

[DRAFT MINUTES – submitted to members for approval.]

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



Meeting Minutes: May 5, 2009 (1:30 pm, Central Time)

Attending:

Buchholz (Chair, KS),
Hibberd (Vice Chair, Purdue),
Payne (IA)
Lindquist (KS)
Coon & Rogers (MI)
Schmidt (MN)
Robison (MO)
Dickey (NE)
Hauck (ND)
Martin (OH)
Klemme (WI)

Next Conference Call:

June 18, 2009
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

- I. Excellence in Extension Awards Review Committee.**
 - A. A message was circulated on April 30th requesting nominations from youth/FCS.
 - B. Three nominations were received:
 - Dawn Contreras (Michigan State University)
 - Căzilia Loibl (Ohio State University)
 - Charlotte Shoup Olsen (Kansas State University)
 - C. ACTIONS:**
 1. A ballot will be circulated within the next few days.
 2. A name will be moved forward by early next week (May 11th).

- II. Fall Meeting – review of calendars.**
 - A. The fall meeting of State Extension Deans/Directors and State Program Leaders will be hosted by Purdue University in 2009.
 - B. ACTIONS:**
 1. September 28, 29 and 30, 2009 were selected.
 2. As with previous years, the meeting will be “planned” to begin at noon on the first day and conclude at noon on the third day.
 3. The Chairs of the NCR Program Areas will be notified and asked to inform the network of state program directors to hold the date.
 4. Chuck Hibberd will follow up at our June meeting with additional meeting logistics.
 5. The NCCEA Executive Committee will provide a draft agenda for the meeting.

- III. NELD.**
 - A. Two institutions are providing letter of commitment for hosting NELD beginning 2011.
 - B. ACTIONS:**
 1. The letter of commitment will be circulated to NCCEA members with a request for:
 - a. Review and recommend one of the institutions as NELD host in 2011.
 - b. Comment on the contents/plans described in the letter of commitment.
 - c. If any of our NCCEA member request additional group discussion, that will occur during our June 2006 (monthly) Conference Call.

IV. Mini Land Grant Meeting – Wooster Ohio (July 13-15, 2009).

A. The agenda for the meeting was reviewed.

B. ACTIONS:

1. Registration is now open at: <http://oardc.osu.edu/MiniLandGrant>

V. REEO Comments – from North Central Region.

A. Comments are due May 29, 2009

B. Comments are to begin with a focus on six questions:

1. What types of current and future critical issues does agriculture face that no USDA entity could address individually?
2. What criteria should USDA use to prioritize agricultural science investments to address these issues?
3. How might USDA better coordinate agricultural sciences among its various agencies and with its partners?
4. What are some examples where agricultural sciences are successfully coordinated for maximum benefit? What are these so successful?
5. What are some examples where agricultural sciences are not coordinated effectively? Why is coordination lacking? What are the barriers?
6. What else might USDA do to improve coordination of science: enhance USDA's ability to identify issues and prioritize investments; and elevate its role in science implementation and coordination?

C. ACTIONS:

1. Robin Shepard was asked to initiate the response by circulating potentially key points for each of the six questions. From that initial document, NCCEA members will respond and add additional content.

VI. CICEP Meeting.

A. Each program area is determining a representative to attend the Commission on Competitiveness, Innovation and Economic Prosperity (CICEP) meeting June 8-10, 2009 in Cambridge MA.

B. ACTIONS:

1. Individual should be identified by May 20th, and once that occurs Robin Shepard will circulate a list of NCR attendees to the Directors.

VII. NPL Relationships.

A. Robin Shepard reported that he has had additional follow up with Meryl Broussard (CSREES). The current summary of NPL assignments to key AFRI programs is being modified to include mandatory program descriptions.

B. ACTIONS

1. Robin Shepard will distribute a new draft when completed.

VIII. BAA Vote on Proposal Rules of Operation Changes.

A. Jack Payne provided a summary to the proposed changes to the Rules of Operation of the Board on Agriculture Assembly.

B. Proposed changes can be found at:

www.aplu.org/NetCommunity/Page.aspx?pid=424&srcid=262

C. Jack Payne pointed out the importance of changes, and the intent behind these changes is to more accurately reflect the voting membership of BAC, FBC and PBD.

D. ACTIONS

1. Ballots are due May 29, 2009.

*Summary by R. Shepard
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