



AUGUST 4, 2021

V&E Research Steering Committee notes

ATTENDEES

Committee

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

Staff

Tom Danowski, Stacey Kohler, Jess Willey

Guests

Scott Dietrick (AVF), Craig Hanes (CDFA), Matt Kaiser (CDFA), Donna Morris (OWB director)

SUMMARY NOTES AND ACTIONS

Review of meeting minutes

- Committee members reviewed and approved the minutes from the July 15, 2021 meeting.

New committee member application

- Jessica Dunnam application discussed and approved.

ACTION: J. Willey to add Jessica to roster and share August meeting details.

Smoke Exposure Task Force update

- J. Tosch provided an overview of the OSU team's proposal for baseline sample collection and testing, which amounts to \$50,000 for 80 samples across 4 varieties from around the state.
 - P. Skinkis will coordinate sample collection
- Group discussed current smoke conditions and agreed samples should only be collected in unaffected regions. Agreed testing smoke-affected grapes is not a good use of funds.

ACTION: J. Tosch to follow up with Dr. Tomasino about possibility of doing "cafeteria menu" sample collection, choosing only unaffected regions / sites this year.

ACTION: J. Tosch to ask Board on behalf of Steering Committee to hold any unused balance of the currently allotted \$50,000 in reserve for future baseline smoke testing.
- Group discussed possibility of postponing efforts until 2022 when new lab is set up. Decision made to move forward as possible with 2021 testing, and have a small number of samples tested by an outside lab to ensure confidence in data set.

August 11 committee meeting preparation

- J. Willey reviewed the draft agenda for the Aug. 11 full committee meeting. Steering Committee members volunteered to lead agenda items.
- For charter review, A. King will offer a background and rationale for the document and how it fits into plans for the future of the committee.
- For the smoke exposure task force update, J. Tosch will recap the Steering Committee's discussion and recommendation to sample only unaffected sites in 2021. Ask committee about knowledge of any smoke events to date. OSU proposal will be incorporated in the pre-read packet.
- E. Clark will lead the researcher feedback forum, with prompts around funding stream / granting process; idea germination; priority setting / RFA; any other thoughts on changes that would improve the ease or effectiveness of OWB's grant program.
ACTION: J. Willey to share these prompts with researchers in advance.
- J. Willey to lead the 2022 review process overview, inviting J. Thommes to present the workflow document. Key difference to point out is the bifurcated review of new and ongoing applications.
ACTION: J. Willey to revise agenda as necessary for approval by J. Tosch before compiling and circulating packet to committee.

Grant management system update

- Matt Kaiser and Craig Hanes from the PD/GWSS board provided an update on progress made to develop a new grant management system for the 2022 cycle.
 - PD/GWSS group has been meeting with third party grant system providers to identify the best fit.
 - Working toward launching a new system by mid-November to support the Dec. 1 grant cycle opening.
 - There is a possibility that an interim solution will be found for the upcoming year with a more permanent system in place for the following year.
 - PD/GWSS board has allocated \$20k to this effort.
- On behalf of OWB, J. Tosch reiterated availability to help beta test or potentially contribute financially.

NEXT STEPS

- J. Tosch to continue dialogue with researchers about approach to smoke testing.
- J. Willey to circulate pre-reading packet for Aug. 11 committee meeting.
- Steering Committee will plan to reconvene late October / early November.