

**[DRAFT MINUTES – submitted to members for approval.]**

## North Central Region, Extension Deans and Directors Monthly Conference Call



*Meeting Minutes: August 20, 2009 (1:30 pm, Central Time)*

### **Attending:**

Hibberd (Vice Chair, Purdue),  
Holtz-Claus for Payne (IA)  
Coon (MI)  
Durgan (MN)  
Ouart (MO)  
Dickey (NE)  
Hauck (ND)  
Thomas for Smith (OH)  
Klemme (WI)

**FALL NCCCEA Conference:**  
**September 28-30, 2009**  
**Indianapolis, IN**

**Next Conference Call:**  
October 15, 2009  
1:30pm (CT)

### **MEMBER INSTITUTIONS** **North Central Cooperative** **Extension Association** **(NCCCEA)**

University of Illinois  
Iowa State University  
Kansas State University  
Lincoln University, Missouri  
Michigan State University  
University of Minnesota  
University of Missouri  
University of Nebraska  
North Dakota State University  
Ohio State University  
Purdue University  
South Dakota State University  
University of Wisconsin-Extension

### **Agenda Items – Discussed**

- I. Review and approval of July Conference Call Minutes.**
  - A. Approval moved by Coon / Seconded by Dickey
  - B. ACTIONS:**
    1. Minutes approved for posting on unanimous vote.
  
- II. Fall Meeting – update**
  - A. The agenda was reviews.
  - B. ACTIONS:**
    1. Directors were reminded to send out deadline reminders to their Program Directors and staff who they want to attend.
    2. The Directors' only meeting, set for Tuesday (29<sup>th</sup>) was discussed and additional topics will be forwarded to Robin and Daryl by September 1.
  
- III. Update from 4-H Headquarters.**
  - A. Suzanne Le Menstrel joined the call and provided an updated on several topics including: National staffing changes, Youth Science Day (Oct 7), progress on SET evaluation and 4-H tax-exempt status (update no changes).
  - B. ACTIONS:**
    1. None specific, this was an update.
  
- IV. eXtension.**
  - A. Michael Ouart (chair of the eXtension Finance Task Force) provided an update on the Task Force and several meeting that he and Robin Shepard had organized in Washington, D.C. Those meeting included staff from CSREES International Programs and USAID.
  - B. Duane Hauck and Michael provided an overview of federal budget priorities and efforts to support eXtension.
  - C. ACTIONS:**
    1. Additional follow discussion time was requested during the Directors' Breakout session of the Fall NCCCEA Conference.

## **V. NELD**

A. Chuck Hibberd and Robin Shepard reported that conversations between Minnesota, Wisconsin and the current host (Purdue) had occurred and the University of Minnesota will become the host institution in 2011. Wisconsin will be a teaching partner on several sessions, including topics related to diversity and workforce development.

### **B. ACTIONS:**

1. Moved by Coon (MI) / Seconded by Dickey (NE) that Minnesota be approved as host institution for NELD in 2011.
2. Approved on a unanimous vote of members.

## **VI. Energy and Climate**

A. Duane Hauck and Robin Shepard reported that they had been involved in the development of a national position paper on the potential role of Extension in Energy and Climate. This position paper will be used by Cornerstone Government Affairs to initiate discussions with key congressional staff on energy and climate legislation.

### **B. ACTIONS:**

1. Members received a copy of the Energy and Climate paper and were reminded they could continue to provide thoughts and comments to Duane and Robin/

## **VII. Federal Updates**

A. Summary of Joint COPs meeting of July was provided by Elbert Dickey, Duane Hauck, Tom Coon and Robin Shepard.

B. Update on MiTTNet was provided by Tom Coon. A web conference is scheduled for September 15, 2009.

### **C. ACTIONS**

1. None taken, these were informational items only.

*Summary by R. Shepard and Rick Klemme  
Prepared September 8, 2009*