

SERA-IEG-14 Business Meeting Minutes
23 September, 2004
Austin, TX

Thirteen attendees (listing follows) met at 8:00 am in the Lady Bird Johnson Room at the Downtown La Quinta Inn, Austin, TX. The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Dr. Ed Hellman (Texas A&M University).

The first order of business was to elect a new Chairman/Event Coordinator and Secretary for the 2005 meeting. Following a lively discussion on alternative times of the year to meet and other association meetings to schedule this meeting with, Dr. Keith Striegler (Southwest Missouri State University) and Dr. Sharon von Broembsen (Oklahoma State University) were elected Chairman and Secretary, respectively. It was further decided to meet at approximately the same time next year.

Dr. Stephen Stringer (USDA-ARS) updated the group on the muscadine grape variety bulletin discussed at last year's meeting. Despite the interest expressed last year, insufficient information was forwarded to Dr. Stringer to produce a document. The group discussed the fact that significantly more data on muscadine variety studies is either available now or will be in the very near future as research projects currently in progress will be completed. It was pointed out that most of the data currently available has already been published and the wisdom of re-publishing the data in a new format was questioned. Interest was expressed in adding internet links to existing Muscadine research and resources to the SERA-IEG-14 website. Dr. Hellman agreed to add links as they are provided to him from the group membership.

The potential for publishing information on Pierce's Disease (PD) was extensively discussed. There was significant interest in developing a PD distribution map based on known insect vectors and surveys confirmed by laboratory analysis/PCR. Dr. von Broembsen volunteered to investigate the potential for funding of a regional survey by APHIS. It was further proposed to expand the current website to include photos of diseases and insect vectors affecting grapes in the region (e.g. PD). Dr. Hellman indicated he would accept photographic submissions and post them to the website.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Dr. Hellman at 9:00.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tony V. Johnston, Ph.D.
Secretary

Attendees:

Sharon von Broembsen
Isabelle Lauziere
Bob Bates
Phil Mulder
Dan Waldstein
Stephen Stringer
Keith Striegler
John Clark
Jim Kamas
Bill Morris
Dave Lockwood
Ed Hellman
Tony Johnston

Oklahoma State University
Texas A&M University
University of Florida
Oklahoma State University
Southwest Missouri State University
USDA-ARS, Mississippi
Southwest Missouri State University
University of Arkansas, Fayetteville
Texas A&M University
University of Tennessee
University of Tennessee
Texas A&M University
Middle Tennessee State University