



*Excellence in Forage and Feed Testing for the Farmer*

## **NIRS Consortium Committees for 2009**

### **Accuracy and Quality of Product Committee**

This committee reviews issues and recommends actions related to the accuracy and quality of NIRSC products and processes. This group works to develop recommendations for standard technique involved in NIRS testing as well as standard language and reporting. A special *ad hoc* subcommittee is the White Paper group. This group has developed and published one white paper to date. The goal of the white paper was to put "Issues of NIRS Analysis" into perspective and demonstrate when NIRS is a sound tool in providing farm solutions for consultants. This subcommittee will continue with a second white paper.

Tim Snyder—Chair	Doug Harland—report to BOD
Lisa Bauman	Brian Steinlicht
Glenn Shewmaker	Simon Vander Woude
Matt Hogan	Dan Banning
Patty Laskowski	

### **Annual Conference Committee**

This committee collects information and feedback throughout the year but begins planning for the next conference usually mid-summer. The objective of this committee is to develop the location and agenda for the conference, secure speakers and sponsorship as needed, and make helpful connections to other organizations or entities in order to support the goals of the conference.

Patty Laskowski—Chair	Duane Osmanski	Glenn Shewmaker
Dawn Learned	Jeremy Dalland	Pam Hole
Neal Martin—Chair of location selection		

### **Calibrations Committee**

This committee organizes the NIRSC equation processes, articulates scope of database, generates calibration evaluation tasks, lists and prioritizes parameters and products of interest from member feedback, and develops member participation in equation development.

Chuck Kahl—Chair	Dennis Walker—Vice Chair	Neal Martin—sugar subcommittee
Paul Williams	Duane Osmanski	Steve Fransen
Jerry Dekan	Jeremy Dalland	Leo Hoffmann
Marcus Meilahn	Patty Laskowski	Nilesh Dighe

### **Education and Membership**

This committee aims to increase education, increase membership participation, unify vision among membership, market the organization and boost membership, and utilize knowledge base inside and outside our group. This committee often connects to other committees or actions in order to advance its programme. For example concepts of education can be generated within this group and carried out at the annual conference or at workshops.

Sam Stratton—Chair	Chanda Engel
Duane Osmanski	Jeremy Dalland
Dennis Walker	Lynn Stanley
Patty Laskowski	

**Executive Committee**

This committee is composed of the elected officers of the Board of Directors plus one or more advisors. This group sets goals and vision of the NIRSC along with the Board, follows up and takes the lead on special NIRSC issues, and follows and makes recommendations for NIRSC personnel activity.

Doug Harland	Chuck Kahl	Steve Fransen
Dan Undersander: Advisor	Neal Martin: Advisor	

**Finance Committee**

This committee is headed by the Treasurer. The group oversees budget development and advises on purchases and expenses in order to follow the budget. This committee also advises and works with the Board to develop long term financial sustainability for the organization.

Steve Fransen—Chair	Neal Martin	David Johnson
Pam Hole	Tim Hoerner	Patty Laskowski

**Instrument Committee**

This committee oversees interaction and development of process between NIRSC and instrument companies. This involves developing work and staffing plans for achieving NIRSC calibration transfer to other platforms in collaboration with instrument companies. Connection to other committees, especially the Intellectual Property Committee, is needed to work on agreements between NIRSC and instrument companies.

Dan Undersander—Chair	Tim Hoerner	Paul Williams
Jerry Dekan	Dave Witte	Paolo Berzaghi
Patty Laskowski		

**Intellectual Property Committee**

This committee reviews current procedures within the NIRSC that might leave intellectual property unprotected and establishes actions and principles to safeguard property and ownership. This group also establishes definitions of property and use. For example this group has standardized a definition of what an NIRSC equation is and has investigated and developed a research agreement to work with outside entities.

Don Meyer—Chair	Tim Hoerner	David Johnson
Chuck Kahl	Patty Laskowski	

**Nutrition Advisory Committee**

This committee is composed mainly of researchers outside of the consortium. This group advises NIRSC on nutrition issues on which to focus. In addition most of these members have been utilized to give presentations at our annual conferences or participate in special projects or committees. Several other committees maintain a connection to one or more members of this committee to advise them on research and methodology.

Neal Martin—Chair	Tim Snyder
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**NIRSC/FeedAC Committee**

This committee maintains communication with FeedAC in order to detail how to collaborate between the two groups and develop our strengths, potential joint efforts, and commonalities.

Dave Taysom—Chair	Don Meyer
Dan Undersander	

**Plant Breeders Committee**

This committee reviews the needs and calibrations of plant breeders including fresh alfalfa and fresh corn silage. Projects are developed specific to plant breeders as well as funneled into existing commercial equation processes based on the needs of plant breeders.

David Johnson—Chair	Sam Stratton	Paul Williams
David Sevenich	Chuck Kahl	
Dave Witte	Steve Fransen	