

**ICCA Board Meeting
Kansas City, MO
Tuesday, October 20, 2009**

Meeting called to order at 8:10 am.

Howard Brown asked about the meeting date and location next year. Doug Hinkins suggested in the Pacific Northwest due to having rooms booked for a meeting that was to be held August 2 – 5, 2010 in the Spokane area that was cancelled in which we could put our name in the hat for the rooms. Armando Campos made a suggestion for Florida due to good rates in August. The comment was made that the last 3 years this meeting has been in the Midwest so it may be time to switch to another location. There were other suggestions for Niagara Falls or Rochester, NY. Kim Polizotto suggested having some sort of ag tour wherever we go. Terry Tindall suggested a place for an ag tour in the Spokane area. Doug Hinkins had another idea for an ag tour in the northwest.

Norm Widman gave an NRCS update. He discussed the changes they are looking at for the TSP program, nutrient management and integrated pest management. POWERPOINT

Roberta Parry gave an update for US EPA. The Chesapeake Bay is being used as a sort of pilot for the entire country for ag. There are several proposals for the bay watershed area some of which are the following: increasing the size of the CAFO universe, redefining what a CAFO is, could make assumptions about a CAFO is in the Chesapeake Bay watershed area, issue stronger permits, require the use of cover crops, restrictions on fall and winter application and off site transport of manure and the record keeping. The proposal report is available on <http://executiveorder.chesapeakebay.net> with reports A and B being what our interest would mostly likely be in. Renewable fuel is something that is being worked on. The CCA Program may need to look at funding to partner to do research.

Mary Ann Rozum gave an update on extension. The agency changed their name as of October 1. They are going to be restructured into four institutes. Climate change, food safety and youth and community development are issues they will be focusing on. Organic agriculture, beginning farmers and ranchers, biomass research and specialty crop research will have emphasis put on them. REPORTS

Harold Watters, CCA rep for the National Plant Diagnostic Network, gave an update on this. There will be online training that could have CEUs. He will continue on as the CCA rep.

Luther Smith, Director of Certification Programs, gave a report of the ANSI ISO accreditation. The estimated cost would be \$10,000 to \$15,000 in the first year and then \$3,000 - \$4,000 in annual fees. The potential funding source would be the marketing line item and/or projected surplus ICCA budget. POWERPOINT

Motion: To instruct the staff to seek ANSI ISO accreditation. Brown/Polizotto Vote: 23 In favor, 3 opposed. Motion passed.

Howard Brow, ICCA Chair, gave a report on the ICCA and CPAg discussions. This would be a specialty area within CCA called Certified Professional Agronomist controlled by the local boards. A discussion followed on this. One concern was regarding the CEUs for this and the minimum standards and who reviews these CEUs. One concern is that if individuals have moved out of the traditional role of a CCA and may fit into this specialty category and if they are asking for this. There is a possibility of seeing some individuals coming back into the program who had left because of not being able to maintain the CEUs due to their role change. Anyone who dropped out of the program would have to follow the

process to rejoin. Another idea of a name is Certified Professional Ag Practitioner. In the concept, there is no grandfathering and they are not under the umbrella of the CCA Program. **19 In Favor, 4 opposed. The consensus will be to move forward to investigating this.**

Charles Denver, Arkansas Local Board CCA Contact, gave a report on the Retired CCA category. This idea was proposed by Dr. John Gilmour. There would be no CEU requirement, but they would have to pay a yearly fee with the possibility to return to active status at some later date. They would like to see some verbiage that they are in good standing at the time. There were many concerns about someone wanting to use this just because they wanted to go into inactive status because they wanted to drop the certification for a time period. Some feel the reason for this need is to maintain the relationship with the program.

Motion: To form a committee to research this as a specialty area and bring a proposal back to the board. Polizotto/Beck Vote: 23 In Favor 0 Opposed. Motion passed.

Individuals who would like to volunteer for this committee can email Luther Smith at lsmith@agronomy.org.

Motion: To approve the addition of the following line items to the budget: Washington DC staff person - \$60,000, ANSI accreditation - \$15,000 and the CEU Committee meeting - \$4,000. Peck/Redmon Vote: 23 In favor, 0 opposed. Motion passed.

A plaque was presented to Jim Peck for his service as the Northeast Regional Rep.

A plaque was presented to Kim Polizotto for his service as the ICCA Board Chair.

The gavel was passed from Howard Brown to Jim Smith.

Meeting adjourned at 10:37 am.