

Steering Committee Meeting - July 28, 2021

Attendees: Sabrina, Wendy, Tracy, Paul, Ros, David, Betsy, Megan, Chuck

1. **SC Meeting Minutes (Betsy)**
 - a. Deb Albin will begin taking minutes for the SC meetings in September. She has previous commitments this summer.
2. **Monthly Member Meetings (Wendy and Betsy)**
 - a. Deb has been updated on how to proceed based on our discussions at the July 9 SC Meeting.
 - b. Wendy and Deb are working together to develop their work flow
3. **NTAE Climate Application Update (Jennison, Ros, Paul, Betsy)**
 - a. Project Title: National Extension Climate Action Team
 - b. Application submitted July 21, 2021
 - c. From the application - Why Statement: *"This project brings together national partners to build on the documented needs and proposed action plans of NECI and ECOP to position Extension for new funding and to demonstrate its capacity with a national project to rapidly and effectively impact Climate Literacy among Extension professionals and their local communities."*
 - d. From the application - Unique Value Proposition: *"Develop a Climate Smart Network for the Cooperative Extension System that will activate current Climate Educators across Extension's program areas, develop new capacities, and strengthen partnerships enabling on-the-ground action and innovation in climate smart solutions which integrate grass tops and grass-roots at the national level to leverage both of their perspectives and strengths."*
 - e. Includes funding for the 2021 NEES+NSS
 - f. Subaward to WRDC will be issued soon
4. **Extension Foundation Registry (Megan)**
 - a. Please promote the [Extension Foundation registry](#) and encourage colleagues to input their program(s) details.
 - b. Drills down to the county level
 - c. The more granular we can get the better!
 - d. Registry questions for consideration - [Google doc](#)
5. **NOAA Climate Smart Communities Proposal (Megan)**
 - a. [Letter of intent](#) being drafted.
 - b. Sabrina and Brad Gaolach have been pulling together examples from western states of Extension assisting communities with climate adaptation, mitigation
 - c. The first step is to finalize and submit the letter of intent. It can be broad in scope for now with details and additional partnerships added/included during the application process
 - d. The notes are available at:
 - i. [NOAA Climate Smart Communities Initiative Working Notes](#)
6. **ECOP Climate Priority Team Updates (Ros, David, Jennison, Betsy)**
 - a. July 19th meeting
 - b. Narrowing down priorities from the "grass tops" level
 - c. Next meeting August 6th
 - d. Ros suggested sending out an email encouraging people to attend the August 6th meeting. Chuck appreciated the suggestion and is confident turn out at the August meeting will be much better.
7. **NECI Zoom Account (Betsy)**
 - a. Effective August 2021 will be used for SC and NECI Monthly Member Meetings (NMMM)
 - b. Provide access to all interested SC members
 - i. Express your interest to Betsy and further instructions will be given verbally during this meeting

- c. All SC Members are welcome to use this Zoom account for NECI-related meetings (first-come, first-served)

8. Guest Speaker - August NECI Monthly Member Meeting (NMMM)

- a. Faith Kearns, UC Institute for water Resources, author of <https://islandpress.org/books/getting-heart-science-communication>
- b. Sabrina will confirm and coordinate with Faith for August's meeting?
- c. September - Betsy suggests Mike Hoffman, Executive Director Emeritus, Cornell Institute for Climate Smart Solutions to present on his recent book and companion website, "[Our Changing Menu: Climate Change and the Foods We Love and Need](#)," and a [companion website](#) - he reached out to me in April expressing his interest in presenting to the group.
 - i. David spoke to Mike's work
 - ii. Committee members agreed to move forward with inviting Mike to present at September's meeting

9. SC Meetings Agenda (Paul)

- a. Paul asked Betsy if she would be willing to draft and share the SC Meeting agendas moving forward
- b. Betsy accepted this task and will:
 - i. Send email with draft agenda, document links to the SC a few days before each meeting
 - ii. Will also add to the minutes the meeting's "Chat" (as per Sabrina's request)

10. July 28th SC Meeting's Chat:

- a. Roslynn McCann to Everyone (9:33 AM)
- b. 152 PPM in Bozeman MT right now
- c. Paul Lachapelle (he/him) to Everyone (9:34 AM)
- d. FYI, air quality in Bozeman today is 3x worse than Beijing
- e. Me to Everyone (9:35 AM)
- f. <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1UA5mTbeX4Qqc9Ls-rxO37nsg2v57yjdjTdMbiTh0aBw4/edit>
- g. Roslynn McCann to Me (Direct Message) (9:41 AM)
- h. Betsy, if possible, please let me know if any of us should put this in our promotion reporting, and how to list if so. Thanks!
- i. Megan Hirschman to Everyone (9:41 AM)
- j. <http://extension.org/registry>
- k. Sabrina Drill to Everyone (9:44 AM)

@megan @chuck, can you prepare a flier about the registry with a checklist that would allow someone to get all the necessary materials together before getting into the database? Also, can you cross-list projects?

Megan Hirschman to Everyone (9:45 AM)

Yes--we will have that emailed out to everyone and I will add it to the connect group as well.

Sabrina Drill to Everyone (9:46 AM)

Also, is it easy to export all projects you are listed on, to make this a tool we can use for our internal reporting?

Megan Hirschman to Everyone (9:46 AM)

absolutely--and it is also very easy to search by tags.

Roslynn McCann to Everyone (9:47 AM)

I've added a couple things (<https://registry.extension.org/tables/210738947796171>; <https://registry.extension.org/tables/210738947796171>

) but haven't taken the time to add all. I have impacts - but would rather link to those then dig out and enter in - although I see the benefit of typing in impacts...it would take me a lot of time to put in the impacts, and I would benefit from an intern contacting me and holding my hand through that (just being honest) or entering for me if I gave the link!

