The annual meeting of the NC-131 technical committee was held in Clarkston, Washington on October 13-14, 2000. The meeting was called to order by at 3:00 by the committee chair, Mike Dodson. William Dayton will move from secretary to chair for next year and the committee meeting will be held in Minnesota in mid-October. Dr Alan Grant (Indiana) was unanimously elected secretary for next year. The possibility of holding committee meetings in a few centrally located sites that are easily accessible was discussed. The consensus of the group was that each station should make its own judgment about where to hold the meetings for which it is responsible. The chair reminded members that stations that do not submit a report for two consecutive years are subject to removal from the committee.
Doug McFarland agreed to continue to maintain the committee’s homepage (http://www.abs.sdstate.edu/ars/nc131/main.htm#South Dakota). He requested that members who had not already done so send him a short description of their research that could be added to the web page.

The Chair announced that the Committee had unanimously approved the request of the Pennsylvania Station to join the project. Sally Johnson was welcomed as the official representative from Pennsylvania.

The Alabama Station representatives have asked to withdraw from the project due to changes in responsibilities and research directions of the individuals who have participated in the committee. Elton Aberle will confirm this request with the Alabama AES Director and inform the North Central Regional office and CSREES.

Two guests were welcomed to the meeting - Dr. John Killefer, West Virginia University, and Dr. Joanne Mills, British United Turkeys. Dr. Killefer and Dr. Mills presented results from their research programs during the meeting. Dr. Killefer indicated that the West Virginia Station wanted to join NC-131 and would forward an official request. The Committee voted unanimously to approve such a request from West Virginia.

Elton Aberle, Administrative Advisor, and Larry Miller, National Program Leader for Animal Science, spoke to the committee. Dr. Miller provided information on current organization of CSREES and information on the budget currently being considered at the national level. Dr. Aberle reminded the committee that a mid-term progress report would be due after the second year of the project. He also encouraged the committee to identify impacts and applications of the committee’s findings relative to animal agriculture. He suggested that inviting industry representatives to participate could facilitate practical application of some of the committee’s findings.

The business meeting was adjourned.

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William Dayton Date
NC-131 Secretary

Elton Aberle Date
NC-131 Administrative Advisor