

## NECI Steering Committee Meeting - February 9, 2022

Attendees: Adi, Ros, Jennison, Hans, Melissa, Paul, Rick, Tracy, Betsy, Eric, Sabrina, Shibu, Megan, David, Cynthia, Travis

### Action Items:

- **All (and Melissa)** - National Adaptation Forum - David has volunteered to speak so far. We can jointly work on abstract submission here [google doc](#) due Feb. 16.
- **Jennison** - by Friday, February 18 secure presenter for March 2nd PD meeting
- **David & Melissa** - if by Feb. 18 Jennison is unable to secure the March 2nd PD presenter, they will reach out to others on our [monthly speaker tracking list](#) such as Tonya Graham
- **Paul** - Hosting the February 16th membership Engagement Meeting
- **Ros** - reach out to Patricia Townsend about presenting at April 6th PD meeting (15 minutes per speaker)
- **Melissa** - reach out to UMaine(?) contact to be one of three presenters/panel at the April 6th PD Meeting of Extension (15 minutes per speaker)
- **Tracy** - reach out to Maureen for April 6th PD Meeting (15 minutes per speaker) - in process
- **Sabrina/Tracy/David/Rick** - Impact Collaborative Summit Report Debrief at March SC meeting
- **David/Hans/Ros/Sabrina** - coordinate a COP26 panel for a future PD Meeting - May, June, July?
- **Betsy/Paul/Melissa** - Continue drafting outline of [NECI SC SOP protocols and procedures](#)
  - Ideal to have this ready PRIOR to the strategy sessions Adi will be leading us through in the coming months - April and beyond
- **Wendy** - reach out to Chuck to discuss reaching out to potential speakers
- **Wendy** - reach out to Climate Exchange about potential guest speaker
- **??** - lead, coordinate and schedule the NECI strategic planning session that will include SC members and those NECI members who expressed interest in serving on committees
- **Adi** - provide suggested dates for the strategic planning sessions - April will be the earliest we could schedule the first session
- **Megan** - check with Mark to explore possibility of hosting a shared drive
  - Public folder in the drive along with a private section - want to manage who can edit/add documents

### 1. Welcome and Introduction (Ros or Betsy)

- Adi Leigh Brown, Climate Partnership and Development Assistant, Extension Foundation
- Adi's Support Role with NECI and the NTAE Project
  - Support building strategy pieces to tell our story to better position NECI for funding, engagement
  - Adi works part-time for Extension Foundation and will dedicate 10% of her time to NECI or approximately two hours per week. Majority of her time is spent working with the Climate PAT and PITs
  - Adi emphasized the need for research and on-the-ground opportunities to build upon that research
    - Looking for the "distinctions" that NECI brings to advancing climate work
  - Extension Foundation will lead an impact collaborative like session with NECI SC members and those NECI members who expressed interest in serving on NECI committees

- NRCS has released a grant request for climate smart commodities. Funding available: \$1B and ECOP PIT will be responding (due date is April 8, 2022)
  - Eric's comment - really focus on major commodities (corn, soybean, etc.).
  - <https://www.usda.gov/sites/default/files/documents/climate-smart-nfo-usda-nrcs-comm-22-nof0001139-02062022-web-final.pdf>

**2. Updates on Action Items from Previous SC Meeting (Betsy)**

- Jennison - Provide access to the NECI Google shared drive to new SC members
  - NECI Google shared drive created using UFL and it blocks access to non-Gmail accounts
  - Several SC members are unable to gain access
  - Could we use a different file sharing platform?
    - Megan will look into this.
- Wendy will reach out to Chuck to discuss reaching out to potential speakers
  - Unable to attend today's meeting
- Wendy - reach out to Climate Exchange about potential guest speaker
  - Unable to attend today's meeting
- Betsy/Paul/Melissa - Continue drafting outline of NECI SC SOP protocols and procedures
- Paul - NECI Committees - Add PD committee?
- David - explore interest in COP26 panel for March PD Meeting
- ~~Megan will inquire with Extension Foundation about an extension for the NTAE Climate award: extend through May 2023~~
- ~~Sabrina/Jennison - identifying and inviting the February PD speaker~~
- ~~Ros or Megan - send Betsy Adi's work email address~~
- ~~Betsy - add Adi Brown to NECI SC emails and send her the SC meeting invitation~~
- ~~Betsy - add One-day Climate Action Forum in April 2022 as the first item on the agenda for February's SC meeting meeting (Ros said to remove this from the agenda and instead focus on promoting attendance at NEES+NSS 2022)~~
- ~~Wendy has been researching potential speakers. Sen. Heinrich, New Mexico~~

**3. Who is hosting the February 16th Membership Engagement Meeting? (Paul/Jennison)**

- Paul will host the February 16th meeting. Thank you!

**4. Who is presenting at and who is hosting/facilitating the March 2nd PD Meeting?**

- By Friday, February 18 if no word from Jennison then someone else needs to step in and make arrangements
  - David and/or Melissa will reach out to others if Jennison is unable to secure a presenter at this time - Tonya Graham
- Note: need to get together bigger picture strategy for what want to get out of PD meetings to better prioritize speakers
- April: Feature two to three NECI members who are PIs on current projects
  - Patricia Townsend - Ros
  - Maureen - Tracy invite

- Esperanza - Melissa invite

**5. Impact Collaborative Summit Report Debrief** (Summit attendees)

- Discuss at March SC meeting

**6. NTAE National Extension Climate Action Team - Climate Project Updates** (Betsy)

- Montana State University submitted its subrecipient paperwork to Betsy and USU is processing it now
- Still awaiting the completed subrecipient forms from Jennison and UFL
- This week submitted our second NTAE quarterly report
- No-cost extension approved by Extension Foundation through August 2023 (NOTE: Betsy will submit the formal request as outlined in the award documents - due to EF 30 days prior to award's current end date.)
- Post-doc position being hosted by Paul at Montana State University

**7. ECOP PAT/PIT Updates** (Ros)

- Responding to a new NRCS funding opportunity - Partnerships for Climate-Smart Commodities - <https://www.usda.gov/sites/default/files/documents/climate-smart-nfo-usda-nrcs-com-m-22-nof0001139-02062022-web-final.pdf>

**8. NEES+NSS May 15-18, 2022** (Ros)

- Registration is now open - <https://www.nationalextensionsummits.com/>
- NECI (with funding from our NTAE Climate project) is hosting an afternoon climate session and travel stipends

**9. Other Items for Discussion**

- As a direct result of NECI:
  - USU hired a climate resiliency Extension Specialist/Assistant Professor in the Department of Watershed Sciences
  - Jennison received a promotion - Congratulations!
- Sharing slide decks and coordinating conference proposals (Melissa)
  - National Adaptation Forum - David has volunteered to speak so far. We can jointly work on abstract submission here [google doc](#) due Feb. 16.
  - NECI SC members place their NECI-related slides from presentations into a shared folder so other SC members can access them to include in their presentations
- News from Indian Country (Tracy) Announcement & Description of the Native Climate Project:
  - Native Climate Ag Fellow concept and how this builds on NWAL, Toolkit and other projects
  - Native Climate Reporter internships
  - Native Climate Teaching Fellow
  - Native Climate Data Fellow

**10. Future work:**

- Communications Committee - NECI website
- Communications Committee and Communications Fellow - Website page listing NECI SC climate-related presentations, publications, meetings, etc.
  - Show membership how we are engaging outside of NECI meetings to advance NECI efforts