

NECI Steering Committee Meeting - March 9, 2022

Attