



Southern Region Program Leadership Committee Meeting
October 17, 2019
Minutes

Participants:

- ANR – Mike Phillips
- COM – Michelle Olgers, Lisa Stearns
- CRD – Mark Waller
- FCS – Mike Gutter, Leslie Speller-Henderson
- 4-H Youth Development— Mitzi Downing, Manola Erby
- IT – Steve Garner
- MM – Gerald Jones, Jim Stewart
- PSD – Meredith Weinstein

1862 Advisor: Randy Taylor

1890 Advisor: No representative

AEA: No representatives

ASRED: Ron Brown

SRDC/MSU: Rachel Welborn, Russ Garner

1. Welcome:

Leslie welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Member Introductions/Roll Call:

Members were invited to introduce themselves and to tell what their roles were at their respective institutions.

3. Additional Agenda Items:

There were no additional agenda items.

4. Approval of PLC August 22nd meeting Minutes:

The minutes were reviewed and approved as read with no changes. It was noted that in the addendum of the presentation of actions and accomplishments to ASRED/AEA that a Southern Region Industrial Hemp Extension working group already exists, so there was no need to create a new one.

5. Update from AEA:

There was no representation from AEA

6. Update from ASRED:

Dr. Ron Brown reported for ASRED.

New Assignments

Dr. Laura Stephenson, Director, University of Kentucky

Dr. Jeff Hyde, Director, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension

Dr. Tom Dobbins, Clemson University – Chair of ASRED for 2020

Dr. Laura Johnson, University of Georgia – Vice Chair of ASRED for 2020

Dr. Nick Place, Director, Florida – new member of ECOP

ASRED's Spring Meeting – scheduled for April 14-16, hosted by University of Georgia

Current Activities

Renewal by NIFA of work on revising the Program of Work reporting system

Directors are selecting a regional representative for the NUEL Steering Committee

eXtension is collecting data via a priority setting survey

ASRED is revising organizational bylaws

7. 2019 PLN Conference Evaluations-*Unmasking Our Potential: Building Resilient Communities*

- Review of conference evaluations

Russ presented a PowerPoint summary of the survey results to the committee for review. Positives as well as negatives were discussed, with the consensus of the committee was that it was a great meeting. It was noted that at the face-to-face Mid-year meeting in Atlanta that we will delve further into the findings to better understand the wishes of the membership to ensure an even better meeting in Texas.

8. Mid-Winter PLC Committee Meeting

A discussion was held concerning the upcoming face-to-face PLC Fall planning meeting. It was confirmed that the planning meeting will be held in Atlanta on November 20 and 21, beginning at 1pm on November 20, and concluding at 12pm on November 21. Samantha Clardy shared that the meeting would be held at the Hilton Atlanta Airport. As soon as a reservation link is provided by the hotel, that information will be shared with the committee members. All were encouraged to attend if possible.

9. Program Committee Reports

- ANR –Mike Phillips- reported that the committee had met. One discussed that was discussed was how they liked the format of the conference. They also mentioned that a lot was taken away from the tour that they went on during the conference, and that they were planning on another tour next PLN.
- COM – Michelle Olgers and Lisa Stearns-Michelle reported that that she had contacted Tobie Blanchard, Director, LSU AgCenter Communications about Section 508 compliance training that LSU is putting together for the Southern Region. Tobie said Ana Iverson from LSU is currently doing train the trainer trainings and certifications. Tobie said Ana is going at her own pace for the certification and doing it in her spare time so she isn't clear on when she will be fully trained. She thinks maybe next month we may be able to be a little more concrete about it a timeline. Lisa reported that Frankie Gould did a wonderful job with their tour of the Port of New Orleans, and that it was both educational and informative.
- CRD – Mark Waller- Mark reported that the CRD group had received an update from Brent Elrod concerning NIFA developments, as well as an update of the future NACDEP meeting coming up in 2020. A CRD 101/Facilitation workshop, part of the POW, is being held in Texas. Encouragement was given to attend the workshops.
- FCS – Mike Gutter and Leslie Speller-Henderson-FCS met at the NEAFCS Program Leaders meeting in Hershey, PA, with Mike Gutter facilitating the meeting. They received updates from ECOP, AAFCS, Board on Human Sciences, Alliance for Family & Consumer Sciences and Council of Administrators of Family & Consumer Sciences. They received a NIFA transition report from Caroline Croccoll. Jorge Atilas facilitated a conversation about FCS Role in Rural Prosperity, and the SRPLN FCS Committee provided a region report for the National Program Leaders about our plan of work.
- 4-H Youth Development—Mitzi Downing and Manola Erby-4-H committee enjoyed a tour during PLN. Good to get out and visit with young people and see aspects of progress. Enjoyed time with committee. Pathways Project-getting a representative for SR, 1890s have a representative. National 4-H Congress Centennial-looking for the celebration to increase participation across the system. PAWG-How to enroll 4-Hers
- IT – Steve Garner IT Committee had their first meeting of the 19-20 planning year on 10/10. The meeting was held via Microsoft Teams based on discussion at the meetings in New Orleans. We are trying to use Office 365 more for collaboration within the committee. The new POW items were discussed, and work has begun on them. The new Committee Chair is Ashwani Srivastava, new Vice Chair is Diana Morian.
- MM – Gerald Jones and Jim Stewart-Gerald reported-Met October 10. Dr. Cartwright is retiring. APLU newsletter *Focus* had good information. Need everyone to possible report for the Impact Report National Database. Tennessee is hosting the Middle Managers in April 2021, in Nashville. Currently getting bids.
- PSD – Meredith Weinstein-no call. National PSD Conference coming up in December, and have been busy planning details of the conference.



10. Other Business

There was no other business to discuss.

11. Closing Remarks-Leslie Speller-Henderson, PLC Chair

Leslie commented on how excited she was about next year's PLN, and that we had a good group to plan it, and how she was looking forward working with the group.

12. Adjourn

Meeting was adjourned