

Steering Committee Meeting 7/14/21

- Please include Deb Albin – (Betsy) (debalbin42@gmail.com) in emails to the Steering Committee to ensure she has links and times to meetings and is up-to-date on discussions.
- NTAE NECI Funding Updates – (Betsy)
 - National Sustainability Conference
 - For more information about the NTAE Accelerator Program, visit <https://extension.org/ntae/>
 - \$125K designated/preselected by NIFA to support NECI work on priority setting, with WRDC
 - Additional \$25K match from Extension Foundation
 - 1 year timeframe - non competitive
 - Start programmatic implementation with ECOP
 - Three key steps to align ECOP and NECI priorities and create action teams
 - Opportunity for priority alignment - 3 activities -
 - meeting on the July 19 with reps from institutions/regions, again Aug 6, where to partner with outside orgs. Id top 5 priorities for 12 month investment in educators/boots on the ground, one major climate literacy longer term priority.
 - Oct get together at sustainability summit (have travel funding) to announce priorities and fellowships
 - Implementation teams - 3-5 people. Extension led and external stakeholders
 - 12 months of implementation. Funding starts in Sept.
 - Curriculum - how do we elevate climate literacy to decisionmakers, fed agencies, internal to Extension, and externally valuable to stakeholders. Badged as Extension climate-smart. Needs national partnership. \$2million
 - Have paid Fellow to support each team
 - 5 fellows at \$10K each
 - Challenge will be to narrow down to actionable priority actions that can be started right away
 - Strategically demonstrate Extension's relevant work on the ground
 - Collaboration as key lens through NECI
 - How does this relate to ECOP Coordinator Position etc?
 - Ideally, plan that the administrative role funded through ECOP including overseeing Fellows and
 - Catalyst overarching in climate that is seeking long-term funding to support Extension system
 - But won't hear about ECOP funding for another month
 - Do we have committed partners yet? Still pursuing.
 - Help spend new funding more effectively
 - We're interested in longer-term coordinator FTE funding for NECI
 - Concern that 5 fellows with such low salary may not be effective. Would like to invest in human resources.
 - Seed money to keep the momentum for Fellows to advance the priorities. Starting to do more visibly to help raise future funding. Sharpen who we are and our priorities. To help others get excited and aligned.
 - What are the Fellow work plans?
 - Also not just looking for new money versus aligning existing funds with our work
 - Other ECOP priorities - urban and DEI and work across those programs, e.g., fund Fellows
 - Try not to silo off Climate

- Help identify partnerships beyond Extension
 - ECOP
 - NECI
 - Extension Foundation Catalyst
 - NIFA
 - NRCS
 - Rural Development Centers
 - Climate Hub Leadership
 - Tri-Societies
 - EDEN
 - Project Drawdown
 - Sea Grant
 - Association of Climate Change officers
 - Faculty specialists – one 1890s or 1994
 - Faculty specialist – North Central Climate Collaborative (NC3)
 - Northeast Faculty Specialist or Director
 - South Region Faculty Specialist or Director/NUEL
 - North Central Region Faculty Specialist or Director
 - Western Region Faculty Specialist or Director
 - EDA Team Rep
 - APLU
 - NUEL
 - Energy Initiative
 - BLC
 - South Region Faculty Specialist or Director
- NEES+NSS at Penn State - Day 2 (October 5) will have a strong climate focus, with a NECI workshop led by Ros during the concurrent sessions that afternoon. Crystal Chissell (Project Drawdown) has confirmed participation as a keynote speaker on this day. Possible roles for NECI presence during the event:
 - Sponsor tabling throughout the conference (one for NECI and one for Extension Foundation)
 - Breakfast “corner” with Crystal and NECI leadership and members Tues morning
 - Evening NECI networking social at a local tavern (open to all who want to schmooze over drinks and talk climate Extension programming)
 - Sponsor climate speakers and/or professional development/travel scholarships for accepted presenters with a focus on climate (e.g., Maria Dozier’s talk on climate work with BIPOC communities)
 - Day 3 Conference tours - NECI could sponsor the tour being planned on arts, culture, sustainability
 - Day 4 (Thursday Oct 6 am) post-conference NECI workshop/meeting/brunch - at Penn Stater Conference center could be open to all
 - Day 4 cross-initiative meeting (NECI with NNSLE and NEEI?)
- Meeting minutes for both NECI SC and monthly member meetings – (Betsy)
 - Deb Albin will take the minutes, send to volunteer for review, finalize, and post to website’s ‘Monthly Meetings’ web page
<https://nationalextensionclimateinitiative.net/monthly-meetings/>
 - Who will volunteer to review the minutes from the SC and monthly member meetings prior to Deb posting them on the website?
- Sub-committees proposed - (Jennison)
- Future Speakers – NECI Monthly Member Meetings - (Melissa/All)
 - Sabrina is going to coordinate with August speaker
 - Who to invite for Sept, Oct, Nov? Please see speakers list.

- Melissa happy to take on sending invites for anyone we don't already know.
- Monthly Member Meeting Recordings – (Betsy)
 - Is it necessary to record the meeting portion of the monthly member meetings, or may we plan to record and post to the website ONLY the guest presenter(s) and Q&A following their presentation?
- Listserv Management and Coordination – (Betsy)
 - Who can send emails to the listserv?
 - Who adds members to the listserv?
 - How frequently do we want to send emails to the listserv? Every time we receive an item to share or shall we establish a once-a-month “news and announcements” publication schedule?
 - If we opt for a once-a-month “news and announcement” email, who will volunteer to coordinate this effort?
- Website updates – (Betsy)
 - Deb has some good ideas for adding content to the NECI website and she is ready to move forward once we have given them our consideration. (How fabulous!) The website updates for your consideration include:
 - i. Revisit the idea of making an "Action" page that can house events as well as other action orientated things. Again, this will not change existing URLs such as the "Events" page.
 - ii. Beef up the "Resources" page so it is more of a clearinghouse of meaningful/useful resources - similar to what we did with the [LGBTQ+ resources](#).
 - iii. Have an events calendar - this can be done with Google, as we have done with the map.
 - iv. Create a "Youth" page highlighting programs/resources/opportunities for or about youth