

**2012 NDCIA Annual Meeting**  
**Research and Ext. Committee Minutes**  
**taken by Gonzalo Rojas**

The meeting was called to order by Mark Birdsall.

Minutes from last year were read and Dennis Renner made the motion to accept the minutes and seconded by Eugene Goeser.

No old Business

New Business

Jay Fisher from NCREC and Blain Schatz thanked the NDCISA for the seed bins that were given to the REC's.

Jay gave an update about Dr. Grafton's new position that he has been named Vice President of Agricultural affairs. He also mentioned that the Ext. Director Duane Hauck retired last December and a search is undergoing at this moment.

Jay also updated about SBARE, how this organization works. SBARE meets every month looking for the needs of ND people. The next meeting will be in Fargo on March 2<sup>nd</sup> to set up the list of priorities. There have been a lot of requests for Agricultural production and Livestock.

Also, they have a capital improvement. Number one on the list is the greenhouse on NDSU Campus in Fargo. Second is the Agronomy Research Lab for the REC Stations and in third place are the Foundation seed conditioning plants. The need for a new conditioning plant is very important and money need varies among the REC's depending on the volume of seed. Jay suggested going on record to support the seed plants. Also he addressed the need of training the new County Agents.

Blaine mentioned that the REC stations are open to suggestions from the NDCISA for new research or issues that the REC's need to address.

Dr. Joel Ransom thanked the group for funding the 2012 Best of The Best in Minot. He mentioned that Dr. Rich Horsley is the new chair of Plant Sciences Dept. He also asked for suggestion of new issues that the Ext. Dept. should address.

There is a varietal selection tool developed on the web that will help the grower to select varieties for their area. They are planning to develop an application for the smart phone, and he suggested that the NDCISA could help with funding to support that initiative; the cost for an app is around \$7,000-\$8,000.

County Agents suggest a revision of the grower's contracts and Mark said that the contracts will be revised by a Committee formed by NDCISA.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mark Birdsall and seconded by Eric Eriksmoen