

Minutes 2003 W-6 Technical Advisory Committee  
Pullman, WA  
June 26-27, 2003

**Attending:**

Stephen Jones – WSU, Pullman, WA  
Harold Bockelman – ARS, NSGC, Aberdeen ID  
Steve Clement – ARS, W6, Pullman, WA  
Mark Brick – CSU, Fort Collins, CO  
Kevin Jensen – ARS, Logan, UT  
Rich Hannan – ARS, WRPIS/W6, Pullman, WA  
Ralph Cavalieri – Administrative advisor, WSU, Pullman, WA  
Frank Dugan – ARS, W6, Pullman, WA  
Malli Aradhya – ARS, Davis, CA  
Gayle Volk – ARS, NCGRP, Fort Collins, CO  
Shawn Mehlenbacher - OSU, Corvallis, OR  
Dan Parfitt – UC Davis, Davis, CA  
Joseph Postman – ARS, NCGR, Corvallis, OR  
Bob Zemetra – U. Idaho, Moscow, ID  
Jack martin – MSU, Bozeman, MT  
Ted Kisha – ARS, WRPIS/W6, Pullman, WA  
Vicki Bradley – ARS WRPIS/W6, Pullman, WA  
R. C. Johnson – ARS WRPIS/W6, Pullman, WA  
Vicki Lutz – ARS WRPIS/W6, Pullman, WA

**Current W-6 Officers:**

Kevin Jensen, Chair  
Jack Martin, Vice chair  
Ian Ray, Secretary

Thursday June 26, 2003

Rich Hannan welcomed the group to Pullman and WSU. He also outlined schedule and logistics for the meeting.

The meeting was called to order by Chair K. Jensen at 8:30 am. Committee members and guests were introduced.

Jack Martin volunteered to be acting secretary in Ian Ray's absence.

**Minutes of 2002 annual meeting:**

Motion: Minutes of the 2002 TAC meeting should be approved as written. (Moved by J. Martin, second by R. Zemetra). Motion passed.

It was noted that the minutes can be viewed at the WRPIS website and from the NIMMS website.

**Committee assignments:**

Resolutions: Dan Parfitt (Chair), Jack Martin, and Bob Zemetra.

**Administrative Advisor's report - Ralph Cavalieri:**

Ralph reiterated that this regional project is a partnership between CEERS and ARS. The Western directors voted to approve the W6 budget at level funding of 354,000 at their March meeting. The actual funding allocated was \$351,699, after the 0.65% rescission demanded by Congress. W6 sought and received a one-year extension for the project. This was to make the W6 project chronologically coincide more closely with the ARS projects at the Regional Station. New five year ARS projects have been written and final approval given for the Pullman, Prosser and Parlier projects under the management of the Pullman PI station. The new W6 Project Renewal has been written and it has been through review, and suggested revisions have been incorporated. Final approval should be obtained in July. It was stressed that states need to be sure to complete Appendix E to ensure their participation in the project. Project impact is extremely important. State representatives need to be sure they document germplasm use in their state. Ralph noted that the off the top funding for regional projects such as W6 is being scrutinized closely by Western directors in these times of tight budgets.

**Western Regional PI station report and budget request – Rich Hannan:**

Rich described all of the facilities tied to the project. These include Western Regional Plant Introduction Station, Pullman and Central Ferry, WA, National Temperate Forage Legume Genetic Resources Unit, Prosser, WA, and National Arid Land Plant Genetic Resources Unit, Parlier, CA. Forty additional acres were acquired at the Central Ferry site through a lease agreement with WSU. He noted all research plans will be more closely coordinated now that W6 project coincides closely with ARS research projects. Rich summarized station holdings and distributions for the past year. Pullman provides the seed storage for the other sites (Parlier and Prosser) at present. A goal is for these sites to have their own seed storage facilities. Rich summarized research projects for individual scientists.

International treaties are becoming more of an issue in germplasm acquisition and exchange. Most in the NPGS system support free and open exchange of germplasm. Negotiations are ongoing regarding germplasm exchange issues. A subcommittee within PGOC is working on a policy statement regarding future acquisition and distribution of NPGS germplasm.

Rich summarized plans for renovation and additions to Johnson Hall and the implications for his staff. Safety issues are becoming increasingly important. The committee noted these issues may deter federal state cooperation.

