attendees.
 - 62 Seminars in 7 Years.
 - Over 3,500 Attendees-Overwhelmingly Hill Staff.
 - Advocacy Actions-HIGHLIGHTS:
 - Testified before PCAST Cmte.
 - House & Sen Comments FY11 CR.
 - FY12 Comments & Group Letter, House & Sen Ag Approps.
 - Letter & (Partic in Group Letter) to Super Cmte.
 - Participating in AFRI Coalition, Unified Stakeholder Support for NIFA-AFRI Funding.
 - Comments, House Ag FB Audit Hearing.
 - Comments, Draft USDA REE Action Plan.
 - Support for CARA.
 - Comments to OSTP on Bioeconomy Blueprint.
 - 2012 Action Program Recommendations for the Board’s consideration:
 - Continue focus on Hill Seminar Series.
 - Continue targeted policy advocacy (budget, appropriations, farm bill reauthorization).
 - Continue to improve collaborative efforts; Host stakeholder meeting(s) with key policymakers.
 - No new initiatives proposed.

- Glenn turned the program back to Conner, who briefed participants on a “Leadership Impact Proposal,” with possible actions including a “brainstorming” dinner with ag business leaders, with possible follow up actions such as a request to OSTP/USDA to convene an industry summit on ag research and laying the groundwork to recruit Congressional Champion(s).
 - Extensive and thoughtful debate occurred among Board members and other participants about the intended objectives and outcomes of the Leadership Impact Proposal, as well as what National C-FAR’s current position is, and what it should be in upcoming farm bill reauthorization and future appropriations.

BOARD MEETING

- Board Chair Conner called the Board meeting to order.
- A quorum was determined to exist.
- April 11 Board minutes were approved.
- Brian Smith (AAVMC) presented the Finance Committee’s 2011 Report and 2012 proposed budget.
 - 2011 Projected Year-End Financials:
 - Positive Bottom Line (+\$4,117.18 vs. 2011 approved of -\$2,276.00).
 - Unobligated Reserves ~ \$64,000 (9+ months operating reserves).
 - 2011 Member-Sponsor Highlights:
 - Every 2010 Member Renewed in 2011 (2nd straight year).
 - 8 New Members in 2011 and 6 New Sponsors (1 existing sponsor doubled).
 - 2012 Proposed Budget:
 - No significant changes in revenue or expenditures.
 - Balanced budget (+\$2,675 Net).
 - 2012 Member-Sponsor Efforts:
 - Staff reported that about \$10,000 in 2012 Member-Sponsor renewals has already been received, a number of current Members and Sponsors indicating intentions to renew.
 - Dr. Nancy Cox announced that the University of Kentucky is re-joining after several years’ absence.
 - Dr. Michael Newman and Dr. John Bonner indicated intentions to renew as individual members and urged others to do so.
- The ROC’s proposed 2012 action program was approved.
- Conner appointed the following to serve on the 2012 Board Nominating Committee:
 - Dana Peterson, NAWG-Chair
 - Mary Pat Raimondi, ADA
 - Dr. David Edwards, BIO
 - Gina Luke, AVMA
- 2012 Annual-Board Meeting Date: **Thursday, March 29, 11-3 Eastern**, Location TBD.
- The Board went into executive session to discuss personnel matters.
- The Board approved an increase to \$5,500/month for the Executive Director retainer.
- The Board approved a revised 2012 Budget incorporating the adjustment in compensation for the Executive Director.
- There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

December 15 Participation:

