

SR ANR PLN meeting – February 9, 2022

Attendees:

Randy Taylor, OSU  
Grace Ramena, UAPB  
James Henderson, MSU  
Daniel Goerlich, VT  
Vic Ford, UA  
Daniel Hale, TAMU  
Obadiah Njue, UAPB  
Nathan Smith, Clemson  
Becky Barlow, Auburn  
Mark McCann, UGA  
Uma Karki, Tuskegee  
Cindy Folck, CSU  
Saqib Mukhtar, UF  
Ray McKinnie, VSU  
Cherise Winstead, DSU  
Marion Simon, KSU  
Dale Monks, NCSU  
Jason de Koff, TSU

No administrative update from 1862

1890 update (Dr. McKinnie): Working on the 2023 budget that will come out from the policy board of directors with APLU. Still waiting for final numbers for 2022. Working on the current continuing resolution. Hopefully we can get a final budget for the remainder of 2022.

Specific to 1890, preparations are being made for the ARD symposium in Atlanta, GA on April 2-5. It will be the first one since 2019. Expecting in excess of 600 participants. In Extension, planning is underway for the AEA summer conference late July/early August in Orlando, FL. It has been 10 years since this conference. We extend the opportunity to participate to our 1862 partners.

Joint meeting with North Central ANR meeting: Matthew Burns is lead, Vic Ford and Mark McCann are part of the planning committee. Unsure of status and dates.

Mukhtar: If this is happening, do we have a hotel identified? Also, dates are needed.

Taylor: Not sure, but I'll follow up with Matthew Burns to get some details.

Potential roles of ANR virtual agent: Randy Taylor leads this committee. We need to follow up with the group, last meeting was in Fall 2021

Heirs property: Becky Barlow leads this committee. We met a couple of times last year to try to think about opportunities. There is some work in North Carolina to identify opportunities through needs assessment. In talking to individuals at Auburn it seems there is a need for a good location where individuals can go to get information about heirs property. There are potential training opportunities even if it is a generic overview and also point people in the right direction. Open to ideas and thoughts.

Henderson: Mike Salassi at LSU mentioned that the Southern Rural Development Center has done webinars on heirs property information

Taylor: Heirs property is not solely an ANR issue and has been discussed in other groups, but what must we do to educate ourselves about the topic. It is becoming more of an issue in Oklahoma with Indigenous families.

Hale: It has become a new emphasis in Texas within sustainable forestry.

Ford: Same concerns in southern Appalachians on down.

Hale: We have one lawyer that works in this area. Do others?

Ford: Candace Williams in Arkansas is doing a lot of work in this area

Njue: UAPB has a program called “Keeping it in the Family” that is a very active program

Mukhtar: Dr. Sandy Thompson at FAMU is working on this and presented her work a few years ago in our meeting in D.C.

Disaster loss assessments: Vic Ford is lead on this committee. We’ve been working on developing questions for a needs assessment. Do we want to go beyond the southern region and reach out to the north central and other regions? (Others share agreement.) I’m curious about how each group works and form a team on this topic.

Hale: Is Monty Dozier involved in this? He is our director of disaster assistance recovery at Texas A&M.

Taylor: He is not listed in this group.

Henderson: He could be one of our target recipients for the questionnaire.

Mukhtar: Dr. Christa Court at UF is charged with doing these kinds of assessments. I think she would be happy to be a guest speaker for the group.

PLC meeting update: PLC meeting will be in Fort Worth this summer in person, August 22-25, but it will have some virtual options. Uma Karki and Dan Goerlich attended the planning meeting on Jan. 10 & 11. The theme is “Embracing flexibility in Innovation”. The agenda is similar to previous years. There will be a professional development pre-conference that will be virtual, there will not be a post-conference, there will not be an Ignite/EXTension Talk session. There will be an emphasis on unstructured time to help reconnect after all of the virtual meetings we’ve had. The committee meetings may have a virtual option in case there are some states that are still not allowing out-of-state travel. The meeting in 2023 will be in Orlando, no contracts are in place beyond that. We also presented the ANR plan of work to the group.

Taylor: Who will be responsible for managing the virtual option during the committee meetings?

Goerlich: I will volunteer to do that for our committee meeting.

Hale: What are the requirements or needs from the host state? We are happy to help.

Goerlich: In the past, a professional development tour has been an option if there are things that Texas AgriLife would like to showcase. Also, technology options for the virtual committee meeting session would be useful.

Hale: We can provide this, we also have an extension assistant and students that can help too

Ford: We can work together to come up with a place for the tour that is easy to get to.

Taylor: Last time we went to the Botanical Gardens and then learned about the Texas Star products.

We have another scheduled call for May 11<sup>th</sup>. We will need to see a skeleton program to develop our program around that. It’s usually that Tuesday evening that the committee gets

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together for a night out. We'd pay a separate registration fee for the tour and dinner.

Goerlich: The next PLC meeting is February 17<sup>th</sup> so there may be more information on the draft agenda after that.

Ford: If you have any ideas for a session, please let me know.

Taylor: We'll try to have something to present to the group at our next meeting in May.

Meeting adjourned.