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## Compliance, Accreditation & Certification Subcommittee (CACs) Notes

Tuesday, August 1, 2023 2:00 pm ET

**Present:** Amy Bruch (ADB), Chair; Kyla Smith (KS), Vice Chair; Jerry D'Amore (JD); Carolyn Dimitri (CD); Kim Huseman (KH); Allison Johnson (AJ); Nate Powell-Palm (NPP); Logan Petrey (LP); Nate Lewis (NL); Mindee Jeffery (MJ) - observer

**Absent:** None

**Staff:** Michelle Arsenault (MA); Jo Mirenda (JM)

### Agenda

- Review July 11, 2023 notes
- Modernizing Organic Infrastructure: Consistent Location Identification Proposal (ADB/NPP) - discuss/vote
- Enforcement: Residue Testing for a Global Supply Chain Discussion Document (ADB/NPP/NL/KH)
- Organic and Climate-Smart Agriculture: What and Why Organic Discussion Document (JD) - discuss/vote
- Additional Items
- Adjourn

### Discussion

- **July 11, 2023** notes were accepted as written
- **Modernizing Organic Infrastructure - Consistent Location Identification Proposal (ADB/NPP).** This project received support at the Spring NOSB meeting. The group had a conversation about terminology. i.e., parcel vs. field vs. site, and decided to use the term "legal parcel" throughout the document. Members discussed implementation of the recommendation, and determined that this is a recommendation for NOP to provide guidance, instruction, or training to help certifiers be more consistent. . A member noted the connection to the Human Capital work, as it potentially could save certifiers time and resources. Another member raised a concern about confidentiality of information, and confirmed that the information would only be available to the operation's own certifier.

Motion to recommend that all accredited certifiers obtain consistent location information that can lead to GPS coordinates for all applicants for certification and certified operations (parcels, production units - grower groups, handling locations, importers, brokers, etc.).

Motion by: ADB

Seconded by: NPP

Yes: 9 No: 0 Abstain:0 Recusal: 0 Absent: 0

- **Enforcement: Residue Testing for a Global Supply Chain Discussion Document (ADB/NPP/NL/KH).** The lead introduced the discussion document, which is meant to build on existing residue testing requirements to complement Strengthening Organic Enforcement (SOE). The concept is to modernize how certifiers conduct residue sampling along the supply chain. The current document includes a proposed framework to evaluate substances for testing, with an initial focus on two aspects: synthetic solvents used in oilseed extraction; and fumigants. It also includes questions to determine if and where gaps may exist. A member added that the timing may be interesting with the implementation date of SOE. The group had a robust conversation about the first iteration of the document. The lead will make some modifications based on today's conversation and the group will discuss and vote on the next call.
- **Organic and Climate-Smart Agriculture: What and Why Organic Discussion Document (ADB/NPP/JD).** The lead conveyed feedback from the NOP about the goal and scope of the document, emphasizing that it should be grounded in the "organic is climate smart" work agenda theme. The group reviewed the

newest iteration of the document, which was focused and condensed to one page. Members asked several questions and provided feedback to the lead. The CACS will discuss the document once more and vote on the next call.

**Additional Items.** The Oversight improvements to deter fraud: Minimum Reporting Requirements Proposal is on hold until SOE is implemented. The NOP corrected the table below to reflect that.

- **The meeting was adjourned.**

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### **Discussion**

- **June 27, 2023** notes were approved as written.
- **Organic and Climate-Smart Agriculture (Climate/Equity) - Climate Induced Farming Risk and Crop Insurance (CD).** The group had a brief discussion about the minor edits that resulted from the last call, and moved to a vote.

