Minutes of NC-131

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Members in Attendance:
Darrell Goll – Arizona; Yong Soo Kim – Hawaii; David Gerrard – Indiana; Matthew Doumit – Michigan; Michael White – Minnesota; William Dayton – Minnesota; Marci Hathaway – Minnesota; Paul Mozdzik – North Carolina; Sandra Velleman – Ohio; Neil Forsberg – Oregon; Mike Dodson – Washington; Rod Hill – Idaho; Marion Greaser – Wisconsin; Everett Bandman – California; Charles Carpenter – Utah; John Killefer – Illinois; Doug McFarland – South Dakota; Michael Zeece – Nebraska; Elton Aberle, Wisconsin (Admin. Advisor);

Members Absent:
Jim Reecy – Iowa; Brad Johnson – Kansas; Catherine Ernst – Michigan; Sally Johnson – Pennsylvania; Debora Hamernik – USDA/CSREES.

Guests:
Melinda Fernyhough – Washington; Caini Liu – Ohio; Artur Rosa – South Dakota; Daryl Swartz, Hao Shi, Sungkwan Park – Indiana.
The annual meeting of the NC-131 technical committee was held in Madison, Wisconsin on October 29-30, 2004. The meeting was called to order by committee chair, Marion Greaser.

Discussions focused on progress necessary to re-submit the NC-131 project for funding. Status of each of the subsections was discussed and methods for submitting the individual segments into the NIMSS program were discussed. The individual objectives of the revised NC-131 program would include:

1. Characterize signal transduction pathways that regulate skeletal muscle growth and differentiation.

2. Determine the nuclear mechanisms that control gene expression in skeletal muscle.


Each of the stations has, by now, submitted draft versions of accomplishments and objectives for each of the objectives. Chairs for each section were to collate this information and to provide information to Dr. Greaser within 2 weeks.

In the later business meeting, it was decided that next year’s meeting would be in Corvallis, Oregon and that Neil Forsberg would serve as Chair. Dr. Kim agreed to serve as Secretary of NC-131 for 2005 and to host the NC-131 meeting in Hawaii in 2006. Costs for travel to Hawaii were not considered to be burdensome as many discount flights are available.

Annual reports were due on 12/1/04 and should be sent to Dr. Aberle.

Dr. Doug McFarland requested electronic versions of reports to be sent to him for posting on the NC-131 website.

Dr. Aberle then presented a detailed report on changes in nomenclature proposed for NC reports and updated the group on progress of congressional appropriation bills. He reported that the NRI budget in Senate and House versions stood at $180 million, a slight increase from past years. He also apprised the group on discussions regarding development of a National Institute of Food and Agriculture which would grow to an annual budget of $1 billion over 5 years, if approved. Dr. Aberle queried the group on progress of the NC-131 renewal and determined that only Objective 3 remained to be submitted. Dr. Darrel Goll agreed to spearhead this task.

The business meeting was adjourned.