

NATIONAL PROCESSED RASPBERRY COUNCIL

Research Committee

Teleconference

April 9, 2015, 10:0 a.m., PST

Committee Members Participating:

William Beadle

Adam Enfield

Val Shepler

Sukh Kahlon

Rob Dhaliwal

Rolf Haugen

Jon Cotton

Erin Thoeny

Others Participating:

Tom Krugman

Tarun Harit

Britt Burton-Freeman

Tom Skilton

Allison Beadle

x = present

o = absent

A. Call to Order; Establish Quorum; Approve Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Adam at 10:05 a.m. A quorum was not present at this time, so approval of the February 11, 2015 minutes was deferred.

B. FY 2015 Research Projects: Progress Report

Allison directed Committee members to the NPRC Research Tracking report. She stated that she had received reports from all researchers which were summarized in the table. This table will be updated each quarter as reports are received, and will include any interesting findings to give the Committee a sense of project progress. Some of the projects had experienced delays in getting going as projects needed to go through each institution's internal review process. But at this time, all are moving forward. All reports had been reviewed with Britt who agreed there were no surprises, and the delays were to be expected.

Allison specifically noted two projects, one by Del Rio, the other by Noratto. Del Rio's had recently been published and Noratto had presented her abstract at the recent Experimental Biology Conference in Boston. The two diabetes related projects supported each other, Del Rio's from the perspective of basic science regarding bio-availability and Noratto's from application in an animal model. Allison will be preparing a press release on the two projects for distribution to health professionals and trade media. This is the first opportunity to publicize results from NPRC funded research, and is the first step in building the raspberry health story based on current research.

There was a general discussion on the progress report with Committee members agreeing that it was a consistent way to track the many projects being funded. Adam thought it good

to push the researchers. Tom noted that all researchers seemed pleased that there was interest in their progress and to be able to submit regular reports.

C. Response to FY 2016 RFP

Tom said that there were a total of fourteen responses to the RFP issued the end of February. All had been forwarded to Britt who had given them a quick review. She said she would be able to complete her review and enter them into the tracking document by the end of the month. There was agreement from the Committee that it should have another call before the Council meeting to review the proposals and make recommendations rather than wait until the Fall. The next call for the Committee was set for Thursday May 14, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. pacific time.

D. FY 2016 Narrative and Proposed Budget

Tom was then asked to present the FY 2016 Research Narrative and Proposed Budget. The Narrative begins with an overview of the research program and contains reference to the Raspberry Roundtable and establishing research priorities. There are three parts to the budget and program narrative. The first describes general administrative expenses necessary to run the research program. Next are those projects begun in FY 2015 that will have a balance remaining on their contract at the end of the fiscal year. The final portion represents the second year of ongoing multi-year projects or new projects to begin on FY 2016. Tom explained that multi-year projects are contracted one year at a time so that the Council does not have to carry funds for the entire project in its budget.

Turning to the budget, Tom summarized the proposed FY 2016 budget and compared it to the current year's budget. A slight increase in administrative overhead is the result of increasing the contract for Britt to \$15,000 and a greater allocation of contract expenses in recognition of more time being spent on administering the projects. No overhead expenses were allocated to research, and travel and meetings totaled \$19,600 for a total proposed Administrative Expense budget of \$86,750. Research contracts were proposed at a total of \$688,960 which included an allocation of \$200,000 to fund new research projects. The total research budget proposal was \$775,710, which compares to \$724,195 in FY 2015.

There was discussion on the total budget, recognizing it is a significant expense for the Council. Tom and Allison noted that it is an investment that allows the marketing program to build a strong story on raspberry attributes as well as health.

E. Adjourn

As there was no further business to discuss, the conference call adjourned at 10:50 a.m. on a call from the Chair.