NC-213 Annual Business Meeting Agenda
Gateway Conference Center and Hotel at Iowa State University Ames
Wednesday, February 27, 2019 – Noon During Banquet Lunch

General Comments - NC-213 Administrative Advisor/Coordinator (David A. Benfield)
Currently there are no major updates on funding. N.I.F.A. is working on getting caught-up due to the recent partial Government shut-down. The Federal Budget is still pending. The new Farm Bill passed and given the level of funding there are some infrastructure considerations for Land Gant Institutions. How this will affect Land Grant Institutions funding – level or slight increase. House was higher in funding and the Senate was lower. Dr. Benfield recognized Anton Bekkerman and Bill Koshar for their work over the year and recognized Chuck Hill for organizing the Industry Panel Discussion. Dr. Benfield went on to note that there was an exceptional group of students who presented posters at the Poster Showing. He enjoyed talking with them and getting to know them and they did an excellent job of explaining their research.

Discussion was held on filling the vacant NC-213 Objective 2 Co-Chair position. After some discussion, it was decided that the NC-213 Administrative Advisor’s Office would release an e-mail for self-nomination for that vacant position and that an article would appear in the next Grain Quality Newsletter.

Announcement of the Winner(s) of the NC-213 Andersons Poster Showing – Students People Choice Award. NC-213 Chair (Anton Bekkerman). This year there were 18 posters on display and there was a tie for first place. Both individuals are recognized as Winners and they are: Ruben Chavez, University of Illinois-Urbana and Guy Roger Aby, Iowa State University.

NC-213 Past Chair (Sam McNeill) recognized the winner of the 2019 Andersons Cereals and Oilseeds Award of Excellence. The winner of this award was Frank Arthur, Professor, USDA, GMPRC, Manhattan, Kansas.

NC-213 Chair (Anton Bekkerman) and NC-213 Vice Chair (Griffiths Atungulu) led discussion on the NC-213 Annual Meeting 2020. Three options were presented to the group:

NC-213: Tuesday, March 24 and Wednesday, March 25

Due to the last two meetings with GEAPS, the group felt it better to meet at a different location than GEAPS, rather than the Convention Center. We experienced not being able to gain early access, we had our audio-visual equipment removed, and no staff was on-hand to help with meeting room issues.

NC-213: Wednesday, February 19 and Thursday, February 20
Option #3: Open discussion for an Institution or U.S.D.A. Agency to host.

After much discussion, it was voted on meeting with GEAPS in March of 2020.

Additional discussion was held on formats and such for future meetings. It was discussed that maybe a template should be created for the presentations. That would aid in keeping the presentations to their 15-minute timeframe and to help presenters to give pertinent information (i.e., scope of work, objectives, results, future applications for the research). It was also discussed that maybe an “abstract” of research be given with the presentation titles prior to the meeting. Some folks felt that since this is a research-based conference, it might be beneficial as we want to ensure that we have true research presentations and not presenters advertising their company for gain.

Open discussion on adding an “In Memoriam” section to the website, newsletter, etc. After discussion, it was decided, when NC-213 is notified of the passing of a past member, that an e-mail is sent via the Listserv, an article is placed in the Grain Quality Newsletter, and that the “In Memoriam” section of the website will be updated.

NC-213 Secretary – vacant position. After discussion and voting, it was decided that Devon Rose, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, be the incoming NC-213 Secretary.

Meeting adjourned