Motion to accept the discussion document on Climate Induced Farming Risk and Crop Insurance

Motion by CD

Seconded by ADB

Yes: 6 No: 0 Abstain:0 Recusal: 0 Absent: 3

- **Opportunities in Organic: Improving Support for Organic Transition (AJ).** The lead summarized the changes made since the last discussion, which included language about barriers to transition, and made some modifications to the question regarding diversity and inclusion. A member noted that outreach can be a barrier and offered an example that there was an NRCS program offering grants for transition that was only open for 3 weeks and many farmers did not know about it. The group talked about the information they are interested in gathering and the most useful way to disseminate it. The CACS would like to send this document to the people that it impacts, and also to certifiers that don't necessarily participate in the NOSB process. The CACS views this as a way to build a movement, and trust, and a way to assist NOP in such activities.

Motion to accept the discussion document on Improving Support for Organic Transition

Motion by: AJ

Seconded by: KH

Yes: 6 No: 0 Abstain: 0 Recuse: 0 Absent: 3

- **Modernizing Organic Infrastructure - Consistent Location Identification (ADB/NPP).** The group discussed the document, and the lead highlighted the information that was added since the last conversation. The co-lead is supposed to make some edits, and the CACS will vote on the next call. The document proposes the collection of field information/GPS coordinates for parcels, additional land use affidavits, and verification on an annual basis about farm location. A member supported the broader

definition to include other operations and not just farms. Members supported the idea of this proposal being implemented by NOP as an instruction to certifiers/best practices, and believes that verification across the supply chain could help prevent fraud, and will complement SOE.

- **Organic and Climate-Smart Agriculture (Climate/Equity) - What and Why Organic (JD).** The lead reviewed the discussion document in its current form, and reviewed the five. The document identifies 5 competitive advantages that organic provides. Members offered feedback on the current iteration and feels there is value in having conversations with stakeholders as this moves forward. The goal is to tell the organic story to strengthen the label and to protect it. The group discussed challenges, like the idea of co-existence among other label claims, and would like this document to shore up organic and make sure it stays relevant. The lead will continue to modify the document and the CACS will talk more on next call.
- **Additional Items.** None
- **The meeting was adjourned.**

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### **Agenda**

- Review June 6, 2023 notes
- Opportunities in Organic: Support for Transitioning Producers (AJ) - discuss
- Organic and Climate-Smart Agriculture (Climate/Equity) - Climate Induced Farming Risk and Crop Insurance - discuss
- Review work schedule
- Additional Items
- Adjourn

### **Discussion**

- **June 6, 2023** notes were accepted as written.
- **Opportunities in Organic: Support for Transitioning Producers (AJ).** The lead summarized the draft document, and the group discussed the purpose of the document and the questions to stakeholders. The CACS wants to use the responses to guide follow-up actions that may inform recommendations to NOP. This could help to focus resources, and open parallel streams of work on equity and inclusion. A member indicated that there is already a large body of research as to why some operations have chosen to not be certified or have exited from organic transition or certification. A member suggested adding a question about long-term plans for farmers once they become certified. The lead will modify the list of questions based on the conversation, and the group will discuss this again on the next call. The CACS plans to post this in the open docket (AMS-NOP-23-0026) early to allow commenters more time to answer the questions.
- **Organic and Climate-Smart Agriculture (Climate/Equity) - Climate Induced Farming Risk and Crop Insurance Discussion document.** The lead described the draft document she is developing. The document contains a summary of public comment from the last meeting, in which commenters conveyed personal experiences with crop insurance, and will also include a summary of data she gleaned from interviewing organic farmers, non-profits, researchers, and others, which she categorized by areas that were problematic. While there is nothing new or novel, the information is compiled in one place. The CACS will review the draft discussion document on the next call, and vote to send it to the full Board if ready. Members discussed other aspects of Crop insurance and the current drought that is affecting producers.
- **Review work schedule.** The group reviewed the schedule for the next couple of CACS calls.
- **Additional Items.** NL is meeting with a testing laboratory next month to discuss fraud detection and residue testing, which he feels will be helpful for inclusion in the discussion document on Enforcement: Residue Testing for a Global Supply Chain. Members also briefly discussed Strengthening Organic Enforcement (SOE) implementation and whether marketers/solicitors are required to be certified.
- **The meeting was adjourned.**

