

Board of Control
October 22, 2014

The Statutory Meeting of the Board of Control was held on this day at the Valley Laboratory, 153 Cook Hill Road, Windsor, CT.

Present: Messrs. Andreadis, Jones, Larson, Ms. Maroney and Ms. Nichols. Messrs. Capone, Last, and White were present by invitation.

Absent: Messrs. Dellaporta, Reviczky, and Royer.

The meeting was convened by Vice President Terry Jones at 10:13AM.

Minutes: On a motion by Mr. Larson, seconded by Ms. Nichols, the minutes of the August 6, 2014 meeting were approved.

Fiduciary Investment Advisors: Mr. Jeff Capone summarized the Board's trust fund portfolio for the month ended September 30, 2014. He also discussed the recommendation to the Executive and Finance Committee to liquidate the Board's investments with Pimco total return and unconstrained bond funds on October 6, 2014. Ms. Nichols moved to approve the decision made by the Executive and Finance Committee to liquidate and re-allocate the funds held by Pimco to Metwest and Blackrock Strategic Income as recommended by our investment advisor, Fiduciary Investment Advisors. Mr. Larson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Building Projects Update: Mr. Last reported on the following building projects:

1. Jenkins-Waggoner Laboratory: The building is scheduled to be completed in December 2014 and will come in within the approved budget. The building will be energy efficient and is tracking toward an LEAD Gold Certification.
2. Window Replacement: The CAES was awarded \$450,000 to install energy efficient replacement windows in the Slate, Osborne, and Johnson-Horsfall Buildings. The specifications are complete and the project is awaiting approval from the Connecticut Historical Commission.
3. Valley Laboratory: The Governor recommended and the Legislature authorized \$1 million for the design phase of renovation and addition to the Valley Laboratory. Proposals are due on Friday, October 24, 2014 from design firms. Interviews will be conducted before the end of the year.
4. Lockwood Farm Pavilion: Several contractors have been contacted to submit proposals on building a 40' x 130' wood pavilion at Lockwood Farm. Proposals will be sought from contractors that use native lumber.
5. Barn Doors: The nine overhead doors on the two upper concrete block barns have reached the end of their useful life. Proposals and specifications will be submitted to the Board at the January meeting.

New Staff Members: Dr. Andreadis updated the Board on the status and start date of the 5 newly hired scientists.

Tick Testing Program: Dr. Andreadis reported that Dr. Goudarz Molaei has taken charge of the Tick Testing Program. There will be additional pathogens screened for and the program will also have an active research component. PCR technology is now being used which has reduced the reporting time from 2 weeks to 2-3 days. Positive results are now being reported to local health departments by phone and email to increase efficiency and enable physicians to make prompt and informed decisions for treatment.

Emerald Ash Borer Quarantine: The quarantine will be expanded to cover the entire state by the end of the year. It is believed that Massachusetts and Rhode Island will also quarantine their entire states. Emerald ash borer has been found in 6 of the 8 Connecticut counties.

Chestnut Research: Dr. Sandra Anagnostakis, Emeritus Scientist, will be continuing to conduct chestnut research and maintain experimental tree plots around the state.

Mr. Larson moved that an Executive Session be held to discuss Board funds, personnel and the Director's report. Messrs. Last and White were invited to attend. The motion was seconded by Ms. Nichols and passed unanimously at 12:45PM.

Mr. Larson moved that the Executive Session be adjourned. The motion was seconded by Ms. Nichols and passed unanimously at 1:42 PM.

Ms. Nichols moved that Mr. John Ranciato, Technician 1, Department of Analytical Chemistry be promoted to Technician 2, effective October 31, 2014. The motion was seconded by Mr. Larson and passed unanimously.

Mr. Larson moved that the public meeting be adjourned. The motion was seconded by Ms. Nichols and passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 1:45PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Paul C. Larson
Secretary