



North Central Regional Association of State Agricultural Experiment Station Directors

229th Meeting

Kellogg Hotel and Conference Center, East Lansing, MI

Tuesday, August 6, 2024, 1 pm to 2:30 pm

AGENDA and [Meeting NOTES](#)

Time	Item #	Topic	Presenter(s)	Action Needed
1:00 pm	1.0	Welcome and Introductions	Gary Pierzynski, NCRA Chair	Attendees briefly introduce themselves (name, title, institution)
1:15 pm	2.0	NCRA ED and AD Mid-Year Activities Update	Jeanette Thurston, Chris Hamilton	For information/discussion
1:35 pm	3.0	Review of NCRA AAs Needed and Committee Appointments for FFY25	Chris Hamilton and Hector Santiago, Nominations and Awards Committee Chair	For information/Solicitation of volunteers to fill vacant roles
1:45 pm	4.0	Joint NCRA/NCCEA Discussion – Regional Priorities and Initiatives	Led by Jeanette Thurston, NCRA ED, and Robin Shepard, NCCEA ED	For discussion
2:25 pm	5.0	Other Business, as needed	All	TBD
2:30 pm	<i>Meeting Adjourns</i>			

Upcoming Meetings:

- [Fall 2024 agInnovation Conference](#), September 22-25, 2024, Raleigh, NC.
- [APLU Annual Meeting](#), November 10-12, 2024, Orlando, FL.
- NCRA Spring Meeting, April 7-9, 2025, [Marriott Aloft San Juan, PR](#).

Meeting NOTES

Attendees: Gary Pierzynski, Ruth MacDonald, Shibu Jose, John Blanton, Rich Bischoff, Hector Santiago, Troy Runge, Derek McLean (via Zoom), Jane Schuh, Robin Shepard (NCCEA ED), Jeanette Thurston, Chris Hamilton (recorder)

Item #	Topic	Presenter(s)	Notes	Action Taken
1.0	Welcome and Introductions	Gary Pierzynski, NCRA Chair	Gary welcomed everyone to the meeting and led introductions around the room.	None needed.
2.0	NCRA ED and AD Mid-Year Activities Update	Jeanette Thurston, Chris Hamilton	<p>Jeanette and Chris reviewed their Activities documents below and requested feedback/additional thoughts from the NCRA as needed. NCRA directors were very favorable and thanked Jeanette and Chris for all they do.</p> <p>Speaking with one LGU voice on our big data would be a useful endeavor – perhaps we can organize something around this effort in conjunction with USDA; Simon Liu is the contact for this effort.</p>	None, for information only.
3.0	Review of NCRA AAs Needed and Committee Appointments for FFY25	Chris Hamilton and Hector Santiago, Nominations and Awards Committee Chair	Chris reviewed the NCRA AAs/Committee appointments for FFY25. Looking for AAs to NCCC215 and NC140. John Blanton volunteered to serve as AA to NCCC215; Troy Runge for NC140.	John Blanton volunteered to serve as AA to NCCC215; Troy Runge for NC140.
4.0	Joint NCRA/NCCEA Discussion – Regional Priorities and Initiatives	Led by Jeanette Thurston, NCRA ED, and Robin Shepard, NCCEA ED	<p>Regional priorities for agInnovation Roadmap Pillars would be helpful. Can then share these joint research and Extension priorities with the other regions, which would give George national leverage. Let's all have one voice in this effort; this is always the most effective approach.</p> <p>Health and youth came to the top for Extension, which could tie in well with</p>	None, discussion only for now.

			<p>agInnovation priorities, as well as supporting the Capacity funding task force and infrastructure.</p> <p>What's the best way to get NCRA and NCCEA together for these discussions? Let's plan a few virtual meetings first to formally decide regional joint next steps, then develop a joint retreat for winter/spring 2025 to drill down and finalize our direction and priorities.</p> <p>Jeanette and George are currently collecting stakeholder input between now and the fall, so perhaps proceed with Extension discussions after that.</p>	
5.0	Other Business, as needed	All	Chris reminded the group to register for the fall agInnovation meeting ASAP. Early bird deadline is August 22, same for hotel block expiration date.	Please register for the fall agInnovation meeting ASAP. Early bird deadline is August 22, same for hotel block expiration date.