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### Discussion

- **May 9, 2023** notes were accepted as written.
- **The group said farewell to Laura Gallagher.** Laura will be focusing on other NOP duties, and will not join the CACS calls, but offered to assist when needed.
- **Enforcement: Residue Testing for a Global Supply Chain. Discuss outline (NL/ADB/NPP/KH).** The lead presented a draft framework for testing and the group had a robust discussion. The proposed framework has three "buckets": oversight, testing, response to positive results. The CACS will discuss And vote on the discussion document on the August 8 call.
- **Organic and Climate-Smart Agriculture (Climate/Equity) (JD) - What and Why Organic?** The CACS discussed the desire to coordinate segments of the community, so we are all working together to market the benefits of organic. The lead discussed the history of how this project evolved and the important aspects. The lead recently traveled to Europe and highlighted the fact that organic operations and stakeholders all have common concerns. Members discussed the proposed check-off program from several years ago. For the most part, the community or segments of the community were not supportive, as there was general skepticism about the benefits. A member added that some view checkoffs as corrupt and non-transparent. She added that the conversation and environment has changed and perhaps the landscape is different now, and perhaps they can discuss this in the context of what's important, and how the organic community can work collectively to promote organic.
- **Additional Items.** None.
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Discuss status/scope for work agenda items

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Human Capital Management: Support for Transitioning Producers (AJ) - discuss/vote

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- Review April 11, 2023 notes
- Debrief from NOSB meeting
- Scope/status update
- Additional Items
- Adjourn

### **Discussion**

- **April 11, 2023** notes were accepted as written with one minor grammar correction.
- **Debrief from NOSB meeting.**
  - The Chair praised the Subcommittee for the great discussion at the Spring meeting. She also praised the community for their engagement and feedback. A member echoed the sentiment that the meeting went well and is looking forward to the Fall meeting.
  - The CACS is anticipating future work agenda item requests that will have a structured format. Another member reflected on the meeting and which stakeholders showed up. Took to heart comments from stakeholders needing enough time to react to proposals. Would like to explore ways to get draft documents or questions to the public for preliminary feedback sooner.
  - Members discussed numerous ways to engage the community and give them more time to contribute and be heard.
  - The CACS will talk more at the Executive Committee meeting about ways to engage with the community between NOSB meetings.
- **Scope/status update.** The CACS scheduled discussions in preparation for the Fall 2023 meeting. See table below.
  - Consistent location ID. Will proceed as proposal for the Fall meeting.
  - Climate Induced Farming Risk and Crop Insurance. The lead will compile comments from the Spring meeting, and include that in a new discussion document for Fall, and plans to develop a proposal for Spring 2024. The group discussed the connection to the Farm Bill, and determined that timing is not critical. Another member suggested adding Crop Insurance to the work agenda and revisiting it once a year.
  - Residue testing. Several members discussed ideas about definitions and scope. The Strengthening Organic Enforcement Rule (SOE) provides supply chain transparency, and the NOP could move ahead with testing recommendations from the NOSB. A member suggested checking with other agencies (FDA and EPA) for residue testing protocols. Another member added that California has years of experience and a robust residue testing protocol.
- **Additional Items.** None.
- **The meeting was adjourned.**

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Guest speaker - NOP Trade Systems Director Jon Veley. Discuss Soybean imports and CBP Opportunities in Organic: Support for Transitioning Producers (AJ). Discuss draft Review Public comment

May 2, 2023 - cancelled

May 9, 2023

Discuss status/scope for work agenda items

June 6, 2023

Enforcement: Residue Testing for a Global Supply Chain. Discuss outline (ADB/NPP/NL/KH) Organic and Climate-Smart Agriculture (Climate/Equity) - What and Why Organic?

