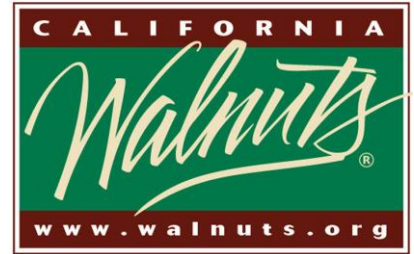


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RESEARCH COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Friday, January 27, 2012

A meeting of the California Walnut Board Production Research Committee was held on January 27, 2012, following the Walnut Research Conference at Bodega Bay, California. The meeting was convened at 12:00 p.m. by Committee Chairperson Jerry Moore at the Inn of the Tides.

Chairperson Moore read the roll call, noting that all members were present, including: Jerry Moore, chairperson; Robert Driver, vice chairperson; Bert Crane; David Keyawa; Lynn Morgan; Todd Ramos; and Bill Tos.

Also present were David Ramos, Research Director, and Dennis Balint, California Walnut Board Executive Director.

Chairperson Moore moved to the next agenda item, approval of the Minutes of the September 12, 2011 Research Committee Meeting. Mr. Crane moved, Mr. Keyawa seconded, and the committee unanimously approved a motion to accept the minutes as presented.

Chairperson Moore called upon Dr. Ramos to introduce and discuss Dr. Dan Kluepfel's application for funding for the Walnut Rootstock Proposal being made to USDA Specialty Crop Research Initiative (SCRI) Program. It was noted that the application deadline is January 31, 2012.

Dr. Ramos also noted that many walnut industry leaders, including several on the Committee had already written letters of support for the proposal. He then provided history of two previous proposals that were not approved for support and suggested areas that were being strengthened in this application. Broadening the application beyond California (*Juglans regia*) to include other states that also grow other *Juglans species* (*Juglans nigra*) was tagged as a critical issue and has been remedied in the new application.

The application is for four (4) years of matching funds based upon industry participation in the research being funded. Dr. Ramos advised the Committee that there were five (5) 2012 research projects that qualify for inclusion in the SCRI Walnut Rootstock Proposal:

1. *Proposal Number 5*: Etiology and Management of Crown and Root Rots of Walnut / Browne. \$23,500.
2. *Proposal Number 6*: Generation and Evaluation of *Juglans microcarpa* Hybrids and Paradox Rootstock Selections for Crown Gall Resistance / Kluepfel. \$27,000.
3. *Proposal Number 8*: Methyl Bromide Alternatives (Nematode screening) / McKenry. \$24,000.
4. *Proposal Number 11*: Regeneration Systems for Pyramiding Disease Resistance into Walnut Rootstocks / Dandekar, Preece, Tricoli. \$64,000.
5. *Proposal Number 13*: Clonal Propagation of Walnut Rootstock Genotypes for Genetic Improvements / Leslie, Preece. \$79,228.

Following discussion, Ms. Morgan moved and Bert Crane seconded a motion to approve all five projects which total \$217,728.00. The question was called and the Committee voted to approve the motion.

Mr. Tos moved, and Ms. Morgan seconded a motion which reads: "The Committee instructs the Research Director to review and approve the activities of the projects that are consistent with the application of SCRI proposal and requests that the Executive Director execute a letter committing the California Walnut Board for \$180,000 representing the first year industry share of the Proposal. The Proposal and Letter shall be submitted on, or before, January 31, 2012."

The motion was unanimously approved by a vote of the Committee.

The next meeting is scheduled for March 6, 2012, at which time the remaining 2012 projects will be reviewed for approval. It was also determined that the Committee could determine the 2013 budget recommendation on that date.

Dr. Ramos reminded the Committee that there are several other areas of discussion that need to be discussed before the next funding cycle. These involve subjects of longer vision, the future of the breeding program, future budgets, and future research staffing. The date for that meeting was left to the decision of the chair in consultation with CWB staff.

Hearing no further business to come before the Committee, Chairperson Moore adjourned the meeting at 1:22 p.m.