



[DRAFT MINUTES – submitted to members for approval.]

## North Central Deans and Directors – Monthly Conference Call

Meeting Minutes: October 16, 2008 (1:30 pm, Central Time)

*Attending: Buchholz (KS), Champion (IL), Coon (MI), Ouart (MO), Dickey (NE), Hauck (ND), Klemme (WI) and Broussard (CSREES).*

### I. IPM Update

- A. You should have seen a request for an ECOP vote on a statement about IPM. The National IPM Committee developed this statement. The AHS supported the statement by vote. ECOP was then asked to vote on support of the statement.
- B. Both the IPM National Committee Statement, and the subsequent ECOP response letter are attached.
- C. Robin will produce a comment letter for the region. We'll review the letter on/before our NASLUGC meeting (Nov 10). "Some" issues that letter may touch upon: follow the ECOP letter, importance of including 1890s, need for transitional considerations, streamline RFA process, pre-award period, and expanding shared leadership with network of IPM Coordinators.

### II. CYFAR Update

- A. USDA/CSREES held a listening session for the North Central Region on the Children, Youth, and Families at Risk Grant (CYFAR) Program Friday (October 10, 2008). The listening session was set up as a conference call with web-connections. The call was lead by Suzanne Le Menestrel, the National Program Leader for CYFAR and Erin Daly, Section Leader in Extramural Programs. Robin attended the call along with several North Central Program Directors and CYFAR Project Leaders. Here are a few points from the call as captured by myself, Karen DeZarn (Purdue) and James Wade (NASULGC).
  - The CYFAR Request for Assistance (RFA) will be out by the end of October.
  - Stakeholder comments will continue to be collected through October 28, 2008.
  - Proposals will be due (anticipated) December 15, 2008.
  - Total funding for CYFAR is not yet set; but, CSREES Administrators say it currently reflects FFY08 levels due to the Continuing Resolution.
  - A new category for planning grants is being considered.
  - Collaborative proposals are encouraged with 1890s. (This means that there could be both collaborative proposals between 1862s & 1890s, and standalone proposals that are just 1862 and 1890.)
  - Proposals (everyone) will need to be written for all existing projects, regardless of where you might be in a current funding year cycle.
  - The use of continuation agreements/grants may merit close attention by those with multi-year efforts. This is an area that we may want to comment on/about.

- The cap for grants has been suggested as around \$140k, which could set up a max number of proposals for each year and possibility establish a rotating basis for projects. The number of awards and the amount of awards will likely be reduced in the near future.
- Additional information is expected to be posted on the CSREES website:  
<http://www.csrees.usda.gov/nea/family/cyfar/cyfar.html>

- III. Issues for our November 10, 2008 meeting (as part of the NASULGC Meeting):
  - A. 3(d) Update [IPM, CYFAR, FRTEP, etc.]
  - B. CSREES Updates
  - C. Follow up to Program Area support requests and Logic Models.
  - D. REEO Writing Teams – NC Names
  - E. Committee Assignments (eXtension and JOE)
  - F. Energy (NCBC, Rural Development, etc.)
  
- IV. Program Area Update
  - A. Short one-page summaries were supplied to the Deans/Directors.
  - B. Discussion focused on a need to clearly let the program areas know what the expectations are for products – that emerge through the selection agreement on common indicators. The Program Areas are asking how far to move into self-summaries. The general discussion reiterated there is no need for regional reports, however there may be some specialized summaries that should be considered related to how we can show multi-state impact, with audiences: (1) OMB, (2) Chief Scientist of NIFI, and (3) those involved in long-term planning and priorities at the federal level.
  - C. The one-page summaries provided by the Program Area Chair all mentioned resource needs. Robin was asked to work with Steve Lovejoy (MSU) to develop a letter that could be offered to the Program Area that would standardize how requests for support should be presented (uniformity, focused purpose, where will support take them, etc.).
  
- V. JOE Representative from North Central Region
  - A. Tom Coon will check with Michelle Rodgers (MSU) to see her level of interest in serving on this Board. Tom will let Robin know if an additional name is needed.
  - B. If we need to come up with another nominee, Robin will send out the request electronically, along with Summary of JOE Liaison responsibilities.
  
- VI. Meryl Broussard (CSREES) provided a brief overview of 2008 RFA and upcoming 2009 RFA for the new mandated programs, all of which have opportunities for Extension programming.
  - A. Specialty Crops. \$50M/2009
  - B. Organics Agriculture \$18M/2009
  - C. Bio-Mass and Bio-Energy \$20M/2009
  - D. Beginning Farmer and Rancher Development Program \$18M/2009

*Summary by R. Shepard  
Prepared October 17, 2008*