June 13, 2023

Human Capital Management: Support for Transitioning Producers (AJ). Discuss/Vote

July 11, 2023

What/Why Organic (JD) - Status update

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Enforcement: Residue Testing for a Global Supply Chain.	ADB/NPP/NL/KH	Discussion document	Approved by Exec Cmmte/NOP 4.17.23	6.6.23	Fall 2023
Organic and Climate-Smart Agriculture (Climate/Equity) - Organic IS climate smart	NPP	Proposal	Approved by Exec Cmmte/NOP 1.18.22. <a href="#">Memo sent to CACS 02.23.22.</a> Voted on and passed at Spring 2023 meeting.		NA

Organic and Climate-Smart Agriculture (Climate/Equity) - Climate Induced Farming Risk and Crop Insurance	CD	Proposal?	Approved by Exec Cmmte/NOP 1.18.22. <a href="#">Memo sent to CACS 02.23.22</a>	6.6.23 7.11.23	Fall 2023
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Human Capital Management: <b>Opportunities in Organic:</b> Support for Transitioning Producers	AJ	Discussion document	<a href="#">07.31.20 NOP Memo</a> to CACS. <a href="#">Proposal</a> passed at April 2021 NOSB meeting. Will remain an active agenda item for future work	6.13.23	Fall 2023

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Fall 2023 Milestones	Target dates (tentative)
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NOP - Draft Fall 2022 NOSB meeting agenda	Aug 4, 2023
NOSB - Fall 2023 proposals due to NOP	Aug 10, 2023
NOP - Post proposals	Aug 30, 2023
Public comment closes	Sep 28, 2023
NOP - Send compiled public comments to NOSB	~Oct 2, 2023
Public comment webinars	Oct 17 & 19, 2023
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## Compliance, Accreditation & Certification Subcommittee (CACs) Notes

Tuesday, April 11, 2023 2:00 pm ET

**Present:** Amy Bruch (ADB), Chair; Kyla Smith (KS), Vice Chair; Kim Huseman (KH); Jerry D'Amore (JD); Carolyn Dimitri (CD); Logan Petrey (LP); Allison Johnson (AJ); Nate Powell-Palm (NPP); Mindee Jeffery (MJ) - observer

**Absent:** None

**Staff:** Jon Veley (Guest Speaker); Michelle Arsenault (MA); Laura Gallagher (LG)

### Agenda

- Review April 4, 2023 notes
- Guest speaker - NOP Trade Systems Director Jon Veley. Discuss Soybean imports and CBP
- Human Capital Management: Support for Transitioning Producers (AJ). Discuss draft and name
- Review Public comment
- Additional Items
- Adjourn

### Discussion

- **April 4, 2023** notes were accepted as written.
- **Guest speaker - NOP Trade Systems Director Jon Veley.** Soybean imports and CBP. Jon introduced himself, and the AMS Trade Division. The Trade Division was started in 2016, and Jon was recruited from CBP, who partnered with AMS to work on cargo issues to improve enforcement. AMS has launched a new program on bulk commodities (grain). The Trade Division does unannounced inspections at ports, where they sample and send to the [USDA lab in Gastonia, NC](#) for testing. AMS is conducting a number of actions, but often the information isn't released to the public until any court proceedings are completed. Members engaged in Q and A with Jon. A member asked why the current structure or rules might not be stringent enough and why it would need to change. Additionally, if the CACS were to work on the topic of strengthening enforcement with respect to grain, what would the goal of the document be? The group discussed the testing requirement of 5% and ideally would like to see it increased. A member suggested they may want to invite Peyton Ferrier to a future CACS call. Peyton is an economist at USDA, who has expertise in this area of economics, and he could inform them about analyses that factor into decision making, such as testing requirements.
  - A member asked where one could access public information about sampling results. NOP will follow up.
  - Since SOE implementation isn't complete yet, the CACS Chair would like to get ahead of any potential issues, and feels that working on a proposal for testing requirements might be an area that could use some work. She added that she has read SOE and feels that this could build a complimentary pipeline and would rather not wait until there is a problem.
- **Opportunities in Organic: Support for Transitioning Producers (AJ).** The CACS is interested in working on organic transition, and feels that the NOSB could serve as conduit between industry and NOP. The proposed work may contain a 3-pronged approach: 1. Partnership with certifiers 2. Financial support for transitioning farmers; and 3. Market development grants. The CACS would like to move ahead with a discussion document for the Fall meeting that includes discussion of barriers and goals for building a broad and diverse organic community. A member added that the climate document seems to fit under diversity and inclusion and would like to emphasize that they are already working on that piece.
- **Review Public comment.** The CACS briefly discussed public comments.
- **Additional Items.** The group renamed the Human Capital Management: Support for Transitioning Producers to Opportunities in Organic: Support for Transitioning Producers
  - The CACS asked for a progress report on their previous recommendation for NOSB technical support, and will ask about that during the next Executive call. TOPP has been priority, so there may not have been much movement.



