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September 13, 2019
9:30 AM

MINUTES

TASC Members

Dr. Jerome Pier
Dr. Tom Bottoms
Rex Dufour
Dr. Eric Ellison
Dr. Suduan Gao
Chuck Hornung
DD Levine
Dr. Marja Koivunen
David McEuen
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WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Dr. Jerome Pier, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:34 AM and welcomed the subcommittee. Steve Petrie attended the meeting from 9:44 to 9:46. Self-introductions were made, and a quorum was established.

REVIEW AND APPROVE MINUTES

Dr. Pier requested the subcommittee review the minutes of the August 8, 2019, meeting.

MOTION: Dr. Marja Koivunen moved to approve the August 8, 2019, minutes; Dr. Suduan Gao seconded. The motion passed by present subcommittee members with a vote of 9 – 0.

DEPARTMENT, DIVISION, AND BRANCH UPDATES

Mark Cady announced that FREP and the Western Plant Health Association are hosting the annual Nutrient Management Conference on October 28-30, 2019, in Fresno, California. FREP researchers and industry representatives will present information about the latest agricultural research and practices. The first day, October 28, consists of a farm tour to visit an Asian vegetable growing site and a Fowler table grape operation. TASC members receive complimentary registration.

TASC VACANCIES AND APPLICANTS

Cady explained that three TASC member positions will open in September 2019. The terms of current members Steve Petrie, Jenny Remple, and Chuck Hornung are expiring.

Fourteen people submitted applications for the three TASC vacancies. A subcommittee of TASC met on September 10 to review the applicants' qualifications. This subcommittee recommended applicants to fill the member vacancies. Based on the recommendations, discussion ensued.

MOTION: Dr. Tom Bottoms moved to recommend Dr. Steve Petrie, Dr. Lisa Hunt, and Dr. Ben Faber to fill the TASC vacancies. Dr. Gao seconded. The motion passed by present subcommittee members with a vote of 9 – 0.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments were given.

AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

The next meeting will include discussion about knowledge gaps and priorities to include in the 2020 Request for Proposals (RFP), as well as a Special RFP focusing on crop-specific nitrogen-removed values. Both will be released in December 2019. Technical experts may be invited to explain the need for research within the Special RFP priorities.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be scheduled for the afternoon of October 30, following the FREP/WPHA Conference at the DoubleTree Hilton Hotel in Fresno, California.

ADJOURN

MOTION: Rex Dufour moved to adjourn the meeting; DD Levine seconded. The motion passed by present subcommittee members with a vote of 9 – 0.

Dr. Pier adjourned the meeting at 10:12 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Original Signed by Mark Cady

September 18, 2019

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Date