

[DRAFT MINUTES – submitted to members for approval.]

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



Meeting Minutes: February 18, 2010 (1:30 p.m. Central Time)

Attending:

C. Hibberd (Vice Chair, Purdue)
B. Hoeft (IL)
M. Holz-Clause (IA)
D. Buchholz (KS)
T. Coon (MI)
B. Durgan (MN)
M. Quart (MO)
E. Dickey (NE)
K. Smith (OH)
R. Klemme (WI)

Next Meeting:

March 17, 2010
7:00am (ET)
@NEDA Meeting

Next Conference Call:

April 15, 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 21st Meeting Minutes.

A. Chuck Hibberd called attention to the minutes and asked for comments and approval.

B. ACTIONS:

1. Moved by Smith and seconded by Quart.
2. Approved unanimously.

B. Battelle Memorial Institute - Scope of Work.

A. Simon Tripp and Peter Nelson from the Battelle Technology Partnership Practice joined the call to provide an overview of the proposed Scope of Work [the document was attached to conference call agenda].

B. Discussion focused on the six central study components: steering team, reports, stakeholders, gathering impacts from states, the writing of the report itself and subsequent materials that get developed following the report.

C. ACTIONS:

1. NCR Directors were asked to provide feedback via email to Keith Smith before the next NCCEA Meeting (March 17th).
2. Group suggestions for Battelle to be shared via Keith Smith included:
 - This needs to be more an ANRE and should relate to all program areas.
 - Share the report with ESCOP via Ohio.

C. ECOP Update

A. Discussion focused on distribution of Smith-Lever impact reports and the elimination of Section 406 Budget lines in the Federal NIFA Budget Proposals.

B. Tom Coon reported on the ECOP Program Sub-Committee progress on identifying new opportunities for Cooperative Extension.

C. ACTIONS:

1. Smith-Lever budget reports are centralized on the NCCEA.org web site. States were asked to send copies of their report to Robin for assembling on that web site.

D. NCR Mini Grants

- A. Robin Shepard provided a brief overview of the Mini Grants approved by the NCCEA Executive Committee.
- B. **ACTIONS:**
 - 1. None taken – informational item.

E. eXtension - update

- A. Michael Quart reported that the eXtension Financial Task Force continues to explore international opportunities for partnership. He also discussed plans for an eXtension briefing with Deputy Undersecretary Molly Jahn during the CARET meetings later this month.
- B. **ACTIONS:**
 - 1. None at this time.

F. State Budget Updates.

- A. States offering verbal summaries of budget status included: Illinois, Iowa, Indiana, Kansas, Michigan, Missouri, Minnesota, and Ohio.
- B. **ACTIONS:**
 - 1. None at this time, this was a general overview and informational discussion.

G. Lead 21.

- A. Group discussion focused on Representation to the Lead 21 board.
- B. States still have until April 1st to send applications for the next class.
- C. **ACTIONS:**
 - 1. Keith Smith was nominated to serve on the Lead 21 Board. His name will be forwarded to ECOP for consideration.

H. Future Agenda Items for Next NCCEA Meeting – March 17, 2010

- 1. Follow up to Battelle project (Keith Smith, Ohio)