Brief Summary of Minutes of Annual Meeting (October, 2007):

Participants

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Members not attending: Ronald E. Allen - Arizona; Sally E. Johnson - Florida; Rod Hill - Idaho; David E. Gerrard - Indiana; Ted. Huiatt - Iowa; Richard M. Robson - Iowa; Bradley J. Johnson - Kansas; Mathew E. Doumit - Michigan State; Catherine W. Ernst - Michigan State; Marcia R. Hathaway - Minnesota; Jane A. Boles - Montana; Steven J. Jones - Nebraska; Michael G. Zeece - Nebraska; Michael Dodson - Washington State University;

Guests: Dustin Boler, Anna Dilger, Savannah Gabiel, Sean Holmer, Lou Kutzler, Christine Leick, Stacy Scramlin, and Chad Souza, all from the University of Illinois.

The annual meeting of the NC-1131 technical committee meeting was held at the University of Illinois, Urbana on 4-5 October, 2007 and hosted by Dr. John Killefer, Department of Animal Sciences, University of Illinois. The group was welcomed by Dr. Neal Merchen, head of the Department of Animal Science, University of Illinois. Dr. Merchan summarized the student numbers and other properties of the University of Illinois and of the Department of Animal Science at the University of Illinois.

This year, many stations sent their annual reports electronically to the University of Illinois before the meeting date, so copies were printed at the meeting and made available to those who attended.

Following Dr. Merchan's welcome, the remainder of the first day to 4:00pm was filled by oral station reports summarizing each stations contributions to the objectives of the NC-1131 project.

The business meeting, chaired by the Administrative Advisor, Dr. Alan Grant, began at 4:00pm. Dr. Grant reminded the committee that a mid-term review report summarizing the activities of the NC-1131 committee since the renewal of the project in 2005 was due by 15 December, 2007. Dr. Grant will contact those stations who had not sent a representative to the annual meeting of NC-1131 committee for several years to inquire about their intention to continue to participate. Two individuals, Dr. Peggy Riggs from Texas A & M University and Dr. Robert Rhoads from the University of Arizona petitioned to be admitted as members of the NC-1131 committee. Both gave presentations at the
meeting and after hearing descriptions of their research programs, the committee elected both individuals to membership. Dr. Debora Hamernik, the USDA-CSREES representative was unable to attend the meeting but sent material summarizing recent personnel changes in the USDA-CSREES, describing the 2007 Farm Bill, “Investing in Research to Advance Agriculture”, and listing the National Program Leaders and Program Specialists along with a summary of the funding data for the National Research Initiative.

Next year’s annual meeting of the NC-1131 committee will be held at the University of Arizona, Tucson, Arizona at a date yet to be determined. Dr. Min Du, University of Wyoming, was elected as secretary for the 2007-08 year with the expectation that the 2009 meeting will be held in Laramie, Wyoming. The business meeting ended the day, and station reports resumed the next morning. The meeting adjourned at 11:45am the following morning to allow participants time to return home that day.

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