Item 2.0: NCRA ED and AD Mid-Year Activities Update

Presenters: Jeanette Thurston, Chris Hamilton

Action Requested: For information, discussion

NCRA OFFICE Mid-Year Performance Progress Update: Jeanette Thurston

7-30-24

PROGRESS Toward Goals (a few highlights below):

- (National) Provide leadership and support for the successful development and implementation of agInnovation Research Strategy and increase and strengthen strategic partnerships.
 - The agInnovation Research Roadmap, envisioned by our Chair George Smith and supported by me as Vice-Chair, represents a groundbreaking strategy for advancing agricultural research. Our development efforts began earnestly at an in-person Roadmap working group meeting in Chicago in March 2024. The first complete draft was shared at the BAA Summer Leadership Meeting in July, sparking further discussions with ECOP, ICOP, and ACOP. These conversations are paving the way for integrating these other APLU sections into the Roadmap. This emerging vision and strategy will revolutionize how we educate and advocate for our work nationwide, amplifying the unique power of our LGUs and demonstrating the unparalleled strength of our collective mission.
 - I continue to provide support to George as a thought partner to address issues and opportunities and carry out his duties as agInnovation chair. I have a significant role in drafting the roadmap sections, identifying, arranging and participating in meetings with internal and external stakeholders to gain input, and setting our path (process) forward to meet our goal of a final stakeholder-informed Roadmap and plan for implementation by the end of the calendar year.
 - I am working with the incoming Vice-Chair, Gary Thompson to both prepare Steve Lommel, incoming agInnovation Chair, and to assist with moving the current initiatives (Roadmap and stakeholder engagement) forward after September (when George and my current chair/vice-chair roles end).
 - Steve and I arranged a joint in-person meeting (May) among the four of us to discuss current and future plans and where we can be of assistance beginning in October, especially in moving forward the current two initiatives.
 - Because of changes in leadership in the coming year, I have been asked to be vice-chair of BLC beginning in January. This is a great opportunity not only for me as the new ED but also to help implement our Roadmap.
- (Regional) Continue and advance regional research and extension collaborative and coordinated efforts.
 - Worked alongside Robin Shepard on the following programs/initiatives:
 - New Administrator's Bootcamp—
 - Jointly identified co-chairs, speakers, and most importantly, worked with our co-chairs and regional leadership to develop the training topic areas and resulting sessions. This year's bootcamp had 21 participants and was held July 23-25 in Kansas City.
 - North Central Region Communicator's Consortium
 - In collaboration with Robin Shepard, this is a new regional effort (began last year) to bring together our regional agricultural communicators (extension and research

focused). Our group is moving forward with quarterly meetings, plans for an in-person meeting next year, and developing a plan for better coordination and collaboration across our region. I helped lead a session (alongside Gary Thompson) at the Association of Communicator's Excellence in June on a national approach to collaboration and coordination concerning national science priorities.

- New discussion around regional science priorities
 - Robin and I have been discussing over the past year the opportunity to bring our two associations together around shared science priorities. Now is a great time to move forward with this idea with the development and integration of the agInnovation Research Roadmap. We will begin this discussion at this year's mini-LGU in Michigan.
- (Regional) Increase the effectiveness and efficiency of NCRA business.
 - Working with Chris, we have identified areas where we can provide clarity and direction for our NCRA work. In addition to establishing a more effective committee focused on nominations and awards, specifying our process for identifying the annual NCRA Chair, and working proactively to identify locations and partners for our upcoming spring meetings (discussed during 2024 Spring meeting), we have also identified a need to provide our procedures for developing the annual NCRA budget in our Rules for Operation and hold a discussion on NCRA budget strategy options for NCRA directors to consider during our September Fall meeting.

Chris Hamilton Mid-year Review Updates (August 2024):

