

Minutes 39th NAAIC Business Meeting
Quebec City, Canada
July 21, 2004

I. Call to Order

The 39th NAAIC Business Meeting was called to order by NAAIC President Sam Stratton.

II. Approval of Minutes

President Sam Stratton called for Approval of Minutes from the 38th NAAIC Business Meeting held in 2002 at Sacramento, CA. A motion was made by John Caddel to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Jeff Volenec and the motion was carried by a voice vote.

III. Approval of Agenda

President Sam Stratton called for approval of the Agenda for the 39th NAAIC Business Meeting. A motion was made by Gary Lacefield to approve agenda, it was seconded by John Caddel, and the motion approved by a voice vote.

IV. President's Report by Sam Stratton

President Sam Stratton thanked the host organization (Real Michaud-Chair) - Quebec for a job well done. He acknowledged the benefits for both groups of holding a joint meeting with the Trifolium Conference. He thanked the NAAIC Executive Committee as well as the chairs and members of other committees for their efforts in putting together the 39th NAAIC. He also thanked the Organization Committee for their efforts in putting together the 39th NAAIC (Craig Schaffer-Chair).

V. Treasurer's Report by John Caddel

John Caddel reported on the finances of the NAAIC. He reported a balance for the NAAIC Operating Account on 7/14/04 of \$4,872.47. The RR Hill Memorial Fund has an estimated balance of \$11,143.78.

VI. Executive Secretary's Report by Gary Bauchan (written report to be submitted)

Attendance for the 39th NAAIC was reported: There were 110 participants and 15 guests registered for the conference. The guests represented 8 countries broken down as follows: United States (65), Canada (29), Australia (7), Italy (3), France (2), Croatia (1), Japan (1), and New Zealand (1). Current membership in NAAIC totals 629 members with 391 from the USA, 60 from Canada, 6 Mexico and 1782 non-North American. A new NAAIC membership Directory will be published in 2004. A notification will soon be mailed to update membership profiles in the NAAIC directory. Proceedings of the 39th NAAIC will be available on CD only if requested in response to the Directory notification or on the organizations website www.naaic.org. Beginning with the Proceedings of the 40th NAAIC in 2006 all future proceedings will be web based only. Death of members since 2002 include Milo (Mike) Tesar, Michigan State University (November 11, 2002) and William (Bill) Kehr, USDA-ARS Lincoln Nebraska (November 7, 2003). Don Barnes has been named to the USDA-ARS Hall of Fame and will be presented on September 15, 2004. The 20th International Grasslands Conference will be held in Dublin, Ireland June-July 2005

VII. Regional Reports

A. Eastern Forage Improvement Conference. Gary Bauchan reported on the recent activities of the conference. The next EFIC meeting which is planning to be held in 2005 will be held in conjunction with the CAIC.

B. Central Alfalfa Improvement Conference. Jessica Toffte reported that the CAIC held a Virtual Conference during July 2003 on the Web. The meeting was hosted by Dan Undersander and included 25 participants. There were 15 papers presented. There have been discussions to have a physical meeting during 2005 in combination with either IEFAC or NC 226.

C. Western Alfalfa Improvement Conference. Lauren Johnson reported that in recent years the WAIC has met with state and regional hay associations, the California Alfalfa Symposium, and the Western Society of Crop Science. There are plans to meet with CAIC in 2005 and possibly dissolve in 2 years due to declining member participation.

VIII. Committee Reports

A. Industry Liaison Committee. Mark Smith reported that Universities were thanked for publishing data in a timely fashion. The need for continued germplasm enhancement work by public scientists was noted. Also noted was the need for seed increases of Standard Tests Check Varieties and an agreement that this will be done by Industry, and will be coordinated with Larry Tuber and Stephanie Green. Don Miller will be the new chair of the Industry Liaison Committee.

B. Committee on Available Breeding Lines. Charles Brummer reported that the membership was encouraged by the committee to release any new alfalfa or other *Medicago sp.* germplasm that has been developed.

C. Biotechnology Committee. Deborah Samac reported that the committee sponsored the workshop during the 39th NAAIC on New Direction for Forage Legumes, New Ideas, New Tools, New Products. Numerous subjects to be included in this years published report were highlighted.

D. Committee on Standardization. Gary Bauchan reported that Austin Campbell plans to step down as the current committee chair. Amendments to the Potato Leaf Hopper Test and Winter Survival Test were discussed. It was moved by Gary Bauchan to accept the changes, seconded by John Caddel, and the motion approved by voice vote. David Johnson will be the new chair of the Standardization Committee.

E. Regulatory Affairs Committee. Mark McCaslin provided an update on the development of Roundup Ready alfalfa. An update on hybrid alfalfa was also given. There was also a report on pollinator specific, Pollen Flow Tests conducted using Roundup Ready alfalfa. The data should be useful in helping to determine isolation distances for seed production.

F. Alfalfa Crop Germplasm Committee. Charles Brummer reported that Stephanie Green is the liaison for distribution of *Medicago* accessions. Numerous *Medicago truncatula* accessions have been requested. Funding for germplasm evaluation and characterization was discussed. A Crop Vulnerability Statement will be submitted to USDA for

Homeland Security.

G. National Alfalfa Variety Review Board. Robin Goose reported that the review board met in January 2004 to consider 80 alfalfa applications for new varieties or amendments, 2 red clover applications, and 1 white clover application. Dan Putnum is the new alternate representing NAAIC on the review board.

H. Finance Committee. Dave Miller reported that there are 9 sustaining members of the NAAIC and each donated \$300 for the 39th NAAIC. Two graduate student travel awards were given this year and they will be awarded at the lunch banquet. Recipients are Isaak Tecele from Cornell University and Evan Sivesind from McGill University.

I. Locations Committee. Dan Undersander reported that the 40th NAAIC in 2006 will be held in St. Paul, Minnesota. No location has yet been selected for the 2008 meetings. Locations being considered include Nampa/Boise Idaho, Pennsylvania State University, Ardmore Oklahoma and in conjunction with the European Fodder Crops (EUCARPIA) in France.

J. Nominations Committee. Joe Bouton presented the following slate of members as nominees to the membership for approval: President – Craig Sheaffer, University of Minnesota; Vice President and Program Chair – Jonathan Reich, Cal/West Seeds; Secretary – JoAnn Lamb, USDA-ARS, St. Paul, Minnesota. A motion was made by Mark McCaslin to close the nominations, it was seconded by John Caddel. The motion was approved by voice vote.

K. Resolutions Committee (written report to be submitted). A resolution was presented by Philippe Sequin of McGill University. Joe Bouton moved to accept the resolution, and seconded by Dave Miller. The motion passed by voice vote.

IX. New Business. There was no new business presented.

X. Transfer of Office of President.

Sam Stratton will transfer the Office of President to Craig Sheaffer at the Awards Luncheon.

XI. Adjourn

A motion was made by Mark McCaslin to adjourn the 39th NAAIC Business Meeting. It was second by Dave Miller, and the motion was passed by voice vote.

Minutes submitted by Jonathan Reich, Secretary, NAAIC

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