



Southern Region Program Leadership Committee Meeting
October 28, 2021
Minutes

Participants:

- ANR – Uma Karki
- COM – Michelle Olgers, Lyndall Stout
- CRD – Iris Cole Crosby, Dan Kahl
- FCS – Mike Gutter, Jacque White
- 4-H Youth Development – Travella Free
- IT – Brian Watson
- MM – Jim Stewart
- PSD –

AEA: No representatives

ASRED: Ron Brown, Gina Eubanks, Tom Dobbins, Laura Stephenson

SRDC/MSU: Carmen Kelly, Russ Garner, Doris Barksdale

1. Welcome:

Dan Kahl presided over the meeting and welcomed everyone.

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 26th meeting Minutes:

The minutes were reviewed and approved as read with no changes. The minutes were shared earlier with former members of the PLC to review and comment on any additions or changes. Iris made a motion to approve the minutes as read, with Travella seconding. The motion passed

5. Update from AEA:

There was no report from AEA

6. Update from ASRED:

Dr. Ron Brown reported for ASRED. Dr. Tom Dobbins will be replacing Dr. Gina Eubanks in PLC. Tom is president of the National Board for the Journal of Extension. They have made some positive changes there, and Dr. Brown encouraged the group to visit the Journal of Extension.

New Chair for ASRED is Dr. Rich Bonanno of North Carolina State University. Chair-elect will be Dr. Gina Eubanks. New on ECOP replacing Dr. Gary Jackson will be Dr. Damona Doyle for Oklahoma State. Dr. Andre Johnson will become the Dean and Director for Extension at the University of Florida. Dr. Ed Jones of Virginia Tech won the Ruby Award that ESP presents.

Other items in which ASRED is working on: vaccination policies/regulations. Performed a quick poll- Many universities are requiring vaccination of all employees.

National 4-H Congress is November 26th-30th-100-year anniversary.

Impact statements for 2021 are due now.

Dr. Albert Essel and Dr. Brown are on a group working with the ECOP Budget and Legislative committee on a strategy to try to increase capacity funds-Smith-Lever and 1890 Extension.

7. 2021 PLN Conference Evaluations-*Striving & Thriving: Turning Adversity Into Opportunity*

- 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 virtual Mid-year meeting we will delve further into the findings to better understand the wishes of the membership to ensure an even better meeting in Texas. The PowerPoint, as well as an accompanying report will be emailed out to the PLC members.

8. Mid-Winter PLC Committee Meeting

A discussion was held concerning the virtual PLC Mid-winter planning meeting. The meeting will be held virtually on January 10th and 11th from 9:00am-10:30am Central/10am-11:30am Eastern both days. Russ encouraged the group to send emails on suggestions and thoughts on the conference.

9. Program Committee Reports

- ANR –Uma Karki- reported that the committee had completed the PLN virtual meeting. Topics discussed: Heirs' property, virtual Extension agents, looking at other items. Will soon have another meeting.
- COM – Michelle Olgers and Lyndall Stout-Have not had our meeting but will put Communication's Plan of Work into the chat.
- CRD – Iris Crosby and Dan Kahl-Held meeting, discussed CRD Plan of Work, 1890s/1862s working closer together, CTRU training, focusing on diversity, equity, and inclusion as a priority this year.



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- FCS – Mike Gutter and Jaquelyn White- Jacque reported FCS has not met yet, will be meeting in November with NIFA doing our NAFCS Conference-will be a virtual conference.
 - 4-H Youth Development—Travella Free- Travella reported that they had nothing to report.
 - IT – Brian Watson-IT Committee had their first meeting in October. Beginning to work on the Plan of Work items. Carried over an item from last year-developing a resource repository, members are contributing to that. Talking about how to share policies and procedures around software. Learned software procurement procedures across region were distinctly different. Working on putting resources together for digital delivery.
 - MM –Jim Stewart-Jim reported that they have not met since last meeting. They email between members of the subcommittee on Plan of Work, so much communication between the group. Most items on POW are related to evaluation impacts, virtual programming and looking at unique ways of advertising positions. Couple of states have virtual positions-learning from those as well.
 - PSD – No report

10. Other Business

There was no other business to discuss.

11. Closing Remarks-Dan and Russ

Russ commented on how there was going to be quite a bit of time between now and the Mid-winter virtual meeting, and he would be sending “homework” in the form of speaker suggestions, topics, etc., and to also be considering a theme, and to maybe walk away from the themes of the last two conferences, to look at something more positive and upbeat. Iris noted: “Repositioning for the New Purpose” could be a theme to consider.

12. Adjourn

Meeting was adjourned