

[DRAFT MINUTES – submitted to members for approval.]

North Central Region, Extension Deans and Directors Monthly Conference Call



Meeting Minutes: October 15, 2009 (1:30 p.m. Central Time)

Attending:

C. Hibberd (Vice Chair, Purdue)
T. Coon (MI)
B. Durgan (MN)
D. Hauck (ND)
R. Klemme (WI)
M. Quart (MO)
L. Lighari (SD)

Next Conference Call:

December 17, 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

A. Review of September 29th Meeting Minutes.

- A. One date change notation.
- B. ACTIONS:
 - 1. Moved by Klemme and Seconded by Coon.
 - 2. Approved unanimously.

B. NIFA Rollout.

- A. Comments focused on three areas.
 - 1. How to help Under Secretary Rajiv Shah and NIFA Director Roger Beachy learn more about Cooperative Extension.
 - 2. How to help key members of their staff to do the same.
 - 3. How we might work with Molly Jahn as the new Deputy Undersecretary of Research, Education and Economics.

B. ECOP - updates.

- A. Reviewed and approved the NCR Report to ECOP that will be distributed to ECOP members next week.
- B. BLC – request for budget priorities. Duane Hauck reported that all regions identified formula funding as their top priority. Second priority was increasing AFRI. The third level of priority by the regions were somewhat mixed, but included eXtension and/or EIPM. The BLC has also reviewed the white paper – Federal Funding Priorities – and embraced the strategy as something that ECOP should consider.

C. ACTIONS:

- 1. None at this time.

C. eXtension – update.

- A. Michael Quart offered an update as Chair of the eXtension Finance Task Force. He reported that the current Federal budget contains a \$250,000 increase in funds for eXtension.
- B. eXtension Finance Task Force work is focusing on expanding/building partnerships. Next week at the eXtension national conference a panel discussion will talk about such opportunities, and in December additional follow up meetings are schedule with USAID.

C. ACTIONS:

- 1. None at this time.

D. Follow up To The NCCEA Fall Meeting

- A. Discussion focused on ways to increase collaboration among our states and their reporting systems.
- B. **ACTIONS**
 - 1. Robin Shepard was directed to develop a listing of state leaders in planning and reporting.
 - 2. Robin Shepard was directed to follow up with the Program Area Chairs to enlist their help and support for developing a small reporting summit/meeting that would explore opportunities and challenges to collecting common impact indicators/information.

E. NCCEA Budget

- A. A modified budget was presented to NCCEA members – reflecting recommendations from the September 29th meeting.
- B. **ACTIONS:**
 - 1. None taken (no quorum of the membership).
 - 2. Robin Shepard was directed to bring back the budget for approval at the November 16, 2009 meeting of NCCEA.

F. North Central Regional Aquaculture Center (NCRAC)

- A. Tom Coon provided an update of issues associated with NCRAC Advisory Committee membership and representation.
- B. **ACTIONS:**
 - 1. Chuck Hibberd will follow up with Rick Klemme to seek a representative from Wisconsin's Aquaculture Programming to the NCRAC Advisory Committee.

G. Future Agenda Items for Next NCCEA Meeting – November 16, 2009.

- 1. NCCEA Budget Approval
- 2. NCCEA Mini-Grant RFA
- 3. Robin Shepard, Daryl Buchholz and Chuck Hibberd identify additional items.