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Brief summary of minutes of the annual meeting:

Agenda:

October 26th, 2022: Don Tyson Center for Agricultural Sciences (DTAS), 1371 W Altheimer Dr, Fayetteville, AR 72704

- 7:30 AM: Vans in the front of hotel to transport to DTAS
- 8:00 AM-11:00 AM: Welcome & State Reports Part 1
- 11:00 AM-12:00 PM: Small Fruit Germplasm Committee Meeting
- 11:00 AM-12:00 PM: Break or Walking Tour of Campus Farm
- 12:00-1:00 PM: Catered Lunch
- 1:30-3:00 PM: Tour of Arkansas NCPN facility at Cralley-Warren Building and Open House
- 3:00-5:00 PM: State Reports Part II*
- 5:00-6:30 PM: Vertical Wine Tasting and Educational Description of UADA Wines
- 6:30 PM: Transportation provided back to hotel

October 27th, 2022: Fruit Research Station, 1749 State Hwy 818, Clarksville, AR 72830

- 7:00-8:30 AM: Drive to Clarksville (*transportation provided from hotel*)
- 8:30-9:00 AM: Arrival & Welcome in Clarksville
- 9:00-11:30 AM: Tour of Fruit Research Station
- 11:30 AM-12:00 PM: Catered Lunch
- 12:00-1:00 PM: Reflections on a Career in Fruit Breeding-Dr. John Clark
- 1:00-2:30 PM: NCCC-212 Business Meeting
- 2:30-4:00 PM: Return to Fayetteville (*transportation provided*)
- 5:30-9:30 PM: Dr. John Clark Retirement Party (*optional*)

Business Meeting Minutes:

Chair: Margaret Worthington, Amanda McWhirt

Minutes: Taken by Amanda McWhirt

a) Old Business:

- Review/amendments/approval of 2021 minutes - approved by Penny Perkins and seconded by Jessica Spencer, unanimously approved

b) New Business:

- Format for the reports
 - Margaret Worthington suggested a discussion of if an executive summary should be a requirement of the reports going forward, to assist the host in compiling the final report
 - Vance Baird emphasized that these reports are not intended to be a justification for the experiment stations, and so some flexibility in the structure and a brief overview is helpful to the host

- Margaret requested an executive summary from all states/ entities who have not already submitted one, and that it be sent in the next week.
- Vance Baird said direction from NIFA also emphasized concise reports are their preference
- Courtney Weber pointed out that the suggested format provided had the request for the executive summary at the end of the directions, and suggested it be move to the front. It was agreed that the executive summary should be the first thing in the report
- Agreement from the group that the template provided by Margaret was useful and no other changes were needed
- Penny Perkins commented that the reports should include all activity conducted by the contributors to the reports, not just activity with other participants of NCCC 212 after a question about what is expected in this regard from Courtney Weber
- Vance Baird commented that the final report should only include work that can be found later (i.e. projects without an abstract or publication that can be traced several years later)
- Amanda noted that the Arkansas NCCC 212 website is planned to be kept up for at least 1 year
- A request for background on the group was made by Andrew Thomas
 - Vance Baird provided these comments:
 - North Central Collaborative Committee (NCCC 212)
 - There are generally funds available from the experiment stations to support the state representative to attend the meeting
 - There is a renewal that occurs every 5 years
 - The group has been meeting since the 1970s
- Feedback on the meeting held in Arkansas
 - Margaret asked for feedback on a potential hybrid format and the in-person format; Harlene Hatterman Valenti commented that in-person is very important for fostering discussion of developing collaborations.
 - Harlene also recommended keeping the crop germplasm committee meeting hybrid, to which Margaret commented that the meeting could be separated out as a stand alone zoom meeting but wanted to seek feedback from Kim Lewers. Nahala commented that keeping NCC 212 and the germplasm meeting united to help the repository to more easily attend both.
- Email list and reaching out to additional people to attend the meeting
 - Margaret noted that several people from California and Florida could be invited to this meeting in the future and suggested a more concerted effort be made in the future to invite them to attend
 - Jim Luby suggested having the NE 1720 (viticulture group) meet more regularly with NCCC 212, which was done when the meeting was held in Minnesota in 2019
 - Margaret commented that there may be people missing from the email list, because the list is passed between the hosts each year but there is no formal email list. She plans to organize the list she has now and share with Vance and the future hosts.
 - Jessica Spencer commented that a website would be helpful to house everything, but noted that that would require funds and time
 - Vance Baird asked that Jessica remind him of the idea and he said he would look into if something could be set up at Michigan State and/ or will check if NIMSS can add a sign up on their website.
- Future Hosts
 - Rick Harrison said that Driscolls would be happy to assist in hosting tours but likely could not be the official host.
 - Zilfina Rubio Ames, offered that UGA could be the official partner and assist Driscolls

- It was suggested that Cal-poly could be the local partner, Driscolls said they will reach out to them to host in the Santa Maria to San Luis Obispo region for the 2023 meeting.
 - Vance pointed out that historically the host for two years out is the secretary for the next years meeting.
 - Courtney Weber (Cornell) said he might be willing to host in 2024
- No Other business

All state reports, full minutes and full agenda: <https://www.uaex.uada.edu/farm-ranch/crops-commercial-horticulture/horticulture/nccc-212-22.aspx>