1. Continuation of my core job duties for NCRA and agInnovation as briefly described for this current period (details in attached sheet; general NIMSS program management/user assistance, NC multistate project/program management, association management, meeting planning, website, social media, NCRA budget, etc.)
 - Spring NCRA meeting went well, led the MRC meeting and conducted all follow up for project renewals. NCRA monthly calls proceeding as usual, planning starting for summer NCRA meeting during the Mini LGU.
 - Led the NIMSS Jeopardy game at NERAOC in April. We received excellent feedback and attendees requested we do something similar at future sessions. It was informative, interactive, fun, and a nice way for NIMSS users and RSAs to get to know each other better.
 - As of 7/30, all multistate project proposal revisions and approval are complete, for projects starting on 10/1/2024 (FFY25).
 - Currently assisting projects with setting up their FFY26 multistate renewal proposal templates in NIMSS and working with these teams to meet our fall submission deadlines. We have a few new/proposed NDCCs (PFAS, agrivoltaics, etc.) in the works and I've been helping them get set up in NIMSS. I've also volunteered to serve as AA/co-AA with George on the PFAS project, once it gets up and running. I have a soil/water chemistry background, so I have an interest in this topic and thought it might be a good fit, not to mention that there's a lot of PFAS contamination here in Madison wells.
 - Assisted KSU with preparation and distribution of FY25 NCRA state assessment invoices.
 - FY25 NCRA budget was approved and I'm working on closing out FY24; just waiting on final numbers from KSU. I have the working FY25 budget document up and running already. At the request of the NCRA EC, we also created an initial document with several options for inflation-based increases to the NCRA office budget, which we will present soon at an upcoming NCRA meeting.
 - Worked with the NCRA NAC to select winners of the Innovator and Leadership awards. I created and analyzed rubrics to objectively evaluate the nominees.

- I review our website weekly and make any changes/updates as needed, such as showcasing our regional award winners in the slide show. Same for our social media accounts – I check these weekly, if possible, and post stories in parallel with MRFImpacts, AgIsAmerica, and others, as relevant.
2. In early 2024, I will work with Clemson, taking the lead on testing and roll-out of the “new” NIMSS. The system is being ported over to a new framework and prior to release, we need to test all NIMSS functions. (Unsure of the time commitment for this until it rolls out; when NIMSS was initially released in 2015, it was significant, but hoping for less this go-round with the new NIMSS team and currently operational system.)
 - This effort is complete. Testing went well and the new NIMSS rollout occurred over a weekend and was almost seamless. A few issues came up, but I worked with the Clemson team to address these, as needed. I continue to assist with any bugs that pop up, as reported by users and RSAs.
 3. Assist new NRSP-RC admin leadership with NRSP-RC activities and responsibilities and OTT project budget collection and transmission to NIFA accounting staff.
 - I collected NRSP and other OTT budget requests from all regions and worked directly with Bret Hess to submit this to the relevant NIFA contacts.
 - Participated in a call with NIFA budget contacts to help them understand our NRSP/OTT fund request and processes. Additionally, I sent the FFY24 NRSP/OTT budgets to NCRA directors this year and have assisted their office staff with a few questions about this process and how OTT funds are received. This is an ongoing discussion with Linda at NIFA as we navigate effect ways for states to better track OTT funds received. Work in progress, stay tuned.
 - Assisted and finalized NRSP3’s renewal proposal and helped Cindy Morley more with how to manage the NRSP-RC activities.
 - Attended the NRSP-RC meeting on July 24 with John Blanton, who has taken over for Carolyn as our NCRA representative.
 4. Serve as a member on the agInnovation team led by Bret Hess to update the national Multistate Research Guidelines. My role will focus on ensuring that NIMSS reporting, reviews, and proposal templates are updated to match any changes/updates to multistate proposal and project review requirements.
 - We’ve made pretty good progress here, through monthly meetings and offline work. So far, we’ve updated and simplified several multistate/NIMSS forms (proposal templates, annual reports, and a few review forms). Our goal is to better align what we collect from project outlines and annual reports with review forms and agInnovation and NIFA priorities. We’ve added new and removed unused sections. This effort is on-going.
 5. Shared Goal with George Smith, agInnovation Chair, and Jeanette: Provide support for the successful development and implementation of agInnovation Research Strategy and increase strategic partnerships.
 - Attended and participated in the March Research Strategy Roadmap working group.
 - Took the lead on the Climate Outcomes sub-group, which met virtually twice this spring to assist with the development of Climate Outcome Statements and reviewed the Climate Pillar one-page document.
 6. In collaboration with Robin Shepard, NCEA Executive Director, and Jeanette: Continue and advance regional research and extension collaborative and coordinated efforts (e.g., new administrator’s bootcamp, Mini LGU meeting, NRCS engagement, regional communicators consortium, identification of regional priorities, etc.)
 - I’ve attended a few Boot Camp and NCR comms meetings, as well as the NIFA comms town hall meetings as time allows.
 - Other items TBD as 2024 progresses.
 7. Serve on the 2024 agInnovation fall meeting planning team (led by SAAESD)
 - Attending monthly calls, reviewing meeting website materials and meeting logistics with Cindy and the NCSU events team.
 8. Lead NIMSS RSA and NRSP1 (proposed) Chair:
 - Initiated and led the development and approval process for the NRSP1 Management Committee Rules of Operation. These are under committee review and vote right now and include elevating my role up to NRSP1 Management Committee chair.

