

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Blake Inman.

Those in attendance included Blake Inman, Leon Hiltner, LoAyne Voigt, and Joyana Baumann.

The first resolution discussed concerned the request for shorter and stronger strawed hard red spring wheat (HRSW) and durum varieties.

*Whereas the NDSU HRSW and Durum breeding programs are designed to promote HRSW and Durum varieties that are adapted to production throughout the state of North Dakota.*

*Whereas the most recently released HRSW and Durum varieties are taller varieties and have less than desired straw strength.*

*Therefore be it resolved that the NDCISA recommends that the NDCISA encourage the cereal breeders to listen to our growers in this area and begin more emphasis on breeding shorter HRSW and durum varieties that would be better adapted to production across the state.*

The committee recommended a due pass for resolution #1.

The second resolution was brought forth by Leon which recommended that Dakota Select Seed (DSS) have a formalized committee created to direct the group.

*Be it resolved that NDCISA has an advisory committee for Dakota Select Seed (DSS) and that the committee should consist of a DSS member from each district if available, an extension representative, and a program coordinator. The DSS committee shall be a standing committee at the annual meeting.*

The committee recommended a due pass for resolution #2.

The third resolution discussed concerned legislative support for continued funding to Research Extension Centers (RECs).

*Whereas NDSU Research and Extension are a vital link of our organization, be it resolved that the NDCISA recommend that the legislature continue to support infrastructure, equipment and personnel to operate these facilities and ensure pure seed of improved varieties on into the future.*

The committee recommended a due pass for resolution #3.

The final resolution discussed was the opposition of increasing the minimum royalties that NDSU creator/inventors receive from 30% to 40%.

*The NDCISA opposes the increasing of the minimum percent of net royalties to be received by the creator/inventor from 30% to 40%.*

*The NDCISA recognizes the value and importance of the excellent breeders at NDSU. The varieties developed and released at NDSU have been some of the best and most widely accepted varieties in the state. All aspects of the breeding programs and variety development are important including breeders, the NDSU Research Foundation and producers. We believe increasing the minimum amount of net royalties that must go to individuals or breeders themselves will in turn take funding away from the rest of the breeding program and the NDSU Research Foundation, which will in turn be detrimental to the program and hinder new variety development.*

The committee recommended a due pass for resolution #4.

The bylaw change presented was about changing the amount of time between periods of service for directors before they are eligible to serve again.

*The NDCISA Board of Directors would like to recommend that the bylaws be changed to read that a director that has served on the board for nine years will need to wait one year to get back on, as opposed to three years.*

The committee recommended a due pass for the bylaw change.

The meeting was adjourned.