



[DRAFT MINUTES – submitted to members for approval.]

North Central Deans and Directors – Monthly Conference Call

Meeting Minutes: August 21, 2008 (1:30 pm, Central Time)

*Attending: Campion (IL), Payne (IA), Coon (MI), Durgan (MN), Ouart (MO), Dickey (NE),
Hauck (ND), Smith (OH), Hibberd (IN), Lighari (SD) and Klemme (WI).*

- I. Farm Bill Update
 - a. As of 8/21 (see NCCEA Memo 8/21/08):
 - 1) 2 institutions have submitted a waiver request
 - 2) ALL are waiting for more guidance
 - 3) 2 institutions have submitted plans to meet 25% match requirement
 - 4) There has been no official response, no revised guidance as of 8/21.
 - b. Group discussion focused on the importance of the North Central program area logic models as potential rationale for meeting match requirements.

- II. Fall Meeting in Kansas City
 - a. Consensus supporting the overall agenda [www.dce.k-state.edu/conf/nccea]
 - b. Group discussion focused on items offered for the Deans and Directors meeting (Wednesday session of October 1)
 - 1) Farm Bill transition issues
 - 2) eXtension priorities
 - 3) Energy Education
 - 4) ECOP staffing plan
 - 5) Marketing study
 - 6) NASULGC name change
 - 7) North Central Rural Development
 - c. Robin Shepard and Bev Durgan were asked to circulate these and other items in a draft agenda.

- III. North Central Rural Development
 - a. NCCEA and NCRA have distributed a region-wide memo to members asking for an expression of interest as Host Institution (see NCCEA Memo 8/18/08).
 - b. Letters of interest should be sent to NCCEA and NCRA by September 12, 2008.

- c. Depending upon the amount of interest, a process for entertaining pre-proposals and/or full proposals will likely occur at, or shortly before, our Fall Meeting in Kansas City.
- IV. eXtension Priorities for the North Central Region
- a. Energy, Sustainability and Housing proposal was considered by consensus a regional priority.
 - b. Diversity Across Higher Education – more information would be sought.
 - c. If other eXtension ideas are developed and Deans/Directors feel they merit consideration as one of our regional priorities, please send a short note to Robin.
- V. 4-H Work Group Proposed
- a. Elbert Dickey provided a summary of recent discussions that occurred at the Joint COPs meeting in July. Elbert described that ECOP leadership had the opportunity to have dinner with Dr. Hefferan. During the course of the conversation, 4-H became a significant part of the discussion. It was concluded that it would be beneficial, especially during this time of transition, to have a small group of Extension directors/administrators to work directly with CSREES administration.
 - b. Group discussion resulted in asking Tom Coon to represent the North Central Region on the 4-H Working Group.
- VI. NCCEA Communications - update
- a. A Regional ALL list will be created for general region wide information sharing. This list will be used for general information such as the notification of multi-state committees, distribution of position announcements, general policy memos.
 - b. This list will replace the former NCCEA-dirs1 list.
- VII. NCCEA Monthly Call/Meeting ended at 2:35 pm (Central Time). NCCEA Executive Committee call followed.

*Summary by R. Shepard and C. Hibberd
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