The committee entered a discussion of allocation of germplasm evaluation funds. It was noted that germplasm evaluation funds are allocated through CGCs. It was noted that if a crop does not have a CGC then no evaluation funds would be available. Hazelnut was cited as an example. It was noted that exploration proposals are prioritized by CGCs. Crops with no CGC may not have an advocate in the process when competing for plant exploration funds.

Rich outlined and explained the proposed budget (\$365,000) for FY05.

Motion: The W6 TAC endorses and approves the proposed budget of \$365,000 for FY 2005. (Moved by R. Zemetra second by D. Parfitt). Motion passed.

National Small Grains Collection, Aberdeen, ID – Harold Bockelman (see submitted report):

National Clonal Germplasm Repository, Corvallis, OR – Joseph Postman (see submitted report and website):

<http://www.ars-grin.gov/cor/>

Plant quarantine issues were discussed and the committee expressed appreciation for the increased efforts/efficiency in decreasing the amount of time needed to clear restricted material through the quarantine process and hopes that this inter-agency-cooperation will continue.

National Clonal Germplasm Repository for Fruit and Nut Crops, Davis, CA - Mallikajuna Aradhya (see submitted report):

Tropical Plant Genetic Resource Unit Hilo, HI – (absent, no report);

National Clonal Germplasm Repository for Citrus and Dates, Riverside, CA (absent no report);

National Center for Genetic Resource Preservation – Gayle Volk:

National Resource Conservation Service – (absent no report):

National Artic Plant Germplasm Resource Unit – (absent no report):

National Arid Land Plant Germplasm Resource unit – Rich Hannan reported for M. Jenderek:

National Germplasm Resources Lab – (absent no report)

Germplasm Resources Program – (absent no report):

State Reports:

Wyoming - absent

Washington – Steve Jones see submitted report:

Utah – Kevin Jensen see submitted report:

Oregon – Shawn Mehlenbacher see submitted report:

New Mexico – absent:

Montana – Jack Martin see submitted report:

Idaho – Bob Zemetra see submitted report:

Hawaii – Rich Hannan see submitted report:

Colorado – Mark Brick see submitted report:

California – Dan Parfitt see submitted report

Arizona – absent:

Alaska – absent:

**Business meeting:**

Plant exploration proposals:

Fifteen plant explorations and two germplasm exchanges were funded. See written report.

New Business:

Meeting sites:

The committee will meet in Corvallis OR in 2004.

Motion: The committee will meet in Bozeman MT in 2005. (Moved M. Brick second R. Zemetra) Motion passed.

The committee discussed issues regarding storing GMOs within NPGS. PI station does not store GMOs. The biggest concern is contamination during seed regeneration. Nearly all GMOs have some patent associated with them. Therefore, these would not be freely distributed. NCGRP will set GMOs aside in “black box” if necessary.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 pm.

**Friday June 27, 2003**

Rich Hannan led a tour of the W6 facilities at Pullman.

Jack Martin

Acting W6 TAC Secretary

Resolutions:

Resolution 1: Be it resolved that the W-6 technical advisory committee would like to thank Dr. Rich Hannan, Vicki Lutes, Sheila Brooks and all of the staff at the Western Regional Plant Introduction Station and Washington State University at Pullman, WA for arranging and hosting an excellent W-6 committee meeting and facilities tour. (Motion to approve the resolution by Robert Zemetra, seconded by Jack Martin, and approved by the W-6 committee.)

Resolution 2: Be it resolved that the W-6 technical advisory committee would like to acknowledge the combined efforts of APHIS and USDA in decreasing the amount of time needed to clear restricted material through the quarantine process and hopes that this level of cooperation will continue in the future. The committee recognizes that the present arrangement of the Plant Quarantine Office as a unit of the ARS has been working well and recommends that the present structure be retained to ensure continued efficiency for the movement of plant materials through the quarantine system.

(Motion to approve the resolution by Mark Brick, seconded by Bob Zemetra, and approved by the W-6 committee.)

Resolution 3: Be it resolved that the W-6 technical advisory committee asks NPGS program staff to outline a process so that under represented crops can have representation on Crop Germplasm Committees. (Motion to approve the resolution by Dan Parfitt seconded by Jack Martin and approved by the W-6 committee)