

NAAIC Industry Liaison Committee
Mike Velde, Chair

Old Business of the committee from July 2000 – July 2002:

1. Letters have gone out to all university forage yield cooperators to standardize the publication of data in a standard format. It was suggested to format the data in the same manner as the Iowa State publication.
2. CAIC data publication funding that is coordinated by John Caddel was resolved by publishing only the number of copies requested and paid for prior to December 15th. The cost per copy of the CAIC data publication is \$30/book.
3. Concerns were addressed regarding the inefficiencies of the PVP office with regard to alfalfa submissions. The committee met with the PVP commissioner in December 2001 at the ASTA meeting in Chicago. An additional meeting was scheduled with PVP examiner, Mr. Mark Hermeling at the 38th NAAIC meeting in Sacramento, CA.

New Business:

1. Plant Variety Protection: Mark Hemeling brought the committee up to date on changes within the PVP office and applications. Much discussion was exchanged and concerns expressed. The PVP office will communicate to the committee on what the requirements are for alfalfa entries and a timetable for applicant review.
2. Beginning in January 2003, Sam Stratton will begin a 2-year term as a voting member of the Alfalfa Variety Review Board and Mike Velde will begin serving a 2-year term as a non-voting alternate.
3. Mark Smith is the new chairman for the next two-year term.

In attendance were 14 members from 9 companies, one from USDA-ARS and one from the University of Kentucky.