



GLOBAL ROUNDTABLE FOR SUSTAINABLE BEEF

National Roundtables Minutes April 27, 2023

GRSB Members Present:

Edward Moreno (MBCS), Florence Nherera (SAR RSB), Louisa Icke (NZRSB), Jacob Betros (ABSF), Jose Lucero (MACS), Caterine Forero (MRGSM); Hugo Sanchez (MPCS)

GRSB Staff Present: Ruairaidh Petre, Josefina Eisele, Scott Stuart, Katie Ambrose, Julie James

Regenerative Ag

Petre advised each of the goals working groups will be revising their respective area of GRSB's Principles and Criteria. Regenerative Ag will be integrated in the Natural Resource Principle with the Nature Positive Production and Regenerative Ag Working Groups. Further discussion will take place in May.

"Global to Local" – Consensus Building Institute (CBI)

GRSB has approached CBI for assistance to more thoroughly define the collaboration and cooperation between the GRSB and the National Roundtables in terms of mutual support and expectations. Petre added that CBI is a very neutral facilitator and has assisted GRSB in the past with the original Global to Local, as well as the Global Sustainability Goals. CBI will have access to the notes from the 1:1 roundtable discussions earlier in the year. The cost would be approximately \$50,000 and would need to be a mutually beneficial roundtables endeavor to pursue. Petre asked the roundtables what particular outcomes they would like from this process, i.e., specific benefits, particular clarifications, etc. Comments include: Betros – having an operations procedure around the framework would be beneficial, as well as a framework or template provided to help roundtables identify their Strategic Plans; Sanchez – might have a better idea after initial CBI consultation; Icke – maintaining ground-level and international connection pertaining to Global Conference discussions. Please submit any further ideas for outputs from this CBI process to GRSB.

Future National Roundtable (NRT) Meetings

Petre followed-up on the suggestions from the last Global Conference pertaining to recommendations for structuring of the NRT meetings which included:

- Create a workplan of goals, objectives and desired outcomes and an individual to chair the meeting.
- Have an in-person RT meeting alongside every in-person Board meeting.
- Have an elected person to chair each NRT meeting whether via Zoom or in person.

- Hosting region of in-person meeting should have the opportunity to help plan the agenda for the meeting. Petre stated GRBSB aims to have two in-person meetings per year, with one always being in North America which is home for its majority member base, as well as the GRBSB Corporate Office. Therefore, Petre encouraged a more equitable option is to allow each roundtable (on a rotational and volunteer basis) to have an opportunity to help plan the meeting vs. the hosting regional roundtable. This would minimize the frequency of North American inputs.
- Ensure discussion is about *sustainable livestock* not just *livestock*.
- NRTs to prepare action items from each monthly meeting to give to the Executive Committee/Board of Directors to ensure NRT input at the Executive level.
- Global Goals updates from GRBSB Working Group Chairs allowing for NRT engagement, discussion and feedback (rotating one working group per month). Particularly, where there is new development such as the Social Impact Goal.
- How to better reach stakeholders – an NRT topical discussion can be scheduled.
- NRT volunteer to be on the Planning Committee for the next in-person Communicators Summit and Board of Directors Meeting, Oct. 2-4, San Diego, California. Please submit your recommendation to julie.james@grsbeef.org.

Action:

Need to identify a chair for the next meeting, May 18. Ambrose mentioned that Hadarits and Davis initially put together today's agenda but were not able to join and deference should be given to either Hadarits or Davis to chair the next meeting on May 18th. Perhaps Hadarits can start with May and Davis can take June. A new roundtable volunteer (on a rotational basis) would be identified to chair each meeting going forward.

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Icke shared one of the ways NZRSB is working to increase engagement with their farmer base is to offer a free one-year NZRSB membership to farmers registered with the Farmers Assurance Program (FAP) which is part of NZRSB's certified framework.

Petre will be at USRSB's General Assembly in the U.S the week of May 1, and then at the Beef & Lamb NZ Beef Breeders meeting week of May 8th.

Next National Roundtable Meeting – May 18, 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. (US Central / Canada Time)