

NATIONAL EGG QUALITY SCHOOL

2018 National Egg Quality School Stakeholder Meeting
January 31, 2018
Atlanta, Georgia

Attendees: Mike Darre, Dianna Sparks, Christine Alvarado, Ken Anderson, Deanna Baldwin, Richard Hoyle, Danny Hughes, Deana Jones, Jacinta LeDonne, Oscar Garrison, Tony Herrera, Ken Koelkebeck, Pat Curtis, Ron Swafford, Darrin Karcher, Adell Young, Cary Wise, Yuko Sato, Cheri Ellis, Paul Patterson and E. L. Knicely

Mike Darre called the meeting to order and declared a quorum.

E. L. Knicely read the slate of nominations for the Board positions that will expire in May 2018.

State Department of Agriculture or comparable State agency (3 seats):
Cheri Ellis, Arkansas Department of Ag

Deana Baldwin, Maryland Department of Ag

Mike Darre asked for nominations from the floor, Cary Wise, Utah Department of Ag, received as nomination from the floor.

University/Cooperative Extension Representatives (2 seats):
Ken Anderson, North Carolina State University

Ken Kolkebeck, University of Illinois

Mike asked for nominations from the floor, Yuko Sato, Iowa State University received as nomination from the floor.

Industry Organization (one seat):
Jacinta LeDonne, AEB

Mike asked for nominations from the floor, none received.

USDA (one seat):
Deana Jones, USDA ARS

Mike asked for nominations from the floor, none received.

Industry Representative (one seat):
Ron Swafford, Rose Acre Farm

Mike asked for nominations from the floor, none received.

Motion made to accept undisputed seats, motion made to accept, second received, motion approved.

Mike Darre asked for ballots to be distributed for the University/Cooperative Extension Representatives two seats. Deana distributed ballots and they were instructed to write in two of the three names that were nominated.

E. L. Knicely announced that Nichole Martz appointed Richard Hoyle to vote on her behalf as a General

Proxy.

Paul Patterson and Diana Sparks counted the votes; Yuko Sato and Ken Anderson was elected for the two seats.

Bylaws; Darrin Karcher said that recommended changes to the bylaws were submitted but the changes did not meet the 30 day notice requirements. He said there is a Roberts Rules allowance that allows for the meeting to not be adjourned and if followed would allow for the bylaws to be voted on at the May meeting.

Mike Darre appointed a bylaws committee to review the bylaws and the submitted changes. The committee will consist of; Darrin Karcher, Diana Sparks, Tony Herrera, Deana Jones, Jacenta LeDunne and Ken Anderson who is the registered agent for NEQS and will serve as an Ex Officio on the committee.

E. L. Knicely said he received a nomination write up for Danny Hughes to be considered for a Lifetime honorary director. E. L. read the nomination and Mike asked for a motion to accept the nomination, second received, the motion was approved.

Ken Anderson moved to adjourn and to meet again on May 21, 2018. A second was received and the motion was approved.

Meeting adjourned until May 2018.

Respectfully submitted,

E.L. Knicely, Secretary

**Continuation of 2018 National Egg Quality School Stakeholder Meeting
May 21, 2018
Indianapolis, Indiana**

Attendees: Ron Swafford, Perry Stover, Laura Iacona, Cherye Cook, Kailynn VonDeWater, Deanna Baldwin, Cary Wise, Adell Young, Priscilla Robinson, Gerardo Ramirez, Yuko Sato, Paul Patterson, Christine Alvarado, Cheri Ellis, Oscar Garrison, Deana Jones, Amy Barkley, Darrin Karcher Mike Darre, Richard Hoyle Tony Herrera, Danny Hughes, Sam Monahan, Nell Moore, Diana Sparks, Barbara Jenkins, Myra Wilson, Kenneth Anderson, E. L. Knicely and Jamie Guffey

Mike Darre called the NEQS Stakeholders meeting to continue.

The proposed bylaw changes were placed on all the tables so that attendees could review the proposed changes. Darren Karcher reviewed, by section, the proposed bylaw changes that were recommended by the Bylaws Committee. Questions arose regarding the purpose of the Executive Board. Ken Anderson provided input about the initial reason for the Executive Board, Deanna Baldwin provided input as well. Diana Sparks expressed that the Board determines action and the Executive Board carries it out and implements the Boards wishes. Ken agreed and said there have been times in the past when items and decisions have to be made by the Executive Board and then it is later shared with the Board.

Richard Hoyle said he thought we continued the original Stakeholders meeting in Atlanta to update the month currently shown in the bylaws for the annual meeting. There was considerable group discussion regarding all of the proposed amendments. Darren moved to approve the bylaws as presented, and a second was received. Mike asked if there was any further discussion, Christina Alvarado questioned if everyone understood the changes and she felt there was confusion, Deanna Baldwin said she was confused on the proposed changes. Diana Sparks said she was concerned the changes give the Director more power. Oscar Garrison said he spoke to Dave Reeseman, who was associated with the Eastern Egg Quality School and was a part of the forming of the National Egg Quality School and he said Dave indicated to him the Director of the school needed to have the power to make decisions on behalf of the school. Darren projected the proposed changes onto the projector screen and reviewed the proposed changes providing

explanations. Oscar expressed that the Bylaw Committee put a lot of work into the developing the proposed changes and it would be a shame not to approve them. Deanna Baldwin asked to amend the motion to consider each item separately. Darren withdrew his motion.

Deanna Baldwin made a motion to vote on the proposed change relating to when the annual stakeholder meeting would be held. Article III, Section 1, the motion read as follows (strikeout represents text to be removed; bold text represents new text):

ARTICLE III
Directors, Officers, and Executive Committee

Section 1. Number. The business of the school shall be conducted by the Board of Directors which will consist of twenty voting members ~~plus lifetime honorary directors~~ elected as set forth above at the school's annual meeting. Election of the board members shall be ~~at the January~~ **DURING THE CALENDAR YEAR FIRST QUARTER** meeting with terms of office beginning at the May meeting following the school. The Board shall be comprised of **THE FOLLOWING STAKEHOLDER GROUPS:** eight State Department of Agriculture or comparable State agency's representatives, six University/Cooperative Extension representatives, one representative of USDA, two egg industry representatives, three industry organization representatives, ~~and lifetime honorary directors.~~

A second was received and the motion was approved.

Deanna Baldwin made a motion to accept the proposed changes to Article VI, Section 1, the motion read as follows (strikeout represents text to be removed; bold text represents new text):

ARTICLE VI
National Egg Quality School Meetings

Section 1. Stakeholders Annual Meeting. The Stakeholders annual meeting will be held ~~in conjunction with the U.S. Poultry and Egg Association's International Poultry Exposition in January of each~~ **DURING THE CALENDAR year FIRST QUARTER MEETING**. Elections will be held at this meeting for any Board of Director position whose term of office will expire at the May meeting following the school. If notice as required by Article IX has been given, amendments to the bylaws may be voted on at this meeting. ~~Immediately following the election for Board of Director positions, the Board elect shall hold a regular meeting to elect members of the Board to serve as officers as defined in Article II, Section 3.~~

A second was received and the motion was approved.

A motion and second was received to adjourn the meeting, the motion was approved and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

E. L. Knicely, Secretary

Michael Darre, Director
Deana Jones, Assistant Director
Darrin Karcher, NEQS Coordinator
Diana Sparks, Treasurer
E.L. Knicely, Secretary

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