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1-2 pm PT, Zoom link:

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Meeting ID: 881 3428 4585; Passcode: STC

**Committee Members:**

<p><b>Chair:</b> Bernie Engel (NCRA) <b>Past Chair:</b> Jody Jellison (NERA)</p> <p><b>Delegates:</b> 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><b>Executive Vice Chair:</b> Bret Hess (WAAESD ED) Jennifer Tippetts (WAAESD Recording Secretary)</p>	<p><b>Liaisons:</b> Tara McHugh (ARS) Kevin Kephart (NIFA) Alejandro Calixto (NIPMCC) Tim Killian (SSCC)</p>
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**Agenda:**

- 1. Welcome and Introductions** – Nathan called the meeting to order. Bernie has accepted the Dean position at Purdue and will not be able to attend the next two meetings.
- 2. Roll Call** – Nathan Slaton, Alton Thompson, Kevin Kephart, Gene Kelly, Chris Davies, Bret Hess, Tara McHugh, Alejandro Calixto, Jennifer Tippetts (recording secretary).
- 3. Liaison Updates, as needed.**
  - ARS-** Tara shared they just went through the annual planning process with each research unit. There will likely be a continuing resolution on the budget.
  - NIFA-** The climate horizon scan has been productive, Gene will give a full update later, but there is a wide group of participants. Trying to wrap up FY23 awards and distributing funds. Continue to prepare for FY24. There was a recent PDs meeting on bioproduct and biomanufacturing in Kansas City with over seventy attendees at the new facilities. NIFA looks forward to hosting more meetings at that location. The new NIFA director is Manjit Misra from Iowa State University. Kevin is taking on environmental justice and the climate community in NIFA. Kevin is developing presentations for NIFA's role in the Justice40 Initiative. Kevin will be asking agInnovation for support and involvement. Deb Hamernick is retiring after August 31<sup>st</sup>.
  - NIPMCC-** Alejandro shared they are finalizing the agenda for the annual meeting this October in Puerto Rico. Hopefully, there is a good turnout of IPM coordinators to finalize some work on the USDA climate smart agriculture program. The IPM coordinators are drafting a letter of support for the IPM Centers in next Farm Bill.

**4. Approval of May 01 and June 05 Minutes- no quorum.**



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- 5. Climate Horizon Scan Update-** Gene shared that recently an in-person meeting was held at the CSU spur campus in Denver with about twenty attendees. A draft report is being prepared and will then be shared with the core group. The plan is that this will be rolled out at APLU in Seattle, then at the national academy of sciences. The next steps are for people to re-scan or update again in several years. Kevin echoed the excitement to get the scan rolled out, Kevin has been promoting the scan whenever and wherever possible . Gene is confirming if the information that was shared with the core group can be shared. Kevin thanked Gene for all his work in getting this project to this point. Bret asked if we could host the final document on the new agInnovation website? Kevin shared that is a great resource and other sites with broader reach are preferred.
- 6. Grand Challenge Templates-** Jenn shared the success stories in the grand challenge documents have not been updated for 5 years. The objective to update the success stories was identified two years ago. It has proven to be difficult to collect data for updating the statistics on the templates. Jenn is in the process of updating the grand challenges on Canva as a more user-friendly format than InDesign. The goal is to update annually and start sharing on the new agInnovation website. The grand challenge templates are a great resource to share on the hill as well.
- 7. AgInnovation Executive Summary-** Bret shared that there will be an invitation to a webinar for directors and everyone in their units to learn about this new brand. The roll out begins internally with the first webinar on September 7<sup>th</sup>.  
[LINK](#)
- 8. Multistate Research Award Guidelines Revisions-** Bret reviewed the changes. There has been stronger language encouraging correlation to the grand challenges. With no quorum, Jenn will follow up with an email asking for members to review and offer suggestion so that STC is ready for a vote at the next meeting.  
[LINK](#)
- 9. Proposed Meeting Schedule –** The committee agreed to cancel the upcoming meeting scheduled for October 2.  
**September 26- 2:45-4:30 p.m.** in person at agInnovation fall meeting in Grand Rapids  
~~October 2-~~ too soon after meeting in Grand Rapids.  
**November 6, December 4, ~~January 1~~, February 5, March 4, April 1, May 6, June 3, ~~July 4~~, August 5, ~~September 2~~**
- 10. Adjourn**