



Science & Policy Committee
Tuesday, December 5, 2017

Call to Order at 3:00 CDT. There were five committee members on the call: Andy Manale, Clark Gantzer, David Speidel, Lindsey Yasarer, and Mohammad Khakbazan. Andrew Sharpley had a delayed flight and could not attend.

- Andy Manale chaired the teleconference.
- Andy Manale updated the Committee on comments he received on his SWCS principles 12-05-17 Document. Andy expressed the need to perfect this document and send it to the board of directors and have it published along with an “Executive Summary” within a short time (~1 month). The desire is to have this document ready as guiding principles for work on the new Farm Bill.
- David Speidel pointed out, the Nov. 17 pdf from John Petersen entitled “Conservation Community’s Principles and Recommendations for Strengthening Conservation in the 2018 Farm Bill” should be crossed references with the final version of these updated SWCS principles.
- He also suggested that other interested organizations be invited to be a partner on this document. He suggested adding the International Crane Foundation, as one such additional group. Clark Gantzer mentioned the Rodale institute as another possible addition.
- Lindsay Yasarer introduced the idea of a Lightning Session that the S&P could develop for next year’s meeting. Here are several examples of lightning sessions from various conferences:
 - o The American Geophysical Union (AGU) describes their lightning talks format: “Get up to speed on the latest findings. Oral lightning sessions feature more presenters with shorter presentation times. Some sessions include 15 presenters giving a 5-minute talk, with 3-minute Q&A. Others consist of 12 presenters giving 8-minute talks followed by a 30-minute panel discussion.”
 - o Here is an example from the Agricultural and Applied Economics Association:
<https://www.aaea.org/meetings/2016-aaea-annual-meeting/events/concurrent-sessions/lightning-sessions>.
- She will enquire the Conference Planning Committee to see whether this is a possibility to identify a S&P Policy Session by the first week of January. She volunteered to contact Andrew Sharpley and the remained of the S&P committee about this matter.
- The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 CDT.