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NATIONAL EGG QUALITY SCHOOL

2020 National Egg Quality School Stakeholder Meeting
January 29, 2020
Atlanta, Georgia

Attendees: Mike Darre, Diana Sparks, Ken Anderson, Deanna Baldwin, Richard Hoyle, Danny Hughes, Deana Jones, Oscar Garrison, Tony Herrera, Ken Koelkebeck, Pat Curtis, Cary Wise, Cheri Ellis, Paul Patterson, Elisa Maloberti, Kim Rice, Dianna Bourassa, Craig Coufal, E. L. Knicely

Mike Darre called the meeting to order and declared a quorum.

E. L. Knicely read the slate of nominations for the Board positions that will expire in May 2018.

State Department of Agriculture or comparable State agency (Three seats):

E. L. Knicely, Virginia Dept. of Ag.
Nichole Martz, Pennsylvania Dept. of Ag
Tony Herrera, California Dept. of Food & Ag

University/Cooperative Extension Representatives (Two seats):

Michael Darre, University of Connecticut, Professor Emeritus of Poultry Science
Craig Coufal, Texas A&M

Industry Organization (One seat):

Oscar Garrison, United Egg Producers

Motion was received to accept the nominations by acclamation, second received, motion was approved.

E. L. Knicely announced that Nichole Martz appointed Richard Hoyle for General Proxy.

Elisa Maloberti asked if an individual from AEB could be considered for the Board. Diana said AEB had someone on the Board for several years; however, a few years ago the person left AEB leaving a vacancy. At the time, we asked if AEB had someone else they would like to recommend and was informed they did not, but said they may have someone in the future. As a result, Rafael Rivera from the U.S. Poultry & Egg Assoc. was selected for the vacancy. Diana suggested that AEB provide a name and if a spot came open for an Industry Organization seat, they would be considered at that time.

Mike asked for reading of minutes, a motion was received to dispense with the reading of the minutes, second received, motion approved.

Ken Anderson announced his intention to resign as a Board member at the end of the regular meeting due to new responsibilities he has taken on. He stated that he intends to remain active with the school as a Stakeholder. The Board awarded him with a plaque for his years of service to the school.

Bylaws; Diana distributed the proposed bylaw changes that were previously sent out to members. Mike and Deanna reviewed the proposed changes. A motion was made to accept, second received, motion approved. Oscar said that UEP could share any future stakeholder information through the UEP newsletter and would send to AEB to share through their newsletter.

Other business; None

Motion made to adjourn, second, meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

E.L. Knicely, Secretary