Me to Roslynn McCann (Direct Message) (9:47 AM)

Hi Ros, I would think that YES as an integral project team member, it should be listed on your reporting materials. Thank you!

Megan Hirschman to Everyone (9:48 AM)

Thank you Ros!

Sabrina Drill to Everyone (9:53 AM)

Has Keith Tidball been a part of the LOI development?

Me to Tracy Morgan (Direct Message) (9:54 AM)

Hi Tracy! Great to have you with us today.

Wendy Hamilton to Me (Direct Message) (9:54 AM)

I feel like we need to discuss NECI's interest in applying for the Part f. call for proposals (the \$50M-4 yr grant). I feel like we are competing with the CES Fdn on this. Not sure how our roles play out.

Megan Hirschman to Everyone (9:56 AM)

Kara Salazar is our main Rep with Sea Grant.

Me to Wendy Hamilton (Direct Message) (9:58 AM)

Wendy, we are all collaborating on this NOAA proposal. The scope of work is much larger than what NECI could do on its own but together with other partners we are stronger, unified, and then able to actually implement the work.

Wendy Hamilton to Me (Direct Message) (9:58 AM)

Thanks for clarification.

David Kay to Everyone (9:59 AM)

I'll be talking to Keith about this shortly, Sabrina.

Me to Wendy Hamilton (Direct Message) (10:00 AM)

Also, we are just drafting a letter of intent at this time as it is due August 9. If selected to apply, we will have much more robust discussions about NECI's role.

Wendy Hamilton to Me (Direct Message) (10:01 AM)

Is the Extension Fdn also submitting a separate Letter of Intent?

Roslynn McCann to Everyone (10:01 AM)

So, we list the grant as: Newman, B., Kipp, J., Lachapelle, P., McCann, R., Henderson, J., Schlutt, F., Hirschman, M., & Ross, C. (2021, July). National Extension Climate Action Team. \$149,971. New Technologies for Ag Extension, Extension Foundation & Western Rural Development Center - submitted.

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Me to Wendy Hamilton (Direct Message) (10:02 AM)

No. The letter we are submitting is on behalf of all of us.

Me to Everyone (10:03 AM)

@Ros - seems appropriate to me.

Roslynn McCann to Everyone (10:05 AM)

Note, although the submitted NTAE proposal narrative says .5 FTE, this was an error and we are requesting a .75FTE, overseen by Paul I believe and if not, myself, but mentored by Jennison. I do not believe Jennison can advise a post-doc without a PhD but I may be wrong

Megan Hirschman to Everyone (10:05 AM)

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1pYpuBlxfjFI6eFSqLYzoIGEYWV7nJKePrdDjnl4rUVk/edit?usp=s_haring

Me to Everyone (10:06 AM)

Ros, the text that listed the .50 FTE was not included in the online application, and the budget does list the .75 FTE.

Roslynn McCann to Everyone (10:06 AM)

Great! Just the word doc sent out 30 min or so ago still lists .5 FTE, so I wanted to clarify :)

David Kay to Everyone (10:08 AM)

I wonder what other kinds of organizations might even be competitive for a 50 state program of this kind? And whether a partnership in this context makes sense or is even allowed?

Roslynn McCann to Everyone (10:09 AM)

PROJECT NARRATIVE. Climate Change Communities of Practice: A Southwest Incubator for Extension and Agency Partners <https://usu.box.com/s/slje9f5210mzqaf0qimbzfi498s1n31o>

Megan Hirschman to Everyone (10:09 AM)

David, that is a good question--I have the same thoughts. We will absolutely need partners in this endeavor.

Sabrina Drill to Everyone (10:09 AM)

Another thing Brad and I discussed was how to mention in the LOI working with/leveraging the CASCs/USGS? Scott Laursen in HI would be really good to talk to about that.

David Kay to Everyone (10:09 AM)

And that might help enable a 50 state footprint.

Tracy Morgan to Everyone (10:12 AM)

One possible way: <https://climatecommunication.yale.edu/publications/radio-stories-increase-conservatives-beliefs-that-republicans-are-worried-about-climate-change/>

Tracy Morgan to Me (Direct Message) (10:19 AM)

Thanks Betsy!!

Me to Tracy Morgan (Direct Message) (10:21 AM)

Zoom user name wrdc@usu.edu

Roslynn McCann to Everyone (10:23 AM)

Tracy had a good idea about Patricia Townsend presenting at some point on what WSU is doing as a result of the action forum...

I'd love to hear from someone in this group at some point, Paul? <https://blackfeetclimatechange.com/>

Paul Lachapelle (he/him) to Everyone (10:26 AM)

I love the idea of featuring some of our tribal colleagues - perhaps a JEDI theme in the future?

Sabrina Drill to Everyone (10:26 AM)

I just wanted to say I am fully supportive if the idea of rotating guests among the ECOP regions as much as possible. As well as among themes - e.g energy, extreme weather, stewardship, vulnerable communities/DEIJ, etc.

Me to Everyone (10:27 AM)

Please add your guest speaker suggestions to this document:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1hZNB4DAz-nyWu2qall_7wCo7Kai80WeyEW5g4ptwol/edit

Tracy Morgan to Everyone (10:29 AM)

Let me know about Patricia Townsend...

David Kay to Everyone (10:31 AM)

Mike's work is full food system oriented - 4h, Production Ag, Nutrition/consumer

Tracy Morgan to Everyone (10:39 AM)

Same here!