

**Alfalfa Committee Meeting**

MINUTES

Atlanta, Georgia

Monday, June 25, 2018 / 3:30 PM ~ 5:00 PM

Chair Timothy Blank Vice Chair Abed Anouti

- 1) Call to Order – meeting was called to order at 3:30PM by Timothy Blank
- 2) Introductions / roll call / distribute sign-in sheet - done
- 3) Review AOSCA anti-trust compliance policy - done
- 4) Review & adopt agenda - motion, seconded. Motion approved
- 5) Approve minutes from 2017 meeting – motion made, seconded, and passed to approve the 2017 minutes as presented.
- 6) Forage field isolation requirements. (Blank, Moore)
 - Blank noted that in CA, when an alfalfa forage field is encroaching an alfalfa seed field, 165' isolation is required when $\geq 10\%$ of the seed field is within the isolation distance. Moore shared that in WY, they additionally consider whether the neighboring forage field is in bloom at the time pollinators released and will not require isolation if the grower states that the forage field was cut prior to bloom. ID follows the same isolation standard as CA.
 - Another question was raised on how to deal with blooming alfalfa on berms from forage fields. Canada recognizes that this is a problem and is in the process of developing standards to deal with this issue.
- 7) General discussion
 - CA reported that they suspect that a few growers and seed companies are mixing certified and non-certified alfalfa seed in part of the State. To catch the perpetrators, CA is conducting random sampling of alfalfa seed. The study is still in progress.
 - ID reported that their inspectors are now required to note on field inspection reports the type of pig weeds found in alfalfa fields.
- 8) Action items – none.
- 9) Adjourn – 4:02PM