

Soft Winter Wheat Quality Council (SWQC) Technical Meeting Minutes

March 4, 2015

Technical Board Committee

Chair: Byung-Kee Baik

Vice Chair: Vacant

Secretary: Vacant

- I. Opening and Introductions - B.-K. Baik/Renee Greenwalt
B.-K. Baik welcomed the attendees and briefed the status of SWQC technical board committee. Renee Greenwalt briefed the WQC Board meeting highlights, which included: 1) possible upgrade of the database used for WQC annual report; 2) Board members' concern on the separate SWQC meeting, payment and accounting; 3) No separate tax ID of the SWQC for accounting; 4) Recruitment of new members; and 5) Implementation of the Quickbooks program as the new accounting system.
- II. Review Minutes from Last Year's WQC Meeting - B.-K. Baik
- III. Financial Report - B.-K. Baik
 - a. Eastern Soft Wheat CD = \$26,049.67
 - b. Eastern Soft Wheat Checking = \$173.61
 - c. Deposit for SWQC Meeting = \$2,000.00
 - d. Total = \$28,223.28
- IV. SWQC Technical Board Committee vice chair and secretary Election
 - a. Yan Li with Kellogg's and Tom Baker with Mennel Milling were nominated and elected to be Vice Chair and Secretary, respectively.
 - b. Officers for 2015: Chair-Byung-Kee Baik
Vice Chair- Yan Li
Secretary-Tom Baker
- V. Soft Wheat Quality Survey Tour
 - a. B.-K. Baik asked about any interest in taking soft wheat quality survey tour. C J Lin gave a brief background information about the survey tour. No apparent interest by the attendees.
 - b. Carl Griffey suggested an idea of attending the State field day tour instead.
 - c. B.-K. Baik would gather the State field day tour information along with the contact names and distribute to the Soft Wheat Quality Council members.
- VI. Closing Discussion
 - a. SWQC Review & Booklet: suggestions for including the page number of the pertaining part of the report into the ppt slides, and the summary page per each group of entries.

- b. Carl Griffey suggested the inclusion of two check varieties for all the entries, one with weak gluten protein and the other with strong gluten protein, in the grow-outs of the SWQC entries. Shirley for the former and Branson for the latter were recommended.
- c. Southern soft winter wheat breeders' participation in the SWQC: Low participation of the southern breeding programs in the SWQC is partly due to their lack of capacity for producing enough quality of wheat grain for the SWQC project. Exploring the option of growing-out the SWQC entries from the Southern breeding programs in a southern location was suggested by Carl Griffey. Suggestions were also made for the use of the SWQC budget to pay the expenses needed for grow-outs of the SWQC samples.
- d. Rick Siemer questioned the value of conducting SWQC project and expressed concern on few breeders' participation. B- K. Baik briefed the purpose and potential benefits of the SWQC to the breeding program and eventually milling and baking industries. Carl explained the value of the SWQC to his breeding program. Gabriela Rattin noted the value of SWQC in identifying varieties possessing desirable functional properties.
- e. There was interest in pre-meeting tour by the attendees. Once the next year meeting place is decided, the option would be explored. Participation in the pre-meeting tour would be optional and considered as a separate event from the SWQL Annual Research Review and SWQC.

VII. **Adjourn**