

**State Board of Agricultural Research and Education
Minutes – September 14, 2012
Eide Bailly Boardroom, Richard H. Barry Hall, Fargo, ND**

The State Board of Agricultural Research and Education met at the Eide Bailly Boardroom, Richard H. Barry Hall, NDSU downtown campus on September 14, 2012. Board members in attendance were Leland (Judge) Barth, Mike Beltz, Chris Boerboom, John Bollingberg, Dean Bresciani, Tom Bodine (on behalf of Doug Goehring), Ken Grafton, Rodney Howe, Jerry Klein, Paul Langseth, Doyle Lentz, Phillip Mueller, Keith Peltier, JoAnn Rodenbiker, and Richard (Dick) Roland. Absent was Robert Bahm.

Chairman Howe called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m., made introductions, and asked for additions to the agenda. A late addition to the agenda was the approval of the Agricultural Research Fund (ARF) Granting Committees. The document was distributed and approved.

Chairman Howe asked if there was any discussion on the conference call meeting minutes from March 14. Jerry Klein made a motion that the meeting minutes be approved as distributed. Paul Langseth seconded the motion. The March 14 meeting minutes were unanimously approved.

Chris Boerboom provided an administrative update on NDSU Extension. Current searches are underway for a southeast assistant director and an agriculture and natural resource (ANR) program director.

Marcia McMullen, Professor and Extension Plant Pathologist announced her plans for retirement. Dr. Jack Rasmussen, Department of Plant Pathology Chair, will head the search committee for her replacement.

Ron Smith, Professor and Extension Plant Scientist in horticulture and turfgrass, also announced his plans for retirement. Dr. Rich Horsley, Department of Plant Sciences Head, will chair the search process.

Dr. Boerboom discussed the soil health initiative and noted that they are fully staffed and had plans to meet with 25 stakeholders at a Soil Health Advisory Board meeting. A handout regarding the soil health initiative was distributed.

Ken Grafton provided administrative updates from the North Dakota Agricultural Experiment Station and College of Agriculture, Food Systems, and Natural Resources. He announced that William Nganje will start December 21, 2012 as Chair of the Department of Agribusiness and Applied Economics. This position was made vacant after Cole Gustafson passed away due to a farm accident. The NDSU President's Office allowed the search process to go back into the previous pool of candidates. William Nganje was a faculty member at NDSU for many years, and will return to NDSU with a new skill set.

Margaret Olson retired at the end of June after 25 years at NDSU. Ken noted that agriculture was very important to her, and that while it is a great loss for NDSU, she is enjoying retirement.

Dr. Grafton noted that Alisha Nord joined the N.D. Agricultural Experiment Station as a public information specialist intern in August. She has a background in Agricultural Communication and Animal Sciences.

Brian Neville joined the Central Grasslands Research Extension Center as Director in August.

Two candidates were interviewed for the position of Director of the School of Natural Resource Sciences. A final decision will be made soon.

President Bresciani provided the board with a brief update on NDSU. He recently attended an exclusive meeting in Washington, D.C. with other select universities regarding economic initiative. President Bresciani wants to focus on full-time students. He is excited about the future and noted that careers in agriculture are a draw because of the breadth of options. He added that because of the productivity of the faculty and staff, and success of the students, NDSU has become a top tier university in the nation. This success has allowed for the opportunity to head-hunt faculty who bring with them, research and post docs already in place. He noted plans for a new classroom building for STEM fields.

Chairman Howe reported that he and Ken Grafton met with the Governor's office and some key legislators, and that the meetings were well received. Budget information was also provided to the North Dakota University System (NDUS) office. A 15.6% budget increase was requested for needs only, not believed to be an exorbitant amount. The NDUS office recommended to the State Board of Higher Education (SBHE), however, that only approximately 12% be submitted.

