

HIGHLIGHTS

NTEP Policy Committee Meeting June 2 - 3, 2008 Gervais, Oregon

NTEP Policy Committee Members Present:

Mr. Duane Klundt, representing OSTA and PSA
Mr. Warren Bell, representing TPI
Dr. Brian Horgan, representing NCERA-192, north central universities
Dr. Jeff Nus, representing USGA
Dr. Bernd Leinauer, representing WERA-11, western universities
Mr. Steve Johnson, representing TBA
Mr. Steve Tubbs, representing ASTA, Lawn Seed division
Dr. Scott Ebdon, representing NE-125, northeast universities
Dr. Mike Richardson, representing SERA-IEG-25, southern universities
Dr. Clark Throssell, representing GCSAA
Mr. Kevin Morris, NTEP staff

Automated Data Collection

A task group of Mike Richardson, Brian Horgan, Doug Karcher and a TBA member will write an automated digital data collection document to be distributed to NTEP official cooperators.

Visual Field Assessment Document

Policy Committee members reviewed the document and provided some suggested edits. A session at the Crops Science Society of America annual meeting in Houston (October) will be dedicated to soliciting input on the guidelines from members.

AMMI Statistical Analysis Final Report

Scott Ebdon made a presentation on the research he has conducted on AMMI statistical analysis for NTEP trials. Scott recommended that NTEP use the appropriate AMMI model for turf quality ratings due to the large number of observations. A motion to use the appropriate AMMI model for turf quality ratings for all trials beginning in 2007 was approved.

New Trial Opportunities

The Policy Committee discussed three potential new trial opportunities, a traffic tolerance trial (fall 2009), a drought tolerance trial (fall 2009), and an on-site bentgrass fairway trial (fall 2010). The committee agreed to continue the preparations for all three trials.

Focusing on Client Needs

Listening Sessions are planned for July (TPI conference, Calgary) and October (Crop Science Society annual meeting, Houston).

Procedures Used to Select Trial Locations

A number of comments were received from cooperators expressing their disappointment that their location was not selected for a trial. After discussion the following recommendations were made:

1. Scientists at locations not selected for NTEP trials will be encouraged to contact seed companies to assemble their own trial.
2. Scott Ebdon stated that megaenvironments can be used to help determine trial locations and will investigate this possibility for the 2011 perennial ryegrass trial.
3. Advisory Committees perform an important role and should be continued.

Selection of New Officers

Brian Horgan was elected Chair, Steve Tubbs, Vice-Chair, and Jeff Nus, Secretary for FY 2008-2009.

Next Policy Committee Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Saturday, February 7 from noon to 6:00 pm and Sunday, February 8 from 8:00 am to noon in New Orleans, LA.