Partic	Last	First	Organization	Role
ATTEND	Connor	Chuck	NCFC	Board- President
ATTEND	LaVigne	Andy	ASTA	Board-VP
ATTEND	Cox	Dr. Nancy	Director, KY Ag Exp Station, BAA	Board-BAA Liaison
ATTEND	Edwards	Dr. David	BIO	Board
ATTEND	Glasener	Dr. Karl	Tri-Societies	Board
ATTEND	Glenn	Dr. Barbara	CropLife America	Board
WEBINAR	Johnson	Pam	NCGA	Board
WEBINAR	Lehman	Sherri	NAMA	Board
ATTEND	Newman	Dr. Michael	AVMA	Board
ATTEND	Ohlhorst	Sarah	ASN	Board
ATTEND	Peterson	Dana	NAWG	Board
WEBINAR	Pueppke	Dr. Steven	NABC	Board
ATTEND	Raimondi	Mary Pat	ADA	Board
ATTEND	Randel	Lowell	FASS	Board
WEBINAR	Reid	Dr. David	IFT	Board
ATTEND	Schmidt	Dave	IFIC	Board
ATTEND	Smith	Brian	AAVMC	Board
ATTEND	Apple	Dr. Martin (Marty)	CSSP	Presenter
ATTEND	Hutchison	Fred	Cornerstone	Presenter
ATTEND	Jones	Dr. Wendelyn	DuPont Pioneer	Presenter
ATTEND	Sell	Tom	Combest, Sell & Assoc	Presenter
ATTEND	Smith	Dr. Katherine (Kitty)	AFT	Presenter
ATTEND	Wotecki	Under Sec Cathie	USDA-REE	Presenter
ATTEND	Apple	Daina	U.S. Forest Service	FS Liaison
WEBINAR	Bellis	Dr Diane	AgSource, Inc	ROC
WEBINAR	Bina	Betsy	H Ag Approps Subc	Hill Staff
WEBINAR	Conley	Mary	USDA, REE	USDA
WEBINAR	DeMarchi	Jane	NAWG	ROC
WEBINAR	Doan	Stewart	Agri-Pulse	Media
WEBINAR	Hamer	Hubert	USDA, NASS	USDA
WEBINAR	Hegg	Dr. Richard	USDA, NIFA	USDA
ATTEND	Hubert	Vernie	Cornerstone	Cornerstone
ATTEND	Jacobs-Young	Dr. Chavonda	USDA, NIFA	USDA
WEBINAR	Jellison	Dr. Jody	VA Tech	
WEBINAR	Kahn	Dr. Michael	Washington State U	Member
WEBINAR	Kelly	Dr. David	ARS USDA	ARS Liaison
WEBINAR	Kokini	(Dean) Jozef	University of Illinois	Member

WEBINAR	Kuber	Catharine	Animal Ag Alliance	
WEBINAR	Lilovich	Nyssa	NACD	
ATTEND	Luke	Gina	AVMA	ROC
ATTEND	Mathews	Ethan	NCGA	ROC
WEBINAR	Maw	Dr. Ian	APLU	APLU Liaison
WEBINAR	Mohamed	Dr. Ali	USDA, NIFA	USDA
WEBINAR	Morgan	Dr Ashley Shelton	AVMA	
ATTEND	Mowrer	Dr Karen	FASEB	ROC
WEBINAR	O'Brien	Meghan	Am Soc for Microbiol	
WEBINAR	Olson	Dr. Ken	DMI and ADSA	
ATTEND	Records	Angela	Eversole Assoc.	
WEBINAR	Reed	Kimberly	IFIC	ROC
WEBINAR	Rhines	Steven	Noble Foundation	Member
WEBINAR	Ridgway	Dick (Richard)	Riley Foundation	ROC
ATTEND	Schescke	Kent	National FFA	
WEBINAR	Sevcik	Jesse Jonathan	Elanco Animal Health	ROC
WEBINAR	Stern	Judy	UC-Davis	
WEBINAR	Van Wychen	Dr. Lee	WSSA	Member
WEBINAR	Vlasaty	Andrew	Senate Ag Committee	Hill Staff
WEBINAR	Wagester-Subrick	Tamara	C-FARE	ROC
ATTEND	Wilcox	Caren	USDA, REE	USDA
ATTEND	Wolinetz	Dr. Carrie	AAU	
ATTEND	Zeller	Brigid	Animal Health Institute	
WEBINAR	Zito	Mark	USDA, OBPE	USDA
ATTEND	Johnson	Jody	Van Arsdall & Assoc.	Staff
ATTEND	Van Arsdall	Tom	Van Arsdall & Assoc.	Staff