

Southern Region Program Leaders Meeting

July 10, 2018

9:30 Eastern/8:30 Central

Members Present:

Janet Fox- Louisiana

Heather Elliot- National
Council

Doug Swanson- National
Headquarters

Toby Lepley- Louisiana

Mike Gutter- Florida

Arch Smith- Georgia

Heather Kent- Florida

Courtney Dodd- Texas

Mark Baines- Kentucky

Called to order at 9:36 AM Eastern by Janet Fox.

Updates from National 4-H Council from Heather Elliot

- NYSD on computer coding. Kits on sale \$19.95. Webinar on NYSD July 31st at noon eastern.
- Brand- Inspiring Kids to Do. Introduced in late August and call to action on 30 days of doing. July 18th at noon eastern. Login info is promoted through 4-H Professional News and Notes (Tuesdays).
- Board Meeting- June 18th in Minnesota. ECOP Leadership Committee discussion about challenges and successes. Working on 3 year strategic plan to align with/support Extension's work.
- Requests for items for National Council to update Program Leaders on during the meeting in August. Grant opportunities was suggested.

Upcoming Program Leader Network Meeting in August 20th-24th in Orlando. Come prepared to give a report about your state (can bring promotional materials). Newcomer's reception and dinner with 4-H PLN. We will be working on a plan of work that is regional based, so please share requests

National Headquarters Update given by Doug Swanson

- Transition in leadership at headquarters. Interim is Dr. Caroline Kroll. NIFA agency has been under a hiring freeze agency-wide (80 vacancies). 20 positions have been released, but 4-H positions are not currently on the list. We are anticipating the hiring of additional staff soon.
- Please let Doug know if there are any issues you would like for him to address during the PLN meeting in August.

Common Measures- eExtension Module- nearing our deadline for completing the modules. Four southern states have received funding (GA, FL MS, LA). Goal is to show capacity for completing the modules. In LA, regional agents are leading the efforts on a regional basis. KY made it mandatory and is keeping track of who has completed the modules and sending reminders. FL did the training during a state-wide Youth Development Institute in May. GA- also had agents complete the module during their statewide program preview, with follow up emails.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 AM Eastern by Janet Fox.

