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**4:00-5:00 pm ET**

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**Committee Members:**

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**Agenda:**

1. **Welcome and Introductions** – Nathan introduced our guest speaker Michal McCullough.
2. **Roll Call** – Michal McCullough (guest), David Monks, Kevin Kephart, Amanda Rinehart, George Criner, Jason Hubbart, Matt Yost, Frank Casey, Bret Hess, Andrew McLaughlin (guest), Tara McHugh, Roger Marney, Jonathan Sears, Jennifer Horton (recording secretary)
3. **Approval of July 1 Minutes –** Held until next meeting.
4. **2024-2025 Workplan** –
   1. **Guest Speaker on Ag Data Commons and the DR 1020-006 expectations for data publication -** Michal McCullough, USDA-ARS Librarian, Knowledge Services Division
   2. **Below is the link to the video presentation.**

<https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fi/jqgwgw8g2nzzfbu6ruet5/STC-May-6-2024.mp4?rlkey=ye1tmepa021sh6iwa6ve3r3fr&st=t495i5rs&dl=0>

* 1. Questions are summarized below.
  2. Nathan asks for clarification on the review process. How long does the process take and what is the process? Michal shared that the process from submitting to publication can vary on time depending on complexity and response time. The average time is a week. Submissions are reviewed in the order they are submitted, however if there is a time requirement then expedition is available. Once data is submitted the submission is reviewed for completeness. The curator work with submitter to complete any missing information or approval for any changes or edits.
  3. Frank asked if information is published in another location, do you also have to publish on pub ag? **Michal shared a link where you could ask questions:** [**nal-pubag-curator@usda.gov**](mailto:nal-pubag-curator@usda.gov)**.**
  4. Frank noted that administratively this is going to be a big endeavor because it affects a lot of staff. Michal shared that efforts are being made to be integrated with NIFA so less reporting is required.
  5. Kevin asked about intellectual property? Is there communication set up with national ag library for data sharing vs what is reported to I Edison in a protected format? Michal shared she did not have an answer but would look into. There are a number of exceptions.
  6. Roger asked about embargos? The embargo language shares that pre-print language can be shared, but questioning the requirements for pub ag restrictions of sharing the final review. Michal shared that you don’t have to share with pub ag until the information is published, but the question could be asked of the pub ag staff.
  7. Matt questioned extension publications, are extension appointments also required to report? Michal shared that this applies only to scholarly articles. Extension is encouraged, but not required.
  8. Nathan stated that this is new to administrators and faculty, many are not aware of the requirements. When this goes into effect, will ag data commons staff get overwhelmed with submissions? Is there a plan to handle the increased submissions? Michal shared that there is a plan in process.
  9. Just curious if there has there been discussion with large publishers like Elevier, Wiley, MDPI, etc. to see if they could modify their submission systems to automatically send final versions to PubAG to simplify the process for authors? Michal said that would be a question for the pub ag team. Matt suggested that when submitting it would be great if there was a checkbox to submit to pub ag when completed.
  10. Kevin asked who the NIFA contact person was? Nino shared that they are working Alexis Nazario-Negron and her colleagues.

**For more questions email:**

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1. **Currently scheduled meetings:** September 25 12:15 – 2 p.m. (in person after the agInnovation annual meeting)

**Next meeting times determined at September meeting.**

1. **Adjourn**