Richard Roland asked if the budget request had been trimmed in the past. Rodney Howe stated that a small reduction was attempted last session, but ultimately the entire SBARE list was submitted

Discussion continued regarding the process for SBARE to submit needs. SBARE budget recommendations are intended to be a pass through but are not as of recent sessions.

Chris Boerboom gave a PowerPoint presentation titled "The NDSU Extension Service - Roles and Responsibilities." Topics included enhancing the lives of community members and creating partnerships along with priorities and funding at the federal, state, and county levels.

The meeting was interrupted at 10 a.m. by President Bresciani's announcement that NDSU campus was to be closed at 10:15 a.m. due to a bomb threat that had been called in to the NDSU campus. The meeting was moved to the Radisson Hotel.

The meeting resumed at 10:20 a.m. at the Radisson Hotel where Chris finished his presentation.

Carol Goodman presented a PowerPoint presentation on the Remote Piloted Aircraft Project Collaboration – Mickelsen Research Complex (MRC) in Cavalier County. Constructed in the early 1970s, the structure could potentially be transformed into a site for commercial development.
<http://www.ccjda.org/redevelopment.htm>

Following a break for lunch, the board reconvened at Richard H. Barry Hall for a tour of the Commodity Trading room and presentation by Drs. William Wilson, Ryan Larsen, Frayne Olson, and Saleem Shaik, from the Department of Agribusiness and Applied Economics, NDSU.

At 2:43 p.m., the board returned to the Eide Bailly Boardroom to continue the meeting.

Phil Mueller made a motion, seconded by Doyle Lentz, that SBARE be willing to explore options concerning the SBARE budget. All were in agreement. Bollingberg stated that perhaps SBARE should be supportive of legislative action that would de-politicize the bringing forth of information and recommendations. Phil Mueller was not sure if "de-politicization" was the correct wording.

Jerry Klein suggested that the appropriations committee be contacted and express to the committee that SBARE doesn't want a bill, just a change in wording. The board discussed revising the statement, "The Board of Higher Education shall approve..." to "The Board of Higher Education shall review..."

Judge Barth made a motion that the board explore options of presenting SBARE to the legislature. Doyle Lentz seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

While drawing a line in the sand between SBARE and the SBHE was discussed as an option, it was generally agreed upon by the board that it was important to burn as few bridges as possible. Board members believe that the board has acted responsibly and that suggestions should go to the SBHE via the NDUS as a pass-through manner.

Chairman Howe handed the gavel over to Paul Langseth, Vice Chair, to perform the election of President.

John Bollingberg nominated Rodney Howe to continue serving as Chair of SBARE. Doyle Lentz seconded the nomination, moved to cease nominations, and cast a unanimous ballot. All were in favor.

Paul Langseth nominated Mike Beltz to serve as Vice Chair of SBARE. Doyle Lentz seconded the nomination. John Bollingberg asked current Vice Chair, Paul Langseth, his reason for not seeking the Vice Chair position again. Paul Langseth stated that he will rotate off the board in 2014 and wants to ensure continuity in the organization.

Rodney Howe asked if there were any other nominations or discussion. John Bollingberg moved that nominations cease and that a unanimous ballot be cast. Doyle Lentz seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Rodney Howe asked the board for suggestions on a date/time and agenda items for the next meeting. The board is to think of agenda items and relay them to Rodney Howe. After brief discussion, Rodney Howe indicated that a board meeting will be scheduled prior to December 1.

Discussion was directed to the SBARE priorities/initiatives that were not recommended for funding by the SBHE. Mike Beltz moved that NDSU Extension initiative #5, Gearing Up for Kindergarten/Parent Education/Nutrition, be modified pending confirmation by the Department of Public Instruction (DPI). Richard Roland seconded the motion. A suggestion was made to present questions at a meeting with the Office of Management and Budget on October 17. JoAnn Rodenbiker moved that the words "and Workforce Development" be struck from NDSU Extension initiative #4, Community Sustainability and Workforce Development. The motion was seconded by Judge Barth. All were in favor and the motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Alisha Nord and Janelle Quam.