

Standards Oversight Council
Meeting Minutes
November 6, 2001
DATCP Headquarters, Madison

Present: Ed Odgers, Gail Puzach, Paul Daigle, Perry Lindquist, Pat Walsh,
John Ramsden, Pat Murphy, Tracy Briggs

Absent: Rebecca Baumann

General Business

- The website is now completed and online at www.socwisconsin.org
- Different counties have requested invoices for the SOC \$350 fee (requiring different deadlines).
 - **AR: Tracy** will send out a request for confirmation of payment of SOC fee to all of the counties.
- Tracy presented at four of the six Area Association meetings in order to familiarize a larger audience with the SOC process.
- Tracy is preparing a poster board display for the WLWCA conference in December. Pat Murphy agreed to lend Tracy a display board from the NRCS.
- SOC Work Plan
 - Suggestions were submitted for SOC to oversee the revision of the Standard 342, Critical Area Planting and the creation of a draft pathogen standard.
 - It was agreed that it would be beneficial to hold off the creation of a pathogen work team until more research is assembled on the subject.
 - The standard 342 will likely only necessitate minor revisions that the original SOC team could handle (if necessary)
 - **AR: Tracy** will forward a list of the standard 342 team members to Pat Murphy
- Standard 590 progress:
 - Some conflict arose out of the last meeting held at the November 5th 590 work team meeting.
 - The team is experiencing some burn – out and though possibly required, it may be a challenge to schedule future meetings.
 - The team is currently in the process of reviewing the broad review comments and it is hoped that the technical standard will be ready for release to the national registry by December.
 - The technical note needs more revision before it will be ready to publish.

Brainstorm Session – Revision of TSPH

- Prior to the meeting, Tracy reorganized the Handbook and revised some of the content. The Council reviewed her revised version of the Handbook and went through it chapter by chapter.
 - The Council spent much time discussing how the responsibilities for each actor in the SOC process should be distributed.
 - Tracy provided a list of the SOC Coordinator responsibilities including the assisting of the team leader with duties formerly assigned to him/her.
 - How does the research component fit into the other responsibilities assigned to the Coordinator?
 - SOC needs to re-emphasize the selection of the team leader and the need for a strong understanding of QST.
 - It was agreed that there should be more input and guidance brought in from the custodians/sponsors.
 - It seems reasonable that the Council members be the sponsors for the custodian because they have a very strong understanding of the SOC process and can provide the necessary support for a team if the need should arise.
 - It was agreed that the size of the team should be no larger than 8 people except on a case-by-case basis
 - There needs to be a greater emphasis placed on establishing a strong orientation process that brings all SOC team members together (whether experienced or not with SOC) when a new work team begins.

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Action Register

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