



**Ultrasound Guidelines Council**

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**UGC Board Meeting**

**Conference Call**

**Thursday, March 5, 2020 | 9 AM – 11 AM**

Roll Call

Kelli Retallick called the meeting to order at 9:00am sharp. The full UGC Board was in attendance: Shane Bedwell, Matt Woolfolk, Chip Kemp, JR Tait, Dean Pringle, Sean McGrath, Jolene Grunhaupt, Mark Henry, Rethel King, and Becky Hays.

- Approval of Minutes – Approved as emailed, Sean moved, Shane 2<sup>nd</sup>, carried.
- Financial report – Approved as presented, Jolene moved, Matt 2<sup>nd</sup>, carried.
  
- SDSU Research Project Update – Confidential Report sent in advance  
Mike MacNeil is on the program for BIF (Florida). Becky and Mark wanted more clarification on how the data was edited and removed from the original data sets submitted. Data used was collected from Angus, Simmental, and Hereford from 2015-2017. Bedwell requested and Pringle agreed that MacNeil should join a UGC conference call and explain his report in more detail with the Board and be available to answer questions prior to BIF. Sean McGrath had questions regarding contemporary grouping, consistency across breeds, and help explaining the variability. Chip Kemp was briefed on the history of the project, and emphasized that a 'companion' report be presented to the Council in a form that's understandable. JR Tait cautioned that UGC may not have asked the right questions initially. The project tested labs against one another instead of evaluating technology and technician in modeling national cattle evaluations. Kelli Retallick agreed to contact MacNeil and see that the concerns of the Board are addressed.
  
- Field Certification Requirements  
Rethel explained that the pass rate of previously certified technicians so far has been 100%. He expressed the need to limit expenses of experienced techs by not requiring them to re-certify every two years. Henry feels that re-certifying every 4 years is sufficient to achieve the goals of UGC and the desires of the industry. Grunhaupt felt strongly that ultrasound machines should be compared to carcass data. Hays felt strongly that techs need to certify twice before qualifying for any extension in time. Rethel agreed. No motions were made at this time.
  - How often? Cost Structure?
  - Certifying with new technology
  
- Other business
  
- Executive Session – Executive Director Compensation Discussion