

SCAC and GLAC Joint subcommittee minutes
February 9th, 2018
10:00am 119 Crops Bldg., OSU Corvallis

Subcommittee Members Present: On phone: Warren Dole* (SCAC), Mike Hawman, Bill Merrigan* (SCAC), Dustin Withee* (SCAC) In person: Andrew Altishin, Tami Brown, Mike Coon* (SCAC), Dan Curry, Don Floyd, Rachel Hankins, Virginia Lehman, Mike McCarthy, Brian Parker* (GLAC), Doug Pickles* (GLAC), Colin Scott* (GLAC)

Not present: Mick McGregor

* Indicates voting members

Dan provided handouts to the group. These included Oregon Seed Certification Service (OSCS) Field and Test Data Rules and Operating Procedures, Oregon Seed Association (OSA) motions from Jan 16, 2018, and the original motion provided by the Breeders to both the Grass and Legume Advisory Committee (GLAC) and the Seed Conditioners Advisory Committee (SCAC). During the meeting Dan handed out a suggestion for two motions and copies were made and distributed for the actual wording for the OSA motions.

Colin started the meeting by setting the expectations, and clarified with Dan what the outcome of the meeting needed to be. Dan agreed that there needs to be a vote on a motion to go to the GLAC and SCAC if the motions pass in these committees, they will be put in front of the Seed Certification, Foundation Seed & Plant Materials Board at the Feb 13th board meeting. Dan further clarified that only seven people could vote on the motions, those who were actually part of the SCAC or GLAC. OSA motions were presented. Colin, as the representative of the Turfgrass Breeders Association (TBA), stated that TBA supports OSA's motions.

Mike McCarthy handed out a version of the OSA motions (see appendix for motions) that were voted on by Oregon Grass Seed Bargaining Association (OGSBA) (see appendix for motion).

After discussion of which motion to bring forward to the Committees, Brian Parker acknowledged that a response was needed to the original motion, and if it was found to not be acceptable, a new motion needed to be crafted to send to the Committees and eventually the Board.

Colin asked Mike Coon to report on the grower's opinion of the drafted motion. Mike C. said that he visited with a number of different growers and some dealers and that it was a unanimous opinion that this is not the grower's business to be involved in the dealer/breeder relationship. Growers consider this to be their private information and that is where it needs to end.

Colin acknowledged that there was a lot of time and energy put into these proposals by Virginia Lehman and Mike M., and expressed concern about the short time frame between the motion in December and the February board meeting. He felt there needed to be a longer conversation about this with the Oregon Seed Industry. Doug Pickles voiced his agreement and stated that we need an overall solution, not a band-aid.

Mike M voiced that as breeders, this information, allows Breeders to pursue problems with reported production. Mike C. asked if they had contractual agreements, why don't they enforce those contracts, instead of forcing OSCS to enter into their contractual agreement.

In the interest of time, Colin suggested that we focus on what needs to be voted on and sent back to the GLAC and SCAC. He went on to say that the motions that came out of the GLAC and SCAC has no support and we should move on to evaluate OSA's motions.

Dustin Withee had to leave and made Don Floyd his proxy. Bill Merrigan voiced that he had joined the meeting sometime prior.

Brian Parker made the motion to accept OSA's motion 1 and to move it forward to the committees. He then altered his motion, to move that the GLAC and SCAC motion be substituted with the OSA's motion 1. Doug seconded. Doug asked for further discussion and clarification. After some discussion, Brian amended his altered motion. The proposed amended altered motion was: ***The committees request that Seed Certification make variety production information available to variety owners, licensees and contractors as specified on the Variety Ownership Declaration. This information is to include variety name, grower names, field number, acres, and generation.*** Warren voted Nay, Bill abstained, remaining 5 were in favor.

Doug made a motion that if Motion 1 fails, to move motion 2 forward. Brian 2nd, and asked for further discussion to clarify what industry groups should be included. Mike amended the OSA's original motion to remove Seed Analysis. After discussion, Brian amended the motion to read: ***Seed Certification will work with OSA, TBA and Oregon Growers Seed League (3 members from each group) to explore a way to make more information available to variety owners, licensee and contractors as specified on the Variety Ownership Declaration.*** Vote: All in favor.

Dan instructed the secretaries of the GLAC and SCAC to prepare the minutes to be approved by the chairs of each committee. After their approval, to then send out the minutes to the membership of both committees for a vote. The vote deadline is Monday, February 12th, 2018 at noon.

As a parting note, Colin encouraged the secretaries of the GLAC and SCAC to explore the possibility of moving the committee meetings in 2018 to a date before the Seed League meeting.

Voting started at 4:37 pm on Feb 9th, 2018 and commenced on Feb 12th, at noon. The final results were that of 17 voting members 10 responded with a vote (one abstained), 7 yes and 3 no. Motion 1 passed, so Motion 2 did not go into effect.

Appendix

OSA Motions:

Motion 1, Made by Matt Herb, Seconded by Crystal Fricker

Move that OSA requests that seed certification make variety production information available to variety owners, licensee and contractors as specified on the VOD (Variety Ownership Declaration). This information to be identical to the information currently available to the public concerning public variety growers, field number and acres on a per field basis. Motion Passed

Motion 2, Made by Matt Herb, Seconded by Jake Stockfleth

Move that OSA requests seed certification and OSA/TBA explore a way to make inspection reports and seed analysis reports available to variety owners, licensee and contractors as specified on the VOD (Variety Ownership Declaration). Motion passed

OGSBA Motion:

Therefore:

It is moved that Oregon Seed Certification Service (OSCS) will adopt a policy and a mechanism whereby variety owners have access to all certification information for their varieties, including all detailed production records and reports of seed analysis.

The OSCS field signup form can simply state that: By signing this field up for certification, the grower authorizes the release of all production records and reports of seed analysis to the variety owner upon request.