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**06/06/2022**

**1-2 pm PT, Zoom link:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88134284585?pwd=enF0NmFlY25teUNKN3k5WUVoYUI2UT09>

Meeting ID: 881 3428 4585; Passcode: STC

**Committee Members:**

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| **Chair:** Bernie Engel (NCRA)  **Past Chair:** Jody Jellison (NERA)  **Delegates:**  Alton Thompson (ARD)  John Yang (ARD)  Frank Casey (NCRA)  Shibu Jose (NCRA)  Indrajeet Chaubey (NERA)  Mark Hutton (NERA)  Susan Duncan (SAAESD)  Nathan McKinney (SAAESD)  Gene Kelly (WAAESD)  Chris Davies (WAAESD)  **Executive Vice Chair:**  Bret Hess (WAAESD ED)  Jennifer Tippetts (WAAESD Recording Secretary) | **Liaisons:**  Robert Matteri (ARS)  Wendy Powers (ECOP)  Kevin Kephart (NIFA)  Daren Mueller (NIPMCC)  Tim Killian (SSCC) |

**Minutes:**

1. **Welcome and Introductions** –
2. **Roll Call** – Jody Jellison, Nathan McKinney, Shibu Jose, Susan Duncan, Bernie Engle, Bret Hess, Jennifer Tippetts (recording secretary)
3. **Excellence in Multistate Research Award Nominations** –
   1. *Jodie moved to drop W4003 and NE1962 and focus on the top-rated projects, S1069 and NCERA137. Susan seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.*

**W4003**- 60.02

**NE1962-**65.98

**S1069-**81.56

**NCERA137-** 79.55

* 1. Jody ranked S1069 over NCERA137 but would be happy with either proposal. Jody felt that the soybean project was not as unique as the unmanned aircraft.
  2. Susan echoed favoring S1069 because they are forward looking and is not limited to one theme. The objectives allow for all types of scientists to join and contribute.
  3. Shibu agreed that S1069 may be more innovative but ranked NCERA137 with a higher ranking. Shibu would be ok with either project.
  4. Nathan ranked the S1069 project higher because they had more information, including unsuccessful grant applications, even though they are a younger project.
  5. Bernie rated NCERA137 higher because of their long-term ability to maintain and pivot.
  6. **The group agreed that if the projects are tied after the last three member place their vote, then the NERA137 would receive the award because they have been in the pool the longest.** NERA137 were the runner up last year for this award of excellence. Of the nine members that voted 5 voted for the South and 4 for NERA. There is not enough money to have two awards. The committee states the other two projects were well done, just not as mature, but could be strong contenders in the future years.
  7. **STC’s recommendation will go to ESCOP for final approval.** Bret is working behind the scenes with NIFA for travel funds for all award winners this year.
  8. Modification to the application moving forward will include a note that winners will have their project shared as an example of excellence. Bret will also add a section for those submitting a project to highlight the updates made.

1. **Next Meeting**-
   1. July- Cancelled
   2. August 1st
2. **Adjourn**