**12th Annual CAFS IAB Meeting**

**University of Georgia**

**Hotel Indigo, Athens, GA**

**Tuesday, June 4, 2019**

**Closed IAB Leadership Meeting Notes**

* What are new research areas of interest to industry?
	+ Remote Sensing - sampling is wanting
	+ Suggest each member submit 2 proposal ideas of interest (to Aaron)
* Where are other sources of research funding?
	+ ESRI (Environmental Systems Research Institute) - possible support; get them involved
	+ Comment: Regarding the two proposals at this meeting, no one seemed highly excited about the 2 proposals presented at this meeting;
		- Assessing and mapping regional variation in potential site productivity
		- Assessing and mapping regional variation in site carrying capacity
	+ Where did the 2 proposals come from? Why are there not more proposals?
	+ Revise the proposal process. Tell Aaron what we want, not what the Center wants
	+ Comment: Persistent tension - we are contributing to the coops but funds are not going to support projects in CAFS.
* Nominate and vote on new IAB Leadership
	+ Past IAB Leadership:
		- IAB Chair Julio Rojas Weyerhaeuser
		- IAB Vice Chair John Paul McTague Rayonier
	+ Nominations and elections: Should we postpone until Phase 3 awarded?
		- Any volunteers? If interested, mention to Aaron.
		- Further discussion
		- We need to elect IAB leadership now, not later.
	+ John Paul called on a couple members to be Chair and Vice-Chair. Asked them if they would be willing to take the positions. They were reluctant but accepted the draft:
		- The membership voted unanimously:
			* Greg Johnson - Chairperson
			* Tom Trembath - Vice-Chairperson
		- John Paul said he would be happy to assist them.
* Phase 3 and Project Discussion (roadmap, vision, etc.)
	+ Develop ideas/needs of what can be done in the preferred areas
	+ Email list of (all) forestry participants (CAFS Members) to Greg Johnson (not just those in attendance)
	+ John Paul glad to assist
	+ No vote on proposed projects at this point
	+ Good that is nation-wide, lots of interest in the widespread
	+ Good vendors with remote sensing but need to develop integration with sampling (Phase 3 direction)
	+ If NSF drops out—what does that mean, wait to see or put things into place now?
	+ Centers should know by late summer/September.
	+ Grow the membership to self-sustain. Most money comes from the primary/secondary membership (not so much the coops)
	+ Direct memberships vs. through the Coop?
	+ Self-sustaining rolled out through phase 3
	+ Association with NCASI has been positive for some
	+ Pass along member prospects to Aaron—again, may need to wait until Phase 3 awarded
	+ Lack of “enthusiasm” about the proposed projects noted. Proposals should start with: this is why this will be valuable to industry…..
	+ Recognition that at this point coop funds are leveraged with the federal funds, not directly contributed. Will industry contribute directly? Not clear.
	+ Ideally need 2-3 times the (number of members as the number of) projects you can fund.
	+ Hold off funding anything?
	+ Option: Industry comes up with the proposal and solicit for the answer
	+ Looking for more breadth in the projects, more projects
	+ Focal Area graphic: way too broad, want more specifics
	+ Historically industry has not fully funded research—are people now willing to do so?
	+ Approach for Phase 3: new money, our money, how do we want to spend it?
	+ Everyone come up with a project to fit each quadrant? Or higher level based on the scoring of the member scoring? Need to organize more meetings of the members to get to answers like this
* NSF Member Pulse Survey available [here](https://iucrclife.chass.ncsu.edu/lifeforms/pulseSurvey.php?id=1823)—please be sure to do them!

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