



Southern Region Program Leadership Committee Meeting
July 15, 2010
Minutes

Program Leadership Committee Members Present

ANR	Joan Dusky	
COM	Bob Reynolds	
CD		
FCS		
4-HYD	Dorothy Wilson	Charles Cox
IT	Lalit Rainey	Jim Segers
MM	Ray Rice	
PSD	Scott Cummings	
Admin Advisors		
Admin. Reps.	Paul Coreil	
Ex-officio	Ron Brown	
SRDC	Vicki Vaughn	Rachel Welborn

1. June minutes were approved as presented
2. Update from AEA – no report
3. Update from ASRED - Ron Brown and Paul Coreil
 - **Personnel and Leadership Changes**
 - Dr. Alan Grant is serving as Director while VPI searches for an Associate Dean and Director of Virginia Cooperative Extension.
 - Dr. Joe Street is serving as Interim Director at MSU while they search for a Director of the Mississippi State Extension Service.
 - NCSU is searching for an Associate Dean and Director of the North Carolina Cooperative Extension Service and Assistant Vice Chancellor for Extension, Engagement, and Economic Development; Dr. Joe Zublena is serving in the interim.
 - Dr. Tony Windham has been named Associate Vice President for Agriculture and Director of Extension in Arkansas.
 - Dr. Steve Meadows is serving as Interim Chief Operating Officer at Clemson
 - Dr. Millie Ferrer-Chancey is serving as Interim Dean and Director at Florida
 - Dr. Rafael Olmeda is serving as Acting Associate Dean for Extension in PR



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- Dr. Jim Trapp has been selected for membership on ECOP and Dr Jimmy Henning has assumed a role on the ECOP Budget and Legislative Committee representing the southern region
 - **Federal Appropriations Priorities:** ASRED's federal funding priorities for FY12 are Smith-Lever 3 (b) & (c) funds, along with eXtension (eXtension is a separate priority if not included with SL); EFNEP; and IPM.
 - **Appropriations:** The US House of Representatives appropriations committee has marked up the ag. appropriations bill and it appears that they will include a small increase in Smith-Lever 3 (b) & (c) funding, an increase for AFRI and will leave all other Extension lines flat. The Senate has not acted, but early indications are that all lines will be flat, with possibly an increase for AFRI.
 - **FY12 Farm Bill:** Work has begun on the FY12 Farm Bill. Dr. Ed Smith, TX, is our representative on the Committee on Legislation and Policy (CLP) and has distributed a survey to all Extension Directors and Administrators seeking input about ideas for improving the Farm Bill. Response rates from Southern Region directors has been excellent.
 - **Oil Spill Extension Work:** The five Gulf of Mexico states have been working in an exemplary multistate, cooperative manner in dealing with the oil spill. In addition to many educational outputs, the group has developed and submitted a special needs proposal to NIFA. We have been assured of approval and expect this in writing any day.
4. Conference Planning:
- a. Final Review of Agenda: Please review the finalized agenda for corrections.
 - b. Oil Crisis Overview – Dr Brown will be providing this update during the conference.
 - c. Review of Committee Tasks and Deadlines – The committee reviewed the deadlines and tasks that were provided to the committee officers during the webinar earlier this week. A hard copy will be given to the chairs at the conference as a reminder.
 - d. Newcomer Orientation – Dorothy will be taking the lead for the newcomer orientation. However, all committee officers are asked to attend to welcome new members.
 - e. Accomplishment Reports are ready for committee responses. Each committee has a link to its report on their web page. The intent is to provide a one page summary per committee. These are due by the end of the conference, but can be done ahead of time if committees choose.
 - f. State Reports – Each committee has some flexibility regarding state reports. One option is to use the eXtension Wiki. If a committee would



like to use this tool but does not have anyone on their team to set it up, contact Rachel for assistance.

5. Program Committee Reports

- ANR –Joan Dusky – No report
- COM – Debbie Archer and Bob Reynolds – The committee is continuing to work on the white paper
- CD – Representatives not on call
- FCS – Kasundra Cyrus and Shirley Hastings – The committee is working on regional outcome measures for childhood obesity.
- 4-H Youth Dev – Dorothy Wilson and Charles Cox – Dorothy continues to work with the curriculum working group.
- IT – Lalit Rainey and Jim Segers - Progress continues on the committee's plan of work
- MM – Jewel Hairston and Ray Rice – Middle managers have reviewed the agenda. They have a meeting coming up in Texas.
- PSD – Scott Cummings and Demier Richardson – The committee continues progress on the plan of work.

REMINDER – PLC meets during the following times within the PLN Conference:

Monday, August 23, 3:30 p.m.:

PLC Meeting with Program Committee Chairs & Vice-Chairs

Thursday, August 26, 6:45 a.m.:

PLC Meeting with Current, Incoming, & Outgoing PLC Members