



Southern Region Program Leadership Committee Meeting
October 29, 2010
Minutes

Participants:

ANR	Joan Dusky	Nelson Daniels
COM	Robin Adams	Bob Reynolds
CRD	Joe Sumners	
FCS	Kasundra Cyrus	
4-H	Dorothy Wilson	Chris Boleman
IT	Lalit Rainey	
MM	Jewel Hairston	Martha Ray Sartor
PSD	Scott Cummings	Celeste Allgood

Admin. Appointees

Paul Coreil

Advisors Tony Windham

Ex-Officio:

Ron Brown L. Washington Lyons

SRDC:

Vicki Vaughn Rachel Welborn

1. August meeting minutes were approved as presented.
2. Update from AEA - L. Washington Lyons, Albert Essel, and Gina Eubanks
 - AEA is working with the Farm Bill Legislative and Policy Committee on 2012 revisions. The 1890 institutions are requesting the reauthorization of all programs currently in the Bill as well as an increase in the authorization level for some programs. AEA was represented at a stakeholders meeting recently in Atlanta.
 - The 1890 Extension Administrators approved their Excellence in Extension Award Program and the applications were due October 15, 2010. The Extension Administrators are planning to award their first "Excellence in Extension" award this next summer. Plans are to submit these winners for consideration for the national ECOP Excellence in Extension award.
 - AEA will be represented at the APLU meeting in Dallas, Texas as well as present an update at the Council of 1890 Universities Meeting for the President and Chancellors.
 - AEA's winter meeting will be held in DC on January 31st through Feb. 3rd.

3. Update from ASRED - Ron Brown, Tony Windham, and Paul Coreil
 - ASRED is working with the Farm Bill Legislative and Policy Committee on 2012 revisions. Ed Smith is the 1862 Representative on that committee.
 - Gary Jackson was recently named Extension Director for Mississippi State University, beginning his work in that position on January 1.
 - Lisa Lauxman is working with ASRED on the 4H tax issues. ASRED is seeking additional time for resolving the concerns.
 - Three candidates have been interviewed for the ECOP national Executive Director position. An offer has been made.
 - ASRED will be meeting in November in Dallas with Gaines Smith (Auburn) serving as in-coming chair, following Jim Trapp (OK).
 - (Coreil) A comprehensive oil spill recovery proposal is nearly complete and ready for submission to BP on behalf of the five impacted states. Land Grants and Sea Grant partnerships have been strong in designing the proposal. Currently, the team is working together to implement a NIFA special needs grant.
 - (Windham) Arkansas is looking at some new revenue codes to address the 4H tax issues. He will send an email to the PLC to provide additional detail.

4. Conference Debrief: Related to a number of the items below, Rachel will work with Joan to draft a set of questions for each PLC Representative to discuss with his/her committee and submit responses before the December meeting so that planning for next year's conference can reflect the needs of the committees.
 - a. Accomplishment Report – Following some discussion of the intent of this report and the usefulness of its content, the PLC agreed to take the question of its value and content to the committees for feedback prior to the Dec. PLC meeting.
 - b. PLC Plan of Work 2010-11 – The Plan of Work was finalized and will be posted to the website
 - c. Chair Training – The question was raised as to both the content and timing of this training. PLC Representatives are to talk to committee officers to get their input.
 - d. Cross Committee Time – Several committees reported that they were pursuing efforts that came from the cross committee time. The PLC Representatives are to get feedback from this session and report prior to the Dec. meeting.
 - e. Opening Session Document – This discussion will be carried forward to the December PLC meeting.

5. Vice-Chair: The person selected during PLN Conference did not meet the criteria and thus, a replacement is being sought. Gina Eubanks is taking the lead to get administrative approval for another nominee. A name will be submitted to the PLC shortly.



6. Program Committee Reports

- ANR –Joan Dusky and Nelson Daniels – First call on Nov. 10th. More to report at the next meeting
- COM – Robin Adams and Bob Reynolds – Had a call yesterday. CRD and COM are pursuing cross-committee work.
- CRD – Joe Sumners – First call was earlier this week. The committee is working with 4H and COM to continue cross-committee discussions. The committee discussed further how to use the regional indicators.
- FCS – Kasundra Cyrus – Cross committee work with ANR is being organized and moving forward. Dr. Brown and Dr. Lyons requested a white paper last year that was the topic of discussion as it related to the key indicators for the region (childhood obesity measures).
- 4-H Youth Dev – Dorothy Wilson and Chris Boleman. Tax issues with 4H is clearly taking a huge toll on the committee. It may be that these same issues will spread to other Extension programs such as Master Gardener.
- IT – Lalit Rainey – Had our first conference call earlier this month. We used our Plan of Work as the guide for our call, hearing from each person how progress was going.
- MM – Jewel Hairston and Martha Ray Sartor – Middle Managers are working on the southern region staffing structure report. We have a Middle Managers conference scheduled for April.
- PSD – Scott Cummings and Celeste Allgood – First call is upcoming. Biggest task at the moment is the launching of a PSD professional organization.

7. Adjourn

Next Meeting: December 8, 1:00 p.m. through December 9, noon
Crowne Plaza Atlanta Airport Hotel
<http://srpln.msstate.edu/plc/meetings.html>