

**2007 Minutes of the W-6 Technical Advisory Committee
Pullman, WA
June 28 29, 2007**

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Current W-6 Officers:

Ian Ray, Chair
Dan Parfitt, Vice chair
Stephen Jones, Secretary

Friday, June 29, 2007

The meeting was called to order by Ian Ray at 8:32 am PST.

Committee assignments:

Committee assignments were made for the meeting as follows:

Officers (see above):

Current Officers: Ian Ray – chair – 1st year
Dan Parfitt – vice chair – 1st year
Stephen Jones – secretary – 1st year
Each of these terms is for 2 years.

Resolutions committee:

Robert Zemetra
Dan Parfitt

Minutes of 2007 annual meeting:

The minutes from the 2006 TAC meeting at Ames, IA were reviewed.

Motion: Minutes of the 2006 TAC meeting were approved as submitted. (Moved by R. Zemetra, second by M. Brick). Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

W6 Administrative Advisor's report – presented by Ralph Cavalieri: Dr. Cavalieri reported that funding for the WRPIS had been approved for 2007-08 at \$365,000 the same value as the previous year. He mentioned that 80% of W-6 activities are funded by Hatch and 20% by area directors. The Hatch money is not keeping pace and challenges are arising due to the flat funding. Salaries continue to increase and consume most of the available funding. State reps need to make value of work known especially to Experiment Station directors. Peter Bretting on phone said that genome researchers are now a major user of this material. Long discussion on state reports and value of them followed.

Action item: Ian and Steve J will draft new query letter for reports.

Western Regional PI Station report and budget request, Pullman, WA – Clair Coyne (see submitted report and website <http://www.ars-grin.gov/ars/PacWest/Pullman/>):

The budget of \$380,423 was submitted previously to the committee for their consideration. Parfitt and Zemetra raised concerns on salaries eroding operating and suggested that salary savings from open positions should go to the program. As was the case in 2006 there was discussion that with more of the money going into mandated salary increases, maintenance funding would have to decrease, so less increase and related activities will have to be reduced.

At years end of 2006 the unit had 76,020 accessions of 582 genera and 2,781 species. During 2006 14,901 accessions were distributed. The majority, 65% went to researchers in the USA.

The 2008 budget was discussed again, prior to the vote for approval. Dan Parfitt reminded the committee of the need to plan for budget increases to keep up with inflation.

Motion: Shawn M. moved to approve the budget as presented. Bob Z. seconded. The motion to approve the budget was passed by a unanimous vote.

Business Meeting

Discussion on officers in place and next meeting site. Sites for 2008 and 2009 are HI and NM. Motion Mark B., second S. Jones. Passed unanimously.

Action item: Motion to work on letter to standardize responses. Bob Z. moved, Kevin J second, passed unanimously.

Committee recognized the excellent organizational skills, commitment and dedication of local organizing committee.

National Program Staff Report – The National Program report was presented by Dr. Peter Bretting (see attached report) NPGS website: <http://www.ars-grin.gov/npgs/> . He introduced (on the phone) Gail Wisler as a new member of NPGS.

National Germplasm Resources Lab – no report.

National Center for Genetic Resource Preservation, Fort Collins, CO – no report.

Cooperative State Research, Education and Extension Service – no report.

BLM – no report.

Forest Service – Vicky Erickson reported, see attached.

National Arid Land Plant Germplasm Resource Unit, Parlier, CA – The report is attached.

National Small Grains Collection, Aberdeen, ID – The report is attached.

National Clonal Germplasm Repository, Corvallis, OR – The report is attached.

National Clonal Germplasm Repository, Davis, CA – The report is attached.

National Clonal Germplasm Repository, Hilo, HI – The report is attached.

National Artic Plant Germplasm Resource Unit, Palmer AK – The report is attached.

National Clonal Germplasm Repository, Riverside, CA – The report is attached and at: <http://www.ars-grin.gov/ars/PacWest/Riverside/homepg1.htm>).

State reports:

Alaska – no report:

Arizona – no report:

California - presented by Dan Parfitt – see attached report.

Colorado – Report presented by Mark Brick – see attached. .

Idaho- presented by Robert Zemetra – see attached report.

Montana – presented by Jack Martin – see attached report.

New Mexico – presented by Ian Ray – see attached report.

Oregon – presented by Shawn Mehlenbacher – see attached report. .

Utah – presented by Kevin Jensen – see attached report.

Washington - presented by Stephen Jones – see attached report.

Wyoming – no report.

Hawaii – Reported by John Cho, see attached.

General comments concerning the state reports. Much discussion on improving response rate.

More Business

Three Resolutions

A motion to formally thank local organizing committee was adopted. Moved S. Jones, second Dan Parfitt, unanimous.

Motion to have S Jones and Ian R. in coordination with R. Cavalieri solicit feedback from the W-6 state reps to develop a white paper to recommend procedures for the collection of information regarding germplasm use that would benefit the NPGS to improve visibility and tie to the directors of the Exp Stations. Moved Jones, second Dan P., unanimous.

A motion was raised that the Pullman site needs an uninterrupted power supply for the seed storage facility. Moved Jones, second Dan P., unanimous.

Motion: A motion to accept the three resolutions was presented by Dan Parfitt and seconded by Meg Gollunick. The motion was passed by unanimous voice vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:37 pm PST.