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1-2 pm PT, Zoom link:

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Meeting ID: 881 3428 4585; Passcode: STC

Committee Members:

<p>Chair: Bernie Engel (NCRA) Past Chair: Jody Jellison (NERA)</p> <p>Delegates: Alton Thompson (ARD) John Yang (ARD) Frank Casey (NCRA) Shibu Jose (NCRA) Indrajeet Chaubey (NERA) George Criner (NERA) Nathan McKinney (SAAESD) Nathan Slaton (SAAESD) Gene Kelly (WAAESD) Chris Davies (WAAESD)</p> <p>Executive Vice Chair: Bret Hess (WAAESD ED) Jennifer Tippetts (WAAESD Recording Secretary)</p>	<p>Liaisons: Tara McHugh (ARS) Vacant (ECOP) Kevin Kephart (NIFA) Alejandro Calixto (NIPMCC) Tim Killian (SSCC)</p>
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1. **Welcome and Introductions** – Bernie welcomed members.
2. **Attendance:** George Criner, Alton Thompson, John Yang, Chris Davies, Nathan McKinney, Nathan Slaton, Shibu Jose, Jeanette Thurston, Bernie Engle, Bret Hess, Jennifer Tippetts (recording secretary).
3. **Multi-state Project Review-**
 - a. NCERA 137 = 82.41 score
 - b. S 1084 = 73.02 score
 - c. NE 2140= 68.66 score
 - d. W 4045= 65.9 score

Shibu suggested that with the large margin between the first and second place projects that the committee could move forward.

Shibu made the motion to select NCERA 137 as the national multi-state award winner.

Chris seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

The committee agreed that the NCERA 137 took many suggestions from last year to improve the nomination.

Last year a request to include the Grand Challenges was included, but no points were associated with the request. Should we modify the scoresheet for next year? Alton suggested that it be included in the issue/problem section. Shibu shared that we need to make it a requirement.

Next steps include an announcement at the Joint COP's meeting on July 19th. The winner will then be notified to attend the fall agInnovation conference in Michigan. General feedback will be provided to nominees.
4. **Meeting Schedule**
July 03, 2023 no meeting, August 01, 2023, September 04, 2023 no meeting
5. **Adjourn**