



JUNE 25, 2021

## V&E Research Steering Committee Notes **(DRAFT)**

### ATTENDEES

#### Committee

Jason Tosch (Chair), David Beck (Co-Vice Chair), John Pratt (Co-Vice Chair) Elizabeth Clark, Anthony King, Ken Kupperman, Joey Myers

#### Staff

Tom Danowski, Stacey Kohler, Jess Willey

#### Guests

Donna Morris (OWB Director), Jim Thommes (Research Committee member)

### SUMMARY NOTES AND ACTIONS

#### Review of meeting minutes

- Committee members reviewed and approved the minutes from the June 3, 2021 meeting (E. Clark not yet present).

#### Smoke funding

- J. Tosch shared that the Board approved holding \$50k in reserve for 2021 grape testing pending a proposal from OSU being accepted by the Steering Committee.
- Committee members agreed that the proposal needs to confirm that vineyard testing sites will at a minimum be identical to 2020 testing.

**Action:** E. Clark to get an update from Dr. Tomasino by the July 15 Steering Committee meeting confirming site continuity.

#### Request for Applications 2022-23

- Group discussed whether / how to flag topics that of top priority. Concerns raised about whether statewide agreement on priorities is possible.
  - Agreement to keep the list as-is and discuss with the full committee in August whether to flag particular areas of interest to researchers.
- Group discussed whether language about continuing project consideration needs to be updated; ultimately agreed to keep it consistent with 2021-22 RFA.
- Recommendation to add a statement about how to treat related projects to point 3 in the Application Submission section

#### August full committee meeting agenda

- After discussion about whether to offer the opportunity for researchers to pitch project ideas, the group decided to include an open forum with researchers about current industry priorities. One primary goal is to use this meeting to tee up a successful review process with needs clearly outlined and project applications that address those needs.
  - Include OWRI / OSU – incorporate if appropriate into RFA afterwards – fresh, next-wave ideas, not only the next step in current projects.



**Action:** J. Willey to change Project Updates section in draft agenda to Open Forum with Industry and Researchers.

**Action:** J. Willey to send save the date invitation to researchers at OWRI / OSU.

**Action:** Steering Committee to discuss further how this conversation comes together.

### Grant Management System

- Latest information from AVF/Davis is that it is their intention to reconstruct / rebuild a system for the 2022 grant application cycle. Have asked what financing may be necessary as OWB is willing to assist as needed.

### Committee charter

- Group reviewed the latest draft of the committee charter
  - J. Tosch shared the Board's position that it will maintain responsibility for the appointment of the Chair and Vice Chair.
  - Question raised about Section V regarding closed door sessions
  - Group discussed Conflict of Interest statement in Section III. Agree there is a need to sensitize the committee to what this means: disclosing pertinent relationships and making clear any financial investment or direct business involvement. Also, Chair or moderator should actively ask for any conflict disclosures at the beginning of any specific project discussion.
  - Recommendation to clean up "accountable oversight" redundancies in Section II: Steering Committee.
  - Section IV should add language about the Steering Committee proposing a slate of continuing projects to fund in addition to a prioritized list of new projects.

**Action:** T. Danowski to review closed door meetings language used in Board documentation and share with Anthony

**Action:** T. Danowski to find conflict of interest language used in Board documentation and share with Anthony

**Action:** A. King to remove from charter "real or perceived," and add in examples of conflicts

**Action:** J. Willey to add final conflict of interest statement into the reviewer summary document and into the reviewer training document that third parties may bring forth conflicts.

- Plan to review & approve final draft at next meeting

### Next steps

- A. King, J. Thommes, and J. Willey to work on refining charter and developing rubric further
- Steering Committee to meet July 15 to discuss:
  - Charter finalization
  - Rubric discussion
  - Final plan for August Committee meeting
  - Smoke funding update
  - Grant management system