- The CACS is interested in inviting someone from the Equity Commission to speak on a future CACS call. <https://www.usda.gov/equity-commission>
- **The meeting was adjourned.**

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Human Capital Management: Opportunities in Organic Support for Transitioning Producers	AJ	Discussion document	<a href="#">07.31.20 NOP Memo</a> to CACS. <a href="#">Proposal</a> passed at April 2021 NOSB meeting. Will remain an active agenda item for future work	4.11.23 6.13.23	Fall 2023

## Milestones

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## Compliance, Accreditation & Certification Subcommittee (CACS) Notes

Tuesday, April 4, 2023 2:00 pm ET

**Present:** Amy Bruch (ADB), Chair; Kyla Smith (KS), Vice Chair; Kim Huseman (KH); Jerry D'Amore (JD); Carolyn Dimitri (CD); Mindee Jeffery (MJ) - observer

**Absent:** Logan Petrey (LP); Allison Johnson (AJ); Nate Powell-Palm (NPP)

**Staff:** Michelle Arsenault (MA); Laura Gallagher (LG)

### Agenda

- Review March 14, 2023 notes
- Review schedule - plan and schedule all topics
- Review spring mtg (travel, agenda, comments).
- Review potential work agenda item on enforcement: testing/analysis and prep for next week's guest, Jon Veley (NOP - former CBP experience)
- Status update on enforcement: minimum reporting requirements/SOE
- Status update - What/Why Organic
- Additional Items
- Adjourn

### Discussion

- **March 14, 2023** notes were accepted with a minor change to the conversation about soybean import issues.
- **Review schedule - plan and schedule all topics.**  
Support for Transitioning Producers (AJ). The lead will be circulating some ideas for this project and the CACS will discuss on the April 11 call.
- **Review spring mtg (travel, agenda, comments).** The CACS briefly reviewed the Spring meeting schedule, and discussed the three meeting agenda items for the Spring 2023 meeting and discussion time for each.
- **Review potential work agenda item on enforcement: testing/analysis and prep for next week's guest speaker, Jon Veley.** The group discussed what this project could or would look like, the problem they are trying to solve. The NOP suggested thinking about how this would be implemented. i.e., Would it be a new rule, guidance to certifiers, etc., or is it something the NOP already has authority over? Members discussed how to move forward, and would like to present something to the Executive Committee on the April 17 call.
- **Status update on enforcement: minimum reporting requirements/SOE (NPP).** Deferred to next call.
- **Status update - What/Why Organic (JD).** Deferred to next call.
- **Additional Items.** None.
- **The meeting was adjourned.**

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## **Compliance, Accreditation & Certification Subcommittee (CACS) Notes**

**Tuesday, March 14, 2023 2:00 pm ET**

**Present:** Amy Bruch (ADB), Chair; Kyla Smith (KS), Vice Chair; Kim Huseman (KH); Logan Petrey (LP); Allison Johnson (AJ)

