

## Steering Committee Meeting 5/26/21

- Quick updates:
  - Monthly speakers
    - See [here](#)
    - Julian invited for June, no reply yet
    - Workflow added to above doc
  - NECI funding ask
    - Populate [google sheet](#) with low hanging fruit and longer term bigger ask ideas
    - Where to request from? ECOP, Extension Foundation, Hubs funding
    - E.g., student intern, faculty summer salary, coordinating staff time, programming/conference, other subgroup efforts e.g., JEDI consultant
    - Funding from various sources, discussions within Regional Rural Development Centers, WRDC already contributing annually to support Deb Albin's support of NECI (website, meeting minutes...)
    - RRDCs, and specifically, WRDC, have been in discussions about potential funding for NECI. This information is not finalized and therefore Betsy is unable to share more details but encourages the Steering Committee to focus our immediate efforts on two things: 1) finalizing the forum's action items; and 2) drafting a budget to support these action items
  - AFRI Grant & Workshop June 9
    - Jennison conversations with Julian Reyes - Eligible beyond ag & forestry? Original response was no (from Eric on grant informational webinar). But Julian is more open and really wants to find ways to support members. He encouraged all NECI members to attend the June 9 Extension Foundation workshop, regardless of whether their funding ideas fit within this current Climate Hubs grant opportunity. He sees this as a great opportunity to connect members around different climate priorities and for the Climate Hubs to learn more about what Extension teams are already doing (across the whole rural to urban spectrum :))
    - Can NECI have input to regional Hubs on priorities?
  - Draft the Agenda for June meeting
    - Forum Next Steps & Action Items
    - ANREP report out
    - AFRI Hubs Grant Workshop June 9th
    - JEDI subcommittee
    - (Speaker: Julian?)
- Followup from Action Forum
  - See Adi Graphic [here](#)
  - Action Items Review [here](#)
  - Should Exec Order recommendations be included here or just link to that doc?
  - Email with Full Proceedings to Registrants: graphics, recordings, reminder to join
    - Melissa & Betsy
  - From Action Items - can help support financial needs request
  - Deadline - everyone review Action Items by Thursday morning 6/3/21
  - How to identify who does what, when -
    - Create NECI subcommittees for ones in our control
      - JEDI
      - Curriculum
      - Professional Development
      - Urban Climate Extension Issues
      - Funding
      - Communications
    - Identify USDA or other leadership for ones out of NECI control? This will enable us to make these items actionable
    - Living database of ideas of activities stemming from Forum ideas