



Southern Region Program Leadership Committee Meeting
August 23, 2021
Minutes

Participants:

- ANR –
- COM –Michelle Olgers, Lisa Stearns
- CRD – Iris Cole Crosby, Dan Kahl
- FCS – Mike Gutter, Jacque White
- 4-H Youth Development— Manola Erby
- IT – Steve Garner, Brian McGhee
- MM – Gerald Jones Jim Stewart
- PSD – Meredith Weinstein

Committee Officers

AEA: Albert Essel, Rosalind Dale, Vonda Richardson

ASRED: Ron Brown, Gina Eubanks, Laura Stephenson

SRDC/MSU: Carmen Kelly, Russ Garner, Vicki Vaughn, Rachel Welborn

1. There were no additional agenda items added. Gerald Jones made the motion to approve the August 23, 2021 minutes as presented, Manola Irby seconded, and the motion passed.

2. Update from AEA – Albert Essel, Rosalind Dale, Vonda Richardson

- AEA planning to hold the 2022 Conference around this time next year in Orlando, FL, hoping that COVID will die down soon to be able to hold face-to-face. We have a full agenda the next three days, with good presentations planned. The monthly newsletter will be coming out on the 2nd Monday of the month with many institution updates, featuring programs from each of the 1890 institutions. Looking forward to presenting the “Excellence in Extension” awards.

3. Update from ASRED – Ron Brown, Gina Eubanks, Laura Stephenson

- ASRED also reported that they had a full agenda planned for the week and looked forward to presenting their awards as well.

4. Conference Planning – “Surviving & Thriving: Turning Adversity Into Opportunity”

- Lisa reported that we are ready for the meeting and asked if there were any last-minute PLN agenda issues. The Committee Officers from each of the committees were in attendance. Russ spoke of the upcoming Newcomers meeting today, as well as deadlines for the week. He also



reviewed with the group the SR-PLN website, pointing out the documents that would be needed this week.

- A discussion of upcoming PLC representatives whose terms are expired was held, identifying those committees which needed to replace their representative. The Executive Committee representatives which are having terms expired was also discussed. The group reviewed guidelines and expectations of PLC members for the benefit of the Committee Officers in future selection of PLC representatives.
- The 2021-2022 Plan of Work for the PLC was retained as the same as last year.
- The Winter Planning meeting was discussed. Vicki stated that we need to decide whether it will be virtual or face to face in order to start on contracts. It was decided that we wait until the August 26 PLC meeting as there will be new PLC representative to hear their input. Future locations of SR-PLN were also mentioned.

5. Other Business

There was no other business.

Meeting was adjourned