



**Southern Region Program Leadership Committee Meeting  
October 18, 2023  
Minutes**

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Participants:

- ANR – James Henderson and Uma Karki
- COM – Michelle Burchett
- CRD – Adam Hodges and Dan Kahl
- FCS – Andrea Morris
- 4-H Youth Development— Melanie Biersmith and Demier Richardson-Sanders
- IT – Brian Watson
- MM –Blake Lanford
- PSD – Cheryl Newberry and Cynthia Pierfax

AEA: no representative

ASRED: Paul Brown

SRDC:

- Carmen Kelly
- Grace Langford
- Roseanne Scammahorn
- Rachel Welborn

1. Uma Karki, PLC Chair, welcomed the group and led introductions.
2. The agenda for this meeting and the August 24, 2023 minutes were approved as presented.
3. Update from AEA: no representative
4. Update from ASRED: Paul Brown
  - At PLN, ASRED discussed the importance of the PLN process. One key question was related to new directions in Community Development – What are the new needs and how are efforts organized?
  - Ensuring 1890 and 1862 collaboration is important as we move forward.
5. 2023 PLN Conference Evaluations – Roseanne walked through the evaluation report that was shared via e-mail.

Discussion points:

- A large portion of the attendees were first- or second-time participants. The comments also reflected some uncertainty about the purpose of PLN. One suggestion was to host a PLN refresher for all committees.
- Several responses indicated some committees may not be using their time effectively. Offering guidance on how to use both conference call times as well as face-to-face time effectively could be helpful.
- Quite a few comments suggested a greater need for cross committee collaboration. To facilitate this effort, Rachel suggested each PLC representative take a few minutes to read each committee's Plan of



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Work to look for cross-committee opportunities. <http://srpln.msstate.edu/> Use the “Committees” tab to move between each group’s page.

- Uma suggested each PLC representative share the report with their committee and bring additional reflections to the November meeting.

6. Mid-Winter PLC Committee Meeting - To be held virtually.  
November 17, 2:00 - 4:00 pm Central / 3:00 - 5:00 pm Eastern  
December 13, 9:00 – 11:00 am Central / 10:00 – Noon Eastern

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7. Task force with representation from each committee to examine the infrastructure needs of committees. This item came from the action items presented in August. Since SRDC manages the website and listservs, the SRDC staff offered to assemble a task force with representatives from each committee to examine communication and file sharing needs in order to shape infrastructure options to support committees in the future. SRDC will send a request to PLC for them to share with their respective committees in order to form the task force.
8. Program Committee Reports
- ANR – James Henderson and Uma Karki – no report since the committee hasn’t met since PLN.
  - COM – Michelle Burchett and Lyndall Stout – no report since the committee hasn’t met since PLN.
  - CRD – Adam Hodges and Dan Kahl – no report since the committee hasn’t met since PLN.
  - FCS – Andrea Morris and Michelle Parisi - no report since the committee hasn’t met since PLN.
  - 4-H Youth Development— Melanie Biersmith and Demier Richardson-Sanders - no report since the committee hasn’t met since PLN.
  - IT –Lalit Rainey and Brian Watson – The committee met yesterday and are actively working on the Plan of Work. A survey of current IT staffing and support needs is underway, and the results may be of interest to all committees.
  - MM –Blake Lanford and Amelia Mitchell – The committee has met and is beginning to work on the Plan of Work. The 4H Thrive Model was explored.
  - PSD – Cheryl Newberry and Cynthia Pierfax

9. Adjourn

\*Reminder: 2023-2024 PLN Committee Conference Call Schedule: October 18, February 15, April 18, June 20, July 18 - 9:00 am – 10:30 am Central / 10:00 – 11:30 am Eastern