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2022 National Egg Quality School Meeting
May 23, 2022 Indianapolis, IN

Attendees: Diana Sparks, Ken Anderson, Paul Patterson, Elizabeth Myers, Michael Abbott, Bryan Lawson, Dianna Bourassa, Ken Anderson, Mike Persia, Ken Kolkebeck, Nichole Martz, Rafael Rivera, Glen Raef, Deana Jones, Shari Yeatts, Justin Jarocki, Danny Hughes and E. L. Knicely

Paul Patterson called the meeting to order and declared a quorum. E. L. said he received two proxies, Justin Jarocki would serve as proxy for Roland Mader and Deana would be proxy for Elisa Maloberti.

Paul asked for reading of minutes from the September, 2022 Regular meeting held in Atlanta GA. Motion received to dispense with the reading of the minutes, second received, motion passed.

No Committee reports provided.

Bryan Lawson said he is no longer employed by South Carolina Department of Ag, he accepted a position with USDA-AMS. As a result he is no longer eligible to serve on the Board as a State Department of Agriculture Representative. Brian said that he would like to be considered for the Board, possibly as another USDA Representative. Paul asked what would need to happen for him to be considered. E. L. stated there would need to be a bylaw change and all proposed amendments to the bylaws must be received by the Secretary 30 days prior to any scheduled Board meeting. Deana commented that a USDA representative cannot solicit for anyone who is within that commodity. Bryan said he only asked because he wasn't sure anyone on the Board was interested in the Coordinator position. A discussion was had relating to a new Coordinator and Bryan said he was willing to be a resource to assist the new person with learning the responsibilities of the position. Mike Persia asked if the Board should consider creating at-large positions. Elizabeth asked if the bylaws should be less structured and possibly redefine the definitions for the Board positions. E. L. stated that anyone can submit a proposal to amend the bylaws, the proposal should be specific to the section of bylaws and proposals need to be received a minimum of 30 days prior to the next meeting.

Paul said he asked Dianna Bourassa, Ken Kolkebeck and Mike Abbott earlier in the day if they would be interested in being nominated for the Coordinator position. Dianna said she was willing but wanted to be considered as a last option, Ken Kolkebeck left the meeting early and couldn't be reached and Mike Abbott said he would be willing with some help to learn the responsibilities.

A motion was received to nominate Mike Abbott for the Coordinator position, a second was received, the nomination was approved.

Paul offered a slate of nominees for the officer's positions and they were as follows;

Paul Patterson, Director, Elizabeth Myers, Asst. Director, Mike Abbott Coordinator, Diana Sparks, Treasurer and E. L. Knicely, Secretary

A motion was received to accept the slate by acclimation, second received, slate approved.

A discussion was had regarding USDA-AMS graders possibly being utilized as Section Leaders. USDA-AMS sent multiple staff members to the school and it was agreed they could be used as Section Leaders. Ken Anderson asked if academic personnel could be considered as Section Leaders and it was agreed they could.

Deana said she was willing to store the candling lights. Justin Jarocki said he was willing to store the lights in Minneapolis Minnesota since the 2023 school is being held in Minneapolis. It was decided to ship the lights from Indianapolis to Minneapolis and store them for the next year to avoid having to pay an additional shipping charge if they were stored in another state.

Diana said she is still working with a Marriott in Minneapolis to get a signed contract for the 2023 school.

Paul asked for suggestions regarding possible locations for the 2024 school. Locations suggested were California, South Carolina, Utah and Arizona. A location will be determined at the January 2023 meeting.

A motion was made to adjourn, second received, meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

E.L. Knicely, Secretary