**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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