



Minutes of the Governance Committee Meeting December 12, 2023

A meeting of the Governance Committee of the Citrus Research and Development Foundation, Inc. was held on Tuesday, December 12, 2023, at UF-IFAS-CREC, 700 Experiment Station Road, Ben Hill Griffin Jr. Citrus Hall, Room 103, Lake Alfred, FL 33850. The meeting was properly noticed and recorded. The meeting was called to order at 9:35 a.m. by Chairman Aaron Himrod. Roll was called and a quorum was present. Committee members participating were Rob Atchley, George Hamner, Aaron Himrod, Jeanna Mastrodicasa, Joby Sherrod, and John Updike. Also present were Rick Dantzler, Chris Gunter, Audrey Nowicki, Sarah Spinosa, and Barbara Thompson.

Mr. Himrod noted that the minutes of the September 6, 2023, Governance meeting were in the materials packet for review. Mr. Sherrod made a motion that the minutes be approved as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Updike and passed unanimously.

The proposed 2024 membership of the CRDF Board of Directors consisted of Morgan Porter – President; Joby Sherrod, Vice-President; George Hamner, Secretary; and Ron Mahan, Treasurer. Chris Gunter and Jeanna Mastrodicasa would be members representing the University of Florida. Mr. Atchley made a motion to recommend this slate of members to the Board of Directors for approval. It was seconded by Mr. Updike and passed unanimously.

Next was the selection of committee chairpersons. Dr. Mastrodicasa informed the committee that the change to the bylaws which established the Plant Improvement Committee had been accepted by the university. Committee chairs have to be Category I board members. Proposed Chairs were Aaron Himrod, Research Management Committee; Joby Sherrod, Plant Improvement Committee; George Hamner, Governance Committee; and Ron Mahan, Finance and Audit. Mr. Atchley made a motion to recommend this slate of members to the Board of Directors for approval. It was seconded by Mr. Updike and passed unanimously.

Mr. Dantzler noted that he hoped every board member could serve on a research committee. Also, CRDF bylaws set an upward limit of 17 members on RMC and the PIC, and there are 18 members on the PIC. He thought that number would work itself out shortly.

There were no Public Comments and the meeting adjourned at 9:52 a.m.

Minutes submitted by Barbara Thompson.