



Brad Little, Governor
Tom Kealey, Director

IGEM Investment Subcommittee (ISC) Meeting
April 29, 2021
Idaho Department of Commerce
JR Williams East Conference Room
Meeting held via teleconference due to COVID-19.

IGEM ISC Members Phone:	Idaho Commerce Staff:
Bill Gilbert - Chair	Matt Borud, Marketing and Innovation Administrator In Person attendance (JRW)
Dr. David Hill	Ewa Szewczyk, Grants Manager
Tom Kealey	Kathy Perry, Grant Analyst
Rick Stott	Carmen Achabal, IGEM Program Manager
Paul Judge	
Janine Rush-Byers	

Call to Order

Bill Gilbert called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. The teleconference information was published in the public domain. Matt Borud, Marketing and Innovation Administrator, representing Idaho Commerce, was physically present in the JR Williams East Conference room.

Six members of ISC present. Quorum met, sufficient membership to go into Executive Session. No members of the public were present.

Action Item: Approval of Minutes

Motion: To approve the minutes from the IGEM Investment Subcommittee meeting on February 09, 2021.

Moved: Dr. David Hill

Seconded: Paul Judge

All in favor, no discussion.

Motion approved.

Grant Award Review and Discussion

Carmen provided an overview of the funding round.

APP#: 4674 – Testing New Manufacturing Methods of Natural Fiber Insulation Batts

Carmen provided a summary of the application, comments, and questions posed.

ISC discussion.

Motion: To advance to the IGEM Council with a do fund recommendation.

Moved by: Rick Stott

Seconded by: Tom Kealey

All in favor, no discussion

Motion approved.

Enter into Executive Session and exit the Public Session.

Bill Gilbert entertained a motion to enter executive session to discuss applications #4602 & #4672 that contain confidential and or proprietary information.

Pursuant to Idaho Code 74-206(1)(d) to review records exempt from public disclosure under Idaho Code Sections 74-107(1), 74-107(6), and/or 67-4708.

Moved by: Tom Kealey

Seconded by: Dr. David Hill

Roll call vote taken at 9:18 a.m.

All in favor; no discussion.

Motion approved.

No notes were taken in Executive Session.

Exit Executive Session and return to the Public Session at 9:41 a.m.

Bill Gilbert entertained a motion to return to the public session.

Moved by: Tom Kealey

Seconded by: Dr. David Hill

Roll call vote taken.

All in favor, no discussion.

Motion approved.

The ISC returned to the public session. The Chair noted that the ISC:

1. Discussed APP# 4602 and # 4672.
2. After discussion concluded, closed the Executive Session with a roll call vote of the ISC membership; and
3. No funding decisions were made in Executive Session.

Recommendations

APP#: 4602 - Innovative Adjustable Anchor System for Structures

Motion: Do not advance to IGEM Council for funding consideration.

Moved by: Dr. David Hill

Seconded by: Paul Judge

All in favor, no discussion.

Motion approved.

APP#: 4672 - Novel Metallic and Nanomaterial Coatings and Application Process for Optical Fibers and Sensors

Motion: To advance to the IGEM Council with a do fund recommendation.

Moved by: Tom Kealey

Seconded by: Janine Rush-Byers

All in favor, no discussion.

Motion approved.

Public Comments:

Discussion on the remaining balance of the IGEM fund for FY21. Estimated at \$131K.
Discussion on opening up a round 4, suggestions on simplified application process for previous awardees. There is precedent, reference to FY2015 where awarded grants in the 3rd round were able to apply for the remaining funds. This is for the Council to decide (of which 4 members were present).

Carmen Achabal stated, the next IGEM Council meeting is Tuesday, May 11, 2021. The BSU/Hampikian grant would be closed out, as no industry partner was solidified. Dr. Harold

Blackman will be retiring in June. The May 11th meeting will be his last meeting. Other Council changes to come. Dr. Hill to share comments about Dr. Blackman.

No other public comments.

Action Items - None

Action item: Adjournment

Motion: To adjourn the meeting.

Moved by: Dr. David Hill

Seconded by: Tom Kealey

All in favor, no discussion.

Motion approved.

Meeting adjourned at 9:56 a.m. by Bill Gilbert.