



**Southern Region PLN Conference  
Joint PLN, Committee Officer Meeting  
August 24, 2020**

Participants:

- ANR – Clarence Bunch, Mike Phillips
- COM – Michelle Olgers, Lisa Stearns
- CRD – Gill Finley, Mark Waller
- FCS – Mike Gutter, Leslie Speller-Henderson
- 4-H Youth Development— Manola Erby, Mitzi Downing
- IT – Steve Garner, Brian D. McGhee
- MM – Gerald Jones
- PSD – Celeste Allgood, Meredith Weinstein

AEA: Vonda Richardson, Albert Essel

ASRED: Gina Eubanks, Randy Taylor, Ron Brown

SRDC/MSU: Katherine Spiering, Russ Garner

1. Approval of minutes – Minutes of the August 13 Special Planning Meeting were not submitted at this meeting for approval.
2. Update from AEA – Vonda shared that promotions for the 130<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the 1890 Institutions were taking place, and that there is a webinar on Monday, August 31<sup>st</sup>. There will be congressional representation there, as well as notable 1890 alumni. Vonda will share the webinar link. Additionally, Vonda discussed the Leadership Academy that will be taking place in September. The Academy is focusing on faculty and staff leaders in the 1890 system to build and develop leadership capacity. The teams coming to the Academy will work on specific topics where they will build programming around.
3. Update from ASRED – Dr. Ron Brown shared that Dr. Caroline Crocoll will attend the General Session. Leslie will acknowledge her in her welcome. He also said they we look forward to celebrating with the 1890s in their important milestone and look forward to the event next Monday.
4. Review Conference: Events, Deadlines and Assignments

With Committee members in attendance, Leslie reviewed the Conference agenda, pointing out the highlights in which participants needed to be aware. She also reviewed the duties of the committee officers to give a short refresher on duties and expectations in order to have a successful and productive meeting. She clarified the deadlines of various items as there were some questions on deadlines. Russ will send the committee deadlines document to committee officers, as well as the “Chair Helpful Hints” and the “Action-Info-Instructions” document as well as the steps in finalizing current Plans of Work and creating a new Plan of Work for the 2020-21 year. She also mentioned the change in the assigned meeting times with administrators. Committee officers were asked to encourage their committees to complete the SR-PLN evaluation, which will be sent to participants later this week.

5. Website review



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Leslie completed a brief review of the website demonstrating different features which will be helpful to committee officers during their committee time, including the committee-specific templates that are available.

#### 6. PLC Representatives

Leslie provided an overview of the PLC Representatives, including AEA/ASRED Appointees/Advisors whose terms were coming to an end this year, as well as a review of the Executive Committee Representatives that were rolling off. Mention was made of the replacement of the COMS/IT/MM/PSD Representative of the Executive Committee. The 1862 Advisor position, and the 1890 Appointee position to the Executive Committee will be filled by their organizations, ASRED and AEA, respectively.

#### 7. PLC Winter Meeting

Leslie discussed how the group needed to be thinking about the Fall planning meeting in Atlanta. Travel restrictions are still in effect for most universities and a suggestion was made to the group that open dates should be identified for a virtual meeting over 2-3 days in 1.5-hour sessions or shorter. Several dates were discussed that had conflicts, but it was determined the time between November 16-20 looked good. It was discussed that it would be best to revisit these dates at the PLC meeting coming up on Thursday, August 27, and to possibly use a Doodle Poll to help determine.

#### 8. Meeting was adjourned