

**University of Idaho
Institutional Biosafety Committee**

Date: Wednesday, September 9, 2026

Time: 1:30 p.m. PT

Location: IRIC 105 or Zoom from a computer: <https://uidaho.zoom.us/j/84510592094> Passcode: 824963 or phone: (646) 876-9923 Meeting ID: 845 1059 2094.

Voting: Paul Rowley (Chair), Amy Skibiel, Josie Boyer, Russell McClanahan, Steve Russell, Nathan Schiele, and James Woodhall

Attendance: Non-voting: Arch Harner (Non-voting)

Administrative: Kiah Stewart

Quorum was met with 7 of 9 members present

Meeting called to order at 1:33 p.m.

I. Old Business

A. Review of minutes from the previous meetings.

1. Motion to approve.
 - a. Unanimously approved, no discussion.

B. Review protocol activity since the previous meeting.

II. New Business

A. Three Year Renewal of Previously Approved Protocols

1. IBC-26-029 (Grieshaber) - *Pathogenesis of Chlamydial Organisms*

- a. Proposed at BSL-2; Renewal: IBC-23-030 Expires: 10/11/2026
- b. Discussion
 1. 5.3 Clarify if the attenuated Coxiella strain will be used for all experiments or only the control experiments.
 2. 5.3 Provide additional details about animal models.
 3. 5.3.B.1. Eye protection must be worn at all times. Remove the use of KN95 masks and contact Environmental Health and Safety to enroll in the Respiratory Protection Program, which is required for respirator use.
 4. 10.5.A. Select Yes.
 5. 5.3 This description states that no work with human recombinant DNA will be conducted, which is not congruent with section 10.1. Update accordingly.
- c. Motion for modifications required to secure approval pending correction to items 1-5 above.
 1. Unanimously approved.

2. IBC-26-034 (Small) - *HFCES Aquaculture Research*

- a. Proposed at BSL-1; Renewal: IBC-23-033 Expires: 11/08/2026
- b. Discussion
 1. 5.3.B.1. Eye protection must be worn at all times. Clarify what procedures will mandate the use of lab coats.
 2. 5.3.C. Remove "I have no knowledge of zoonoses between cold-water fishes and humans"
 3. 5.3.A. Percutaneous is listed as a route of exposure. Update description in 5.5.C accordingly, since it says decontamination is not necessary and samples are not biohazardous.
 4. 4.2 Link the funding source. The PI on the proposal will need to be listed on the protocol in order to link the proposal.
 5. 5.4 List secondary containment methods for all samples.
 6. 5.5.B. Select autoclave. The IBC recommends autoclaving all tissue culture materials.

- c. Motion for modifications required to secure approval pending correction to items 1-6 above with subcommittee review.
 - 1. Unanimously approved.
- 3. IBC-26-036 (Lane) - *Diabetes among Hispanic Women Renewal*
 - a. Proposed at BSL-2; Renewal: IBC-23-028 Expires: 11/14/2026
 - b. Discussion
 - 1. 5.3.C. Clarify how discs are removed and how aerosols are mitigated. Also include decontamination methods.
 - 2. IBC VERAS Form Update: Add Nutrition Analytics Core to 6.3.
 - c. Motion for modifications required to secure approval pending correction to item 1 above.
 - 1. Unanimously approved.
- 4. IBC-26-037 (VanLeuven) - *Renewal: Ecological and evolutionary investigation of honey bee microbiomes*
 - a. Proposed at BSL-1; Renewal: IBC-23-031 Expires: 10/23/2026
 - b. Discussion
 - 1. 5.3.A. Reevaluate routes of exposure.
 - 2. 8.1 Complete the biosafety levels for all entries and list E. coli strains.
 - 3. 9.3 Complete the table.
 - 4. 5.3 Clarify which genes will be recombinantly expressed. Section 9.4 lists phage tailocins but the scope of work discusses tail fiber spike and capsid proteins.
 - 5. 5.3 Remove the opening paragraph. Bacterial isolates could potentially be harmful. Remove any work that is not being conducted.
 - 6. 9.5.A. Select Yes.
 - c. Motion for modifications required to secure approval pending correction to items 1-6 above.
 - 1. Unanimously approved.
- 5. IBC-26-040 (Schwarzlaender) - *Copy of Copy of Weed Biological Control Agent Development*
 - a. Proposed at BSL-2; Renewal: IBC-23-029 Expires: 09/10/2026
 - b. Discussion
 - 1. 4.2 Complete the table.
 - 2. 5.1 Link previous IBC protocol.
 - 3. 5.3.A. Uncheck not applicable.
 - 4. 5.3.B.1. Include the use of eye protection.
 - 5. IBC VERAS Form Update: 6.1 Add Arthropod biosafety levels as an option.
 - 6. 5.4 Include transportation details for importing insects.
 - c. Motion for modifications required to secure approval pending correction to items 1-4, and 6 above.
 - 1. Unanimously approved.

III. Other Business

- A. NIH Office of Science Policy Regulatory Change: Dangerous gain-of-function (DGOF) and International research of concern (IROC)
 - 1. IBC VERAS Form Update: 5.3 Incorporate yes/no question for DGOF.

Meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.