

Minutes of the Business Meeting of NCERA-194, Research on Cooperatives
Tuesday, November 2, 2006
Sheraton Bloomington Hotel, Minneapolis, Minnesota

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Chair:

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Vice-Chair & Secretary:

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Treasurer:

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Attendance: There were 19 individuals in attendance, 15 NCERA-194 members and 4 other individuals (graduate students, guests)

NCERA-194 Members in Attendance: Michael Boland, Kansas State University Dennis Conley, University of Nebraska Shermain D. Hardesty, University of California-Davis Brian M. Henehan, Cornell University Brent Hueth University of Wisconsin-Madison Phil Kenkel, Oklahoma State University Rob King University of Minnesota Gregory McKee North Dakota State University Brian Oleson, University of Manitoba Chris Peterson, Michigan State University Ron Rainey University of Arkansas Anne Reynolds, University of Wisconsin-Madison Center for Cooperatives Bruce Reynolds, USDA Cooperative Services-Cooperative Programs Todd Schmit, Cornell University, Evert Van der Sluis, South Dakota State University

Other Individual Attending Stephen Davis, Southwestern Minnesota State University, Tyler Gilkey, University of Nebraska, Kathy Lang, University of Saskatchewan, Lynn Pitman, University of Wisconsin-Madison

Call to Order Chairman Phil Kenkel called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

Approval of minutes from the 2005 Annual Meeting Chair Phil Kenkel distributed the 2005 meeting minutes. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Brian Henehan and seconded by Shermain Hardesty. Motion carried.

Nominating Committee Report Michael Boland gave the nominating committee report. The committee recommended an officer slate consisting of: Shermain Hardesty-Chair, Gregory McKee-Vice Chair and Brent Hueth-Secretary. There were no further nominations from the

floor. A motion to elect the recommended slate of officers by acclamation was made by Michael Boland and seconded by Evert Van de Sluis. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report Mike Boland presented the financial report. Prior to the meeting expenses, the organization had a balance of \$3176. Mike reported that 16 paid registrants for the 2006 meeting. He projected the balance after meeting expenses to be very close to the balance at the beginning of the year of \$1,500. A motion to approve the financial report was made by Chris Peterson and seconded by Phil Kenkel. Motion carried.

Administrative Advisor's Report

There was no Administrative Advisor's Report since Sally Thompson was unable to attend.

Status of Journal of Cooperatives

Phil Kenkel led a discussion on the status of the Journal of Cooperatives. The proposed journal will be published electronically. It will be funded through page charges. Articles will be published as they come in; the journal needs to establish a consistent publication record to draw quality articles. Areas for articles include: research, case studies and teaching articles. Archived articles will be available through the NCERA-194 web site and JSTOR at no charge.

Currently, there are four reviewed manuscripts awaiting publication. As editor, Phil plans to rely heavily on the NCERA194 membership for reviewers.

Access to back issues of Journal of Cooperatives is uncertain; NCFC holds the copyright. Numerous back issues of American Cooperation are also stored on an old server.

Cooperative Text Book Project

Mike Boland led a discussion on the cooperative text book project. The Farm Foundation and the CHS Foundation and The Cooperative Foundation have agreed to provide a total of \$13,000 for the publication. Nationwide Foundation will also be asked to provide support. Dave Barton has agreed to hammer out the revisions by holding a two day retreat. He has approached individuals to fill in the holes and is looking for more volunteers. The revisions will be forwarded to the reviewers. A Teachers' Manual is also being developed. Mike Boland has agreed to edit the chapters into a more textbook-like style.

Student Registration Fees and Financial Support

Mike Boland reported that \$2,000 of student participation funding was received from the CHS Foundation. Mike reported that 2 individuals received scholarships, Tyler Gilkey--University of Nebraska and a student from Texas who attended only the Farmer Cooperatives Conference.

Resolution of Appreciation

A motion thanking the CHS Foundation for their support of the meeting was made by Phil Kenkel and seconded by Shermain Hardesty. Motion carried.

2007 Meeting Format

The format for the 2007 NCERA-194 Annual Meeting was discussed. After considering the possibility of linking the meeting with CHS's annual meeting, the group agreed to continue to

link the conference with the Farmers Cooperative Conference. The general consensus was that holding NCRERA-194 immediately after the Farmers Cooperative Conference was preferable to before the conference.

There was discussion about the low attendance at this year's meeting, which was attributed to lack of travel funding for USDA staff and schedule conflicts for several NCERA 194 members and their graduate students. Shermain Hardesty agreed to get the group list-serve updated and to expand the list.

There was discussion about participating in the combined meetings of the International Cooperative Alliance Committee on Cooperative Research, Canadian Association for Studies in Cooperation and the Association for Cooperative Educators in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada in May. However, there was general consensus that land grant universities would not fund travel to Canada.

A motion thanking Phil Kenkel for his dedicated service as chair was made by Evert Van der Sluis and seconded by Mike Boland. The motion was approved.

The meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.