9. (For after the Fall 2024 agInnovation meeting) In collaboration and coordination with Jeanette and an NCRA director group: Review and analyze the NCR multistate research portfolio, including topics, activity and impacts as well as identifying which projects can respond to the chair's agInnovation Research Strategy.
 - I've created an initial Excel pivot table of our current NCRA multistate portfolio that attempts to link our projects to the STC agInnovation Research Roadmap. Need more input on what might be useful for future review of our projects.
10. Other Activities: If time allows, access the UW LinkedIn learning for MS project (recently downloaded this from UW's software bank) and other applications that might assist me with more effective and efficient project management for NCRA activities.
 - Joined the UW CALS Agricultural Research Stations Committee. I believe meetings will start in the fall.
 - Registered for UW Continuing Education Mid-Level Management Certificate (MLMC). This is a series of seven courses (2-4 days each) taken over a three-year period. Timing and order are flexible. Classes include:
 - A Coach Approach to Work Performance Feedback
 - Management Assessment for Personal Planning and Development
 - Leadership
 - Managing Your Brain for Managers: The Neuroscience of Leading Self and Others
 - Communication Skills for Challenging Conversations
 - The Manager's Role in Work Satisfaction and Engagement
 - Leading from a Distance: Team Building in a Hybrid World
 - Other Miscellaneous Trainings Taken in 2024:
 - Excel: PivotTables for Beginners
 - Fundamentals of Bookkeeping – Intuit QuickBooks Online, which is what the agInnovation non-profit will likely use, and have a basic understanding of double entry accounting to better assist with financial management of the 401(c)(3), which was recently approved by the IRS.
 - Foundations: Data, Data, Everywhere; Ask Questions to Make Data-Driven Decisions; Python Programming: Introduction, Loops, Lists and Functions, Spreadsheets and Data Manipulation, and Data Visualization with Seaborn – These are some very beginner short online trainings offered through UW to help me a basic, high level understanding of data analysis to better assist with a possible NCR AI/Data in Ag Consortium.
 - Depending on the time needed to assist with the agInnovation non-profit (conflicting opinions on this, depending who is asked) and based on suggestion from Jeanette, I am considering initiating an NC AI in Ag/Data Science Consortium, as a way for our Colleges of Ag to share information, best practices, trainings, etc. I would set this up this fall, after the Fall agInnovation meeting when George rotates off as national chair. I hosted a NIMSS power-users Zoom, so this might be a good way to advance that activity into a broader ag data space if there is interest.

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Item 3.0: Review of NCRA AAs Needed and Committee Appointments for FFY25**Presenter: Chris Hamilton and Hector Santiago, Nominations and Awards Committee Chair****Action Requested: For information/Solicitation of volunteers to fill vacant roles****Open NC AA Roles – Please Volunteer!**

- NCCC215: Potato Breeding and Genetics Technical Committee
- NC140: IMPROVING ECONOMIC AND ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY IN TREE-FRUIT PRODUCTION THROUGH CHANGES IN ROOTSTOCK USE

NCRA Officers and Standing Committee Members(Link to [NCRA Rules of Operation](#) for committee descriptions)

Federal Fiscal Year (10/1 to 9/30): 2025

*Last Updated: 7/26/2024***NCRA Officers and Standing Committees****NCRA Officers (normal term length: 1 year)**

Position	Name	Email	State	Start Date	End Date
Past Chair	Gary Pierzynski	pierzynski.3@osu.edu	OH	10/1/2024	9/30/2025
Chair	Shibu Jose	joses@missouri.edu	MO	10/1/2024	9/30/2025

NCRA Executive Committee (EC; normal term length: 3 years)

Position	Name	Email	State	Start Date	End Date
Past Chair	Gary Pierzynski	pierzynski.3@osu.edu	OH	10/1/2024	9/30/2025
Chair	Shibu Jose	joses@missouri.edu	MO	10/1/2024	9/30/2025
Chair Elect	Derek McLean	derek.mclean@unl.edu	NE	10/1/2024	9/30/2025
MRC Chair	Derek McLean	derek.mclean@unl.edu	NE	10/1/2024	9/30/2025
Member	Tala Awada	tawada@unl.edu	NE	6/1/2023	9/30/2025
Executive Vice Chair	Jeanette Thurston	jthurston@ksu.edu	NCRA/KS	1/1/2023	NA

