

**NDCISA Annual Meeting  
Resolutions & Bylaws Committee Meeting  
February 2, 2017  
Bismarck, ND**

Attendees: Blake Inman, Carson Kouba, LoAyne Voigt, Myron Blumhagen, Dale Williams, Ken Bertsch, Leon Hiltner and Joyana Baumann.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Blake Inman. The 2016 Resolutions Committee Meeting Minutes were read. Carson moved to accept the minutes as read, LoAyne seconded and motion carried.

Six resolutions were presented and discussed.

1. Whereas adequate foundation seed conditioning facilities are lacking at North Central REC, Carrington REC, Langdon REC and Williston REC.

Whereas adequate foundation seed conditioning facilities are needed to produce and distribute pure foundation class seed to ensure maximum value in crop production by ND producers.

Whereas pure seed is imperative to support the success of North Dakota agriculture.

Be it resolved that the ~~NW district of~~ NDCISA supports a number 1 priority ranking from SBARE for the construction of a stationary seed plant at North Central REC, Carrington REC, Langdon REC and Williston REC.

Carson made a motion to accept the amendments of removing NW district of, adding all Research Extension Centers and splitting original resolution into two separate resolutions. Joyana seconded and motion carried. Carson made a motion to recommend do pass resolution #1, Leon seconded and motion carried.

2. Whereas the 2015 Legislative Session has allowed additional funds to be raised.

Whereas the NCREC is actively engaged in fundraising activities and recognizes that additional funding will be necessary to complete the needed conditioning facilities.

Be it resolved that the ~~NW district of~~ NDCISA supports a request for the legislature to match any external funds generated by any the NCRECs for completion of the project seed conditioning facilities.

Carson made a motion to accept amendment changes to remove NW district of, include matching funds of any REC that fundraises and specifying for the completion of seed conditioning facilities, Joyana seconded and motion carried. Joyana made a motion to recommend do pass resolution #2, Leon seconded and motion carried.

3. Whereas NDSU currently has the vacant positions of flax breeder and pulse crop breeder. Additionally, technical support for the flax, pulse, and oat varietal development programs is essential.

Whereas strong plant breeding and varietal development programs are vital in the enhancement and support of ND agriculture.

Whereas NDSU has the only flax breeding program in the US and ND produces 92+ % of the US flax to supply a unique oil with traditional and potentially emerging uses.

Whereas pulse crop production is increasing in ND and becoming more important to ND agriculture and the NDSU pulse breeding program which was initiated in 2008 is now beginning to gain momentum and turn out potential varieties to support the ND pulse producers and industry.

Whereas the oat breeding program has a long history of providing superior varieties for ND agriculture and this program has lost the only technician assigned to this project due to retirement and this program will be ineffective without this personnel support.

Be it resolved that the ~~NW district of~~ NDCISA strongly supports refilling these critical vacant positions of flax breeder, pulse crop breeder and oat varietal development program technician to provide economic benefits to ND agriculture and economy.

Carson made a motion to accept amendment change to remove NW district of, LoAyne seconded and motion carried. Leon made a motion to recommend a do pass resolution #3, Carson seconded and motion carried.

4. Whereas ND agricultural is the leading industry sector in ND and recognized as a major economic engine for the ND economy which employs 24% of the state's population.

Whereas North Dakota State University, as the Land Grant University of ND, has the directive and obligation to provide resources to support and enhance the agricultural industry which generates about 25% of ND's economic base.

Whereas investment in agriculture research has enabled ND to be the number one US producer of many major crops with a ND economic impact of \$10.9 Billion per year.

Be it resolved that the ~~NW district of~~ NDCISA strongly supports the reinstatement of 100 percent of the NDSU Ag budget.

*(Data presented selected from 2016 NASS reports and 2016 North Dakota Agriculture, Volume 1)*

Joyana made a motion to accept amendment change to remove NW district of, Carson seconded and motion carried. Leon made a motion to recommend a do pass resolution #4, Carson seconded and motion carried.

5. Whereas agriculture is the #1 industry in North Dakota and the production of cereal crops is a large portion of that industry.

Whereas the development of new and better spring wheat and durum varieties is the goal of the NDSU wheat breeding program.

Whereas the development of new varieties takes place in the new NDSU greenhouse and the quality of these new varieties is tested in the Cereal Crop Science building known as Harris Hall.

Whereas Harris Hall is an antiquated structure where the scientists are relegated to confined work spaces, which undoubtedly compromises the efficiency of the equipment used to test the baking qualities of the newly developed varieties.

Whereas these conditions could result in the loss of scientists and/or staff because private industry or other universities' facilities are undoubtedly more modern,

Whereas the construction of a modern facility can only enhance the research, development and testing of cereal crops for many years to come,

Be it resolved that the NDCISA urges the governor and legislators of North Dakota and the administration of NDSU to make the construction of the Cereal Crop Science building known as Harris Hall a major priority for funding in the next legislative session.

Carson made a motion to recommend a do pass resolution #5, Leon seconded and motion carried.

- ~~6. Whereas the NDCISA board of directors have implemented an \$8.00 per bushel commodity fee on the sale of ND Gold flax seed and ND1406HP soybean seed,~~

~~Whereas, this fee has limited the sale of these varieties,~~

~~Whereas, because of the loss of sales of these varieties, the potential of these crops cannot be realized,~~

~~Be it resolved that the NDCISA board of directors be encouraged to greatly reduce or remove this commodity fee on ND Gold flax and ND1406HP soybean seed.~~

This resolution was struck from the list of resolutions. It was resolved at the board of directors' meeting yesterday with the decision to remove the commodity fees on Gold ND and ND1406HP.

6. Whereas, the NDSU Research Foundation holds the rights to the intellectual property on the wheat varieties developed at NDSU.

Whereas, this intellectual property can be shared with other research and/or governmental entities by contractual agreement between only the said entity and the NDSU Research Foundation.

Whereas, the funding of NDSU varietal research programs that develop new wheat varieties is funded in part by producer organizations such as the North Dakota Crop Improvement and Seed Association, the ND Wheat Commission, etc.

Whereas, the release of NDSU varieties by the NDSU Research Foundation to Canada has resulted in Canada's establishment of a new class of wheat (Canadian origin northern spring) comprised solely of these NDSU varieties.

Whereas, as Canada will not recognize NDSU varieties grown outside Canada as in the same class as their CONS because they are not "Canadian Origin",

Whereas, this limits ND producers from accessing the Canadian markets which, from time to time, provides an economic advantage, especially to the border states of the US,

Be it resolved that, in the future, any NDSU developed wheat variety be released to either a research or government entity, that it be a joint release between the NDSU Research Foundation and the NDCISA.

Myron made a motion to amend the resolution to add US before government entity in the last paragraph. Without a second, the motion was not considered. Carson made a motion to table the resolution in order to get more clarity and input from others, Joyana seconded and motion carried.

Carson made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Joyana seconded and the meeting was adjourned.