



Southern Region Program Leadership Committee Meeting
July 17, 2014
AGENDA

Participants:

ANR –Joan Dusky and Dawn Mellion-Patin
COM –ChaNae Bradley
CRD –Rod Clouser
FCS – no representatives
4-H Youth Development – no representatives
IT – Rhonda Conlon and Lalit Rainey
MM – Martha Ray Sartor and Carolyn Williams
PSD – Scott Cummings

ASRED: Ron Brown, Tony Windham

AEA: L. Washington Lyons, Delbert Foster

SRDC: Rachel Welborn, Vicki Vaughn

1. Welcome – Lalit Rainey, PLC Chair
 - April meeting minutes were approved as presented

2. Update from AEA - L. Washington Lyons, Delbert Foster
 - AEA's regional meeting was held last week, July 7-11, 2014, in conjunction with the Caribbean Food Crops Society and the Association of Research Directors (ARD) . There were participants from both AEA and ARD who presented papers and posters at that meeting.
 - The federal budget is on hold with no movement since our last meeting. Not much is expected to happen before the August recess. If a budget is not passed by September 30th, we will probably operate on a Continuing Resolution at the beginning of the fiscal year. Cornerstone does not think much will happen before the new congress is seated.
 - The Joint COPS meetings will be next week, July 21-23, 2014.. That meeting will be focusing on the Healthy Foods /Healthy People with the intent of developing a system wide budget initiative for 2016.
 - Dr. Henry Brooks retired on June 30, 2014. Dr. Kario Moses, Dean of Agriculture, will assume the role of Extension Administrator. There will be a search conducted for an associate administrator.
 - 1890 AEA has an Excellence in Extension award that parallels ECOP's award. We would like to recognize the 3 winners at PLN, perhaps during lunch for about 5 minutes. – Approved for Wednesday's lunch.

3. Update from ASRED – Ron Brown, Tony Windham, Ed Jones

- In addition to the ECOP interests noted above, water security is also a focus of ECOP. ECOP has requested a \$50M budget to include both capacity and competitive funds for NIFA to consider in FY 2015 to address water concerns.
- Michael Gavazzi, leading the regional climate hub located in North Carolina, is on the agenda for the ANR committee and plans to attend part of the ASRED meeting. He will also be available during breaks and meals to meet others that are interested. A national MOU between the Extension Service and USDA Climate Hubs will be signed showing intent to cooperate; Experiment Station Directors may also join the MOU.
- A report on the new eXtension will be on the August ASRED agenda.
- National impacts database. At the Joint COPS meeting next week, Academic Programs section has indicated an interest in meeting with Extension and Research to look at joining this database.
- Title I Farm Bill training money in the amount of \$3 million is still waiting approval through FSA. Its purpose will be to educate people on the Farm Bill.
- Tom Dobbins is Clemson's new Extension Director.

4. Conference Planning

- Registration deadlines were reviewed
- Reminders to committees – bring laptop, projector, extension cords
- Discuss keynote presentation/workshop – Homework: Andy will get files to Scott by around August 4th. Scott will distribute via email list of registrants which he will get from Vicki. Andy is arriving Monday evening and Scott has scheduled to meet him to get him set up on Tuesday morning.
- Design/refine Newcomer Orientation – Chris Boleman is working on this.
- PLC Meeting on Monday, August 18 at 3:30 – with Committee chairs and vice chairs.
- Committee tasks – consider doing some ahead
 - Update 2013 Plan of Work
 - Prepare 2014 Plan of Work (perhaps at least a draft)
 - Draft Action/Information Items

5. Program Committee Reports

- ANR –Joan Dusky and Dawn Mellion-Patin – We planned our agenda for August and are ready. Michael Gavazzi will be speaking to the group on Tuesday.
- COM – Frankie Gould and ChaNae Bradley – We discussed survey results and prepared the agenda for the August meeting. We started working on new plan of work and updated old plan.
- CRD –Rod Clouser – We had a call yesterday and are ready for August. We continue to work on the CRD indicators. National CRD program leader



meeting in June in NACDEP was well attended and valued. Currently the President, President Elect and Treasurer of NACDEP are from the South.

- FCS – no representatives
- 4-H Youth Dev – no representatives
- IT –Rhonda Conlon and Lalit Rainey – We have a conference call scheduled for next Monday.
- MM – Martha Ray Sartor and Carolyn Williams – We have a conference call next week to finish planning for the August meeting. We are still producing the quarterly newsletter. Urban conference planning for the meeting next year in Atlanta is continuing.
- PSD – Scott Cummings – Our last call was yesterday. We are ready to go and got a start on plan of work and action items yesterday.

6. Other Business – 2016 Proposals – no proposals received.

7. Adjourn

REMINDER – Meeting on Monday, August 18, at 3:30