**Absent:** Nate Powell-Palm (NPP); Jerry D'Amore (JD); Carolyn Dimitri (CD)

**Staff:** Michelle Arsenault (MA); Laura Gallagher (LG)

### **Agenda**

- Review March 7, 2023 notes
- Schedule Work Agenda Items for Spring/Summer
- Oversight improvements to Deter Fraud: Strengthening Organic Enforcement (SOE) work agenda item (NPP/ADB)
- Additional Items
- Adjourn

### **Discussion**

- **March 7, 2023** notes were accepted with a minor change.
- **Schedule Work Agenda Items for Spring/Summer.** The group reviewed the schedule for the next few months, and discussed the Human Capital Management: Support for Transitioning Producers (AJ). The lead will have an outline or draft for the April 11 call and will connect with NOP to refine the focus and gather resources.
- **Oversight improvements to Deter Fraud: SOE work agenda items (NPP/ADB).** The group discussed potential work agenda items stemming from the final SOE rule. The Chair would like to get out ahead of any potential failure points and prevent them, rather than reacting to them. A member noted that given the implementation date of the rule, there may not be time to do that. Members talked about areas where the NOSB could contribute to be most helpful or meaningful. A member asked about the possibility of holding a panel at the Fall meeting regarding an update on SOE implementation. The NOSB leadership team will talk more about that at the Exec call.
- **Additional Items.**
  - Soybean import issues. The Chair proposed that the CACS work on a project to address issues with soybean imports, such as testing at point-of-entry. Members discussed various challenges including the added burden for certifiers who would have to be available to institute the testing. Currently, certifiers have a protocol to test 5% and they get to choose when or where testing happens. Additionally, if an outside entity pulls the sample to test, then it may not be enforceable because the certifier was not in control of the sample through the entire chain of custody. Members suggested other ideas as well. The CACS will extend an invitation to Jon Veley of the NOP to join a future CACS call to talk about Customs and Border Protections' (CBP) roles and abilities).
- **The meeting was adjourned.**

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Review Public comment

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## **Compliance, Accreditation & Certification Subcommittee (CACs) Notes**

**Tuesday, March 7, 2023 4:00 pm ET**

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**Absent:** Logan Petrey (LP); Kyla Smith (KS), Vice Chair; Allison Johnson (AJ)

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### **Agenda**

- Review February 14, 2023 notes
- Review the Calendar for Spring /Summer (All)
- Discuss what/why organic (JD)
- Oversight improvements to Deter Fraud: SOE work agenda item (NPP/ADB)
- Additional Items
- Adjourn

### **Discussion**

- **February 14, 2023** notes were accepted as written.
- **Review the Calendar for Spring /Summer (All).** The Chair summarized the overall picture of workflow for the next few months.
- **What/why organic (JD).** The lead summarized the draft document and emphasized the ultimate goal, which is to identify, communicate, and celebrate the accomplishments of the organic industry. He added that there is a good story to tell, but no one is telling it. Members contributed thoughts and ideas about the content, such as making sure the language is precise and accurate, and that it articulates the positive aspects of "why organic". A member noted that organic can be challenging to market because there's a broad range of stakeholders that all have different reasons for participating, and the benefits for each are diverse. The group also discussed the potential for a check-off program, which would require legislation and farm bill negotiations, and also how the Transition to Organic Partnership Program (TOPP) program could help share messaging. A member added that the structure of the document is great but would like to provide a clear actionable goal to promote voluntary functional governance. The CACS is excited to continue the positive conversation at the Spring meeting and hear feedback from stakeholders.
- **Oversight improvements to Deter Fraud: SOE work agenda item (NPP/ADB).** Deferred to next call.
- **Additional Items.** None
- **The meeting was adjourned.**

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Organic and Climate-Smart Agriculture (Climate/Equity) - Climate Induced Farming Risk and Crop Insurance discussion document - discuss/vote

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## **Compliance, Accreditation & Certification Subcommittee (CACS) Notes**

**Tuesday, February 14, 2023 2:00 pm ET**

**Present:** Amy Bruch (ADB), Chair; Kyla Smith (KS), Vice Chair; Kim Huseman (KH); Allison Johnson (AJ); Nate Powell-Palm (NPP); Carolyn Dimitri (CD); Jerry D'Amore (JD); Mindee Jeffery - observer

