

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

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



*Meeting Minutes: December 17, 2009 (1:30 p.m. Central Time)*

### **Attending:**

C. Hibberd (Vice Chair, Purdue)  
B. Hoeft (IL)  
D. Buchholz (KS)  
T. Coon (MI)  
E. Dickey (NE)  
D. Hauck (ND)  
M. Quart (MO)  
K. Smith (OH)  
R. Klemme (WI)

### **Next Conference Call:**

January 21, 2010  
1:30pm (CT)

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

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**

### **A. Review of November 16<sup>th</sup> Meeting Minutes.**

- A. Chuck Hibberd called attention to the minutes and asked for comments and approval.
- B. **ACTIONS:**
  - 1. Moved by Hauck and seconded by Coon.
  - 2. Approved unanimously.

### **B. Memo from Battelle Memorial Institute.**

- A. Keith Smith shared a memo from Simon Trip of the Battelle Memorial Institute [the memo was attached to conference call agenda].
- C. The memo asked about potential interest from NCR Extension Directors in conducting an assessment of roles and opportunities for Cooperative Extension in the region pertaining to the emerging biobased economy.
- D. Discussion focused on how to also address research needs, especially integrated opportunities.
- E. **ACTIONS:**
  - 1. Keith Smith was asked to contact Simon Trip and discuss two scopes of work: (a) one for Extension, and (b) one for both Extension and Research.

### **B. National Symposium on Research in Extension Education.**

- A. Keith Smith led the discussion, describing interest on the part of some Extension faculty in our region to develop a national symposium or Extension conference on scholarship.
- B. **ACTIONS:**
  - 1. A consensus was reached to encourage further exploration by interested faculty.
  - 2. Some group discussion occurred around exploring potential for joint sponsorship from Epsilon Sigma Phi, which Keith said he would pass on to the group.

### **C. ECOP updates.**

- A. The NEDA meeting/agenda is currently being developed. NEDA will be week of March 15th in Tampa, Florida.
- B. ECOP Program Sub-Committee is developing an approach to assessing national needs. Follow-up will occur on our next NCR call in January.

- C. Duane Hauck provided a summary of previous Budget and Legislative Committee (BLC) discussions related to Extension activities within the federal budget. Group discussion focused on four priorities: (1) growing all NIFA capacity programs; (2) increasing AFRI to reach its authorized level by 2012; (3) sustaining full-funding for mandatory programs; and (4) sustaining the current lines, regardless if they have been prioritized for increases.

**D. NCR Mini Grants**

- A. The request for proposals was attached to the conference call agenda.
- B. Robin Shepard called attention to the January 20<sup>th</sup> deadline.
- C. **ACTIONS:**
  - 1. Chuck Hibberd, Daryl Buchholz and Latif Lighari are appointed to a proposal review committee that will report back to the Directors in early February.

**E. eXtension - update**

- A. Michael Quart reported that he led a small group that provided staff with USAID an overview presentation about eXtension and opportunities for international efforts during a recent meeting in Washington, DC.
- B. Keith Smith reported there is growing interest in an International CoP.
- C. **ACTIONS:**
  - 1. None at this time.

**F. Programming News & Updates**

- A. Climate and water forums were scheduled for Kansas, but because of poor weather, they were cancelled and will be rescheduled.
- B. Regional meeting on Climate Variation, sponsored by NCCEA and NCRA will be held in Kansas City on March 9<sup>th</sup>. Information was attached to the call agenda.
- C. Energy Coordination needs and potential AFRI proposals will be explored on March 8<sup>th</sup> in Kansas City – just prior to the Climate Variation conference. Scheduling the meetings together will save on travel costs as a number of regional faculty are interested in attending both.

**G. Future Agenda Items for Next NCCEA Meeting – January 21, 2010**

- 1. Follow up to Battelle project (Keith Smith, Ohio)
- 2. Changes with NIFA and AFRI (Meryl Broussard, NIFA)
- 3. Listening session on Regional Needs, organized by USDA/REE/NIFA goals.