NCRA Multistate Research Committee (MRC; term length is 3 years as member + 1 year as chair)

Position	Name	Email	State	Start Date	End Date
Chair	Derek McLean	derek.mclean@unl.edu	NE	10/1/2024	9/30/2025
Member	Joleen Hadrich	jhadrich@umn.edu	MN	10/1/2023	9/30/2026
Member	Troy Runge	trunge@wisc.edu	WI	10/1/2023	9/30/2027
Member	Jane Schuh	jmschuh@ksu.edu	KS	10/1/2024	9/30/2028
Member	Tala Awada	tawada@unl.edu	NE	10/1/2024	9/30/2028
Ex-Officio (ED)	Jeanette Thurston	jthurston@ksu.edu	NCRA/KS	1/1/2023	NA
Ex-Officio (AD)	Christina Hamilton	chamilton@wisc.edu	NCRA/WI	8/1/2007	NA

Nominations and Awards Committee (NAC; normal term length: 3 years total, 2 of which are as chair)

Position	Name	Email	State	Start Date	End Date
Chair	Carolyn Lawrence-Dill	triffid@iastate.edu	IA	10/1/2023	9/30/2025
Member	James Averill	averillj@msu.edu	MI	4/1/2024	9/30/2027
Member	Lingying Zhao	zhao.119@osu.edu	OH	4/1/2024	9/30/2024
Member	Héctor Santiago	hsantiago@unl.edu	NE	10/1/2024	9/30/2027
Ex-Officio (ED)	Jeanette Thurston	jthurston@ksu.edu	NCRA/KS	1/1/2023	NA
Ex-Officio (AD)	Christina Hamilton	chamilton@wisc.edu	NCRA/WI	8/1/2007	NA

Resolutions Committee (term length is 3 years, renewable)

<i>Position</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Email</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Start Date</i>	<i>End Date</i>
Resolutions	Jeanette Thurston	jthurston@ksu.edu	NCRA/KS	10/1/2022	9/30/2026
Ex-Officio (AD)	Christina Hamilton	chamilton@wisc.edu	NCRA/WI	8/1/2007	NA

National Committee Appointments**BAA (Board on Ag Assembly)/PBD (Policy Board of Directors) CLP (Committee on Legislation and Policy)**

<i>Position</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Email</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Start Date</i>	<i>End Date</i>
agInnovation Alternate	Shibu Jose	joses@missouri.edu	MO	6/1/2023	TBD
Ex-Officio (ED)	Jeanette Thurston	jthurston@ksu.edu	NCRA/KS	10/1/2022	9/30/2026

agInnovation NRSP Review Committee (NRSP-RC; 4-year term) <https://escop.info/committee/nrsp-rc/>

<i>Position</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Email</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Start Date</i>	<i>End Date</i>
NCRA Member	John Blanton	john.blanton@sdstate.edu	SD	10/1/2024	9/30/2028

agInnovation ESCOP Committee (3-year term) <https://escop.info/committee/the-escop-committee/>

<i>Position</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Email</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Start Date</i>	<i>End Date</i>
agInnovation Past Chair	George Smith	smithge7@msu.edu	MI	10/1/2024	9/30/2025
NCRA Past Chair	Gary Pierzynski	pierzynski.3@osu.edu	OH	10/1/2024	9/30/2025
NCRA Chair	Shibu Jose	joses@missouri.edu	MO	10/1/2024	9/30/2025
NCRA Chair Elect	Derek McLean	derek.mclean@unl.edu	NE	10/1/2024	9/30/2025
Perm. Alternate (ED)	Jeanette Thurston	jthurston@ksu.edu	NCRA/KS	1/1/2023	NA

agInnovation Executive Committee <https://escop.info/committee/executive-committee/>

<i>Position</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Email</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Start Date</i>	<i>End Date</i>
agInnovation Past Chair	George Smith	smithge7@msu.edu	MI	10/1/2024	9/30/2025
NCRA Past Chair	Gary Pierzynski	pierzynski.3@osu.edu	OH	10/1/2024	9/30/2025
Perm. Alternate (ED)	Jeanette Thurston	jthurston@ksu.edu	NCRA/KS	1/1/2023	NA

agInnovation Chair's Advisory Committee (CAC) <https://escop.info/committee/cac/>

<i>Position</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Email</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Start Date</i>	<i>End Date</i>
agInnovation Past Chair	George Smith	smithge7@msu.edu	MI	10/1/2024	9/30/2025
Perm. Alternate (ED)	Jeanette Thurston	jthurston@ksu.edu	NCRA/KS	1/1/2023	NA

agInnovation Budget and Legislative Committee (BLC) <https://escop.info/committee/blc/>

<i>Position</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Email</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Start Date</i>	<i>End Date</i>
NCRA Member	Gary Pierzynski	pierzynski.3@osu.edu	OH	2021	TBD
NCRA Member	Derek McLean	derek.mclean@unl.edu	NE	2023	TBD
Perm. Alternate (ED)	Jeanette Thurston	jthurston@ksu.edu	NCRA/KS	1/1/2023	NA

agInnovation Diversity Catalyst Committee (DCC) <https://escop.info/committee/dcc/>

<i>Position</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Email</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Start Date</i>	<i>End Date</i>
NCRA Representative	Tala Awada	tawada@unl.edu	NE	2021	TBD

agInnovation Science and Technology Committee (STC) <https://escop.info/committee/stc/>

<i>Position</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Email</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Start Date</i>	<i>End Date</i>
NCRA Member	Frank Casey	francis.casey@ndsu.edu	ND	2021	TBD

NCRA Member	Shibu Jose	joses@missouri.edu	MO	2021	TBD
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agInnovation Science and Technology Committee Social Science Subcommittee (SSSc), NC Members

<https://escop.info/committee/social-sciences-subcommittee-sssc/>

Position	Name	Email	State	Start Date	End Date
Agricultural Communication	Emily Buck	buck.210@osu.edu	OH		TBD
Agricultural Education	Mike Retallick	msr@iastate.edu	IA		TBD
Agricultural Economics	Corinne Valdivia	valdiviac@missouri.edu	MO		
Human Sciences	Cayla Taylor	cayla@iastate.edu	IA		
Co-Executive Vice Chair	Jeanette Thurston	jthurston@ksu.edu	NCRA/KS	1/1/2023	NA
Assistant Executive Vice Chair	Christina Hamilton	chamilton@wisc.edu	NCRA/WI	1/1/2023	NA

agInnovation NRSP1 Management Committee <https://escop.info/committee/nrsp-1-management-committee/>

Position	Name	Email	State	Start Date	End Date
Lead AA/Perm Alternate	Jeanette Thurston	jthurston@ksu.edu	NCRA/KS	2023	TBD
NCRA Member	Christina Hamilton	chamilton@wisc.edu	NCRA/WI	2014	TBD

agInnovation National Plant Germplasm Coordinating Committee (NPGCC)

<https://escop.info/committee/national-plant-germplasm-coordinating-committee-npgcc/>

Position	Name	Email	State	Start Date	End Date
NCRA Member			IA	2024	TBD

agInnovation Research Infrastructure

Position	Name	Email	State	Start Date	End Date
Member	Shibu Jose	joses@missouri.edu	MO	2/9/2024	TBD

Other Appointments

North Central Rural Development Board (4-year term)

Position	Name	Email	State	Start Date	End Date
Purdue Rep (perm)	Ron Turco	rturco@purdue.edu	IN	2023	NA
AES Rep	Mary Emery	memery2@unl.edu	NE	2022	2026

North Central Regional Aquaculture Center Board of Directors (NCRAC)

Position	Name	Email	State	Start Date	End Date
NCRA Member			IA	2024	TBD
NCRA Member (ED)	Jeanette Thurston	jthurston@ksu.edu	NCRA/KS	2023	TBD

FFAR (Foundation for Food and Agricultural Research Board)

Position	Name	Email	State	Start Date	End Date
Member	Doug Buhler	buhler@msu.edu	MI	2014	TBD

North Central IPM Center – Steering Committee

Position	Name	Email	State	Start Date	End Date
Member			IA	2024	TBD
Member	Jeanette Thurston	jthurston@ksu.edu	NCRA/KS	2023	TBD
Member	Marty Draper	maddr@ksu.edu	KS	2022	TBD

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Item 4.0: Regional Priorities Discussion with NCCEA



Joint NCCEA and
NCRA Discussion Au