**Absent:** Logan Petrey (LP)

**Staff:** Michelle Arsenault (MA); Laura Gallagher (LG)

### **Agenda**

- Review February 7, 2023 notes
- Oversight improvements to deter fraud: Parcel Identification - discuss/vote
- Organic and Climate-Smart Agriculture (Climate/Equity) - Organic IS climate smart - discuss/vote
- Organic and Climate-Smart Agriculture (Climate/Equity) - Climate Induced Farming Risk and Crop Insurance - discuss/vote
- Additional Items
- Adjourn

### **Discussion**

- **February 7, 2023** were accepted as written.
- **Organic and Climate-Smart Agriculture (Climate/Equity) - Climate Induced Farming Risk and Crop Insurance discussion document.** The lead emphasized that the purpose of the document is to solicit feedback. She incorporated feedback from other members and the group moved to a vote. The CACS chair encouraged members to advertise the document, so they get a wide swath of stakeholders' comments.

Motion to accept the discussion document on Climate Induced Farming Risk and Crop Insurance

Motion by: NPP

Seconded by: KH

Yes: 6 No: 0 Abstain: 0 Recuse: 0 Absent: 2

- **Organic and Climate-Smart Agriculture (Climate/Equity) - Organic IS climate smart proposal - discuss/vote.** The lead indicated that the community was supportive of this project and during the last NOSB comment period, didn't have suggestions for additions. This version is nearly identical to the previous version, and the CACS will present this proposal to the full board at the Spring meeting. The group discussed information to include in the cover letter.

Motion to accept the proposal on Organic and Climate-Smart Agriculture (Climate/Equity) - Organic IS climate smart

Motion by: NPP

Seconded by: ADB

Yes: 6 No: 0 Abstain: 0 Recuse: 0 Absent: 2

- **Oversight improvements to deter fraud: Modernizing Organic Infrastructure - Consistent Location Identification discussion document.** Formerly called Parcel Identification. The lead summarized the

document, and the group discussed such things as universality, international standardization, and the fact that the GPS system is governed by the new Space Force agency. Members also discussed where the information could be housed and will continue that conversation. The group modified some of the questions included in the document and will post this discussion document for public comment for the Spring meeting.

Motion to accept the discussion document on Modernizing Organic Infrastructure - Consistent Location Identification

Motion by: ADB

Seconded by: CD

Yes: 7 No: 0 Abstain: 0 Recuse: 0 Absent: 1

- **Additional Items.** Members discussed general Board procedures, the upcoming Farm Bill negotiations, and OFPA.
- **The meeting was adjourned**

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- Additional Items
- Adjourn

### Discussion

- **January 10, 2023** were accepted as written.
- **Organic and Climate-Smart Agriculture discussion doc - What and Why Organic? (JD).** Deferred to Fall meeting in order to refine the document. The CACS will discuss this at a later date.
- **Organic and Climate-Smart Agriculture - Climate Induced Farming Risk and Crop Insurance discussion doc (CD/NPP).** The group discussed the document, the intended audience, and the ultimate goal. In its current iteration, the document will be used to solicit information and establish first steps. The group discussed the relationship to the Farm Bill and the Risk Management Agency (RMA). The lead will make some edits based on feedback and the CACS will vote on the document on the February 14 call.
- **Oversight to Deter fraud: Parcel Identification discussion doc (ADB/NPP).** The lead introduced the document and noted that she has incorporated some of the information from the newly published Strengthening Organic Enforcement (SOE) rule into the document. The group discussed the content, the goals for this project, and stakeholder feedback. The lead will make edits based on the conversation and the CACS will recirculate the document for discussion and vote on the February 14 call.
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Tuesday, January 10, 2023 2:00 pm ET

