

## **Minutes of the Corn Subcommittee to the OSCS Cereals Advisory Committee**

October 29, 2015

In Attendance:

Greg Nedrow; Chair (Monsanto)

Daniel Hancock (Pioneer)

Beth White (Pioneer)

Dennis Lundeen

Barry Schrupf

Tami Brown

Jeff McMorran

Mary Beuthin

**1) The meeting called to order at 9:00AM via teleconference.**

**2) Discussion of the Seed Certification, Foundation Seed & Plant Materials Board action on February 10, 2015, to change the Cereals Advisory Committee (CAC) Bylaws to establish a Corn Subcommittee to the CAC, to have one vote on the CAC, and to consist of a representative from each company having seed corn production in Oregon in the given year.** As designated by the Board in February 2015, OSCS will serve to organize meetings (dates, times, logistics, call for topics, etc.) but each year would turn to a subcommittee member to serve as: 1) Chair person for the meeting, 2) the Subcommittee representative to the CAC, and 3) cast the subcommittee vote. Each year this set of duties would be rotated among the participating companies. Seed Certification can provide a staff person to serve as secretary for the subcommittee and record minutes for the meetings.

Dennis read the new CAC bylaws regarding Subcommittee creation from Article III item 4 in Membership. (See CAC and Board meeting minutes, 2014, 2015).

Barry asks for confirmation of Greg Nedrow as Subcommittee Chair for this year (Greg volunteered to serve for this first meeting), to represent the subcommittee at the CAC meeting in November and cast the vote for the group. All in favor, motion carries.

**3) Brief recap of the January 15, 2015 telephone conference meeting of Les Heeringa and Daniel Hancock (Pioneer); Greg Nedrow (Monsanto); Josh Prow (Syngenta); and Dennis Lundeen, Mary Beuthin, and Barry Schrupf (OSCS) to follow-up the November CAC meeting which had Polycorn difficulties.** Procedural topics and certification requirements were reviewed at that meeting and the group was notified that the CAC had moved to put forward the new bylaws that would create this Subcommittee. No action needed.

**4) Discussion of the 2015 inspection season from the seed producers' perspectives.** Daniel stated that overall the field inspection season went smoothly, although with less communication than previous years. He noted they might appreciate more communication during field season instead of the "no news is good news" policy. Beth expressed concerns with inspector staffing for local bin inspections coverage and entry of inspection results into the database system, noting expected increased acreage in future years. Concerns with delays in inspections, isozyme testing and clearing interagency transfers from Washington that cause hang-ups in production and shipping processes. Also lack of timely bin inspections would necessitate a production shutdown (can't shell the cobs) and this would delay completion of the certification process and therefore shipping; from Pioneer's perspective, this must be avoided. Positive feedback was that there was good communication and things continue to get better and better each successive year. Greg also expressed positive feedback on the timeliness of the 2015 field inspections.

Dennis reviewed the importance of the application deadlines, in order to process applications in a timely manner and to prepare for the inspection season.

**5) Introduction and discussion of new verbage from the 2015 AOSCA annual meeting for the Oregon Corn Certification Standards.** Mary read the section of Oregon Seed Corn Standards, under Hybrid Corn Field Standards, item B, 3. to add:

*(e) Where pollen parent border rows are ineffective or missing, effectively shedding pollen parent rows within the field may be used in accordance with Table 1 to determine the isolation distance correction in the seed parent.*

Dennis described the reasoning for this addition to the AOSCA standard from the Midwest states as a cleanup item. Greg mentioned that Monsanto does not have Hybrid production in Oregon so the standard does not really affect the company at this time. Daniel noted that Pioneer never goes below the 660-foot isolation requirement, and as such does not necessitate using border rows in their hybrid production fields.

Dennis asks for a motion to move this forward to the CAC for approval. Both in favor, motion carries.

Barry noted that the minutes from this meeting will be provided to the Cereal Advisory Committee and extends the invitation to the meeting held in Hermiston at HAREC at 8AM on November 10, 2015. Dennis also extended an invitation to a social gathering hosted by OSCS at 5PM at the Oxford Suites, the evening prior to the meeting.

Greg moved for adjournment at 9:30AM.