**Present:** Amy Bruch (ADB), Chair; Kyla Smith (KS), Vice Chair; Kim Huseman (KH); Allison Johnson (AJ); Nate Powell-Palm (NPP); Logan Petrey (LP); Carolyn Dimitri (CD); Mindee Jeffery - observer

**Absent:** Jerry D'Amore (JD)

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### Agenda

- Review January 3, 2023 notes
- Oversight to Deter fraud: Minimum Reporting Requirements (ADB/NPP)
- Organic and Climate-Smart Agriculture (Climate/Equity) - What and Why Organic? (JD)
- Organic and Climate-Smart Agriculture (Climate/Equity) - Climate induced farming risk and crop Insurance (CD/NPP)
- Meeting time
- Additional Items
- Adjourn

### Discussion

- **January 3, 2023** were accepted as written.
- **Oversight to Deter fraud: Minimum Reporting Requirements (ADB/NPP).** Deferred until the final rule for Strengthening Organic Enforcement (SOE) is published, and given the timeline, the CACS may push the proposal to the Fall 2023 meeting.
- **Organic and Climate-Smart Agriculture (Climate/Equity) - What and Why Organic? (JD).** The lead is working with other members as he develops this discussion document, and will add it to the agenda for the next CACS call.
- **Organic and Climate-Smart Agriculture (Climate/Equity) - Climate induced farming risk and crop Insurance (CD/NPP).** The primary intent of this project is to lay out the state of research, address adoption of crop insurance by organic farmers, and to ask questions for public comment. The group discussed various issues with crop insurance for organic and transitioning farmers, including barriers, risk management, and areas for improvement. The lead would like to seek additional information from the National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) about the newest survey data. CACS members were supportive of this project, as it is of great interest to the entire community. A member noted that the timing is perfect with regard to the development of the farm bill, and having a document for the Spring NOSB meeting would be most helpful, although a Fall document would also be useful. The CACS would like to have a document that will assist stakeholders that do advocacy work. The CACS also discussed the connection to the TOPP program (Transition to Organic Partnership Program) and transition funding.
- **Meeting time.** The CACS is seeking an alternate meeting time to replace the 2nd Tuesday meeting to accommodate everyone's schedules. The Chair asked that members look at their calendars and provide feedback about the best options.
- **Additional Items.** None
- **The meeting was adjourned**

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**Absent:** None

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- Review December 13, 2022 notes
- Executive Meeting Recap
- Oversight to Deter fraud: Parcel Identification (ADB/NPP)
- Work Agenda Request: Overview of "Why organic" (JD)
- Additional Items
- Adjourn

### **Discussion**

- **December 13, 2022** were accepted as written
- **Executive Meeting Recap.** The CACS Chair presented four work agenda items to the Executive Committee during the December call and all four were approved by both the Executive team and the NOP. See table below.
- **Oversight to Deter fraud: Parcel Identification (ADB/NPP).** The lead presented background information about parcels and reporting such info to the Farm Service Agency (FSA). The group discussed collection and consistency in data, various existing processes, regulations, guidance, etc., and will discuss this more with the intention of bringing a discussion document to the Spring 2023 meeting. The NOP added that the word field is defined in § 205.2, and parcel is not, and for consistency it might be helpful to use the word field.
- **Work Agenda Request: Overview of "Why organic" (JD).** The lead described the proposed project and members discussed the goals and the way forward. The NOSB and stakeholders are seeking a way to promote organic better. The CACS Chair added that the National Organic Program does not receive marketing dollars even though it is part of the Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS). The lead asked for feedback from each member, so he can incorporate it into the draft discussion document for the Spring 2023 meeting. Tangential to the discussion about "why organic?", the group discussed add-on labels, such as regenerative agriculture, and its relationship to the National Organic Program.
- **Additional Items.** The leads for the following projects will circulate drafts before the weekend, and the CACS will discuss them during the January 10 call: Oversight improvements to deter fraud: Minimum Reporting Requirements; What and Why Organic?; and Climate Induced Farming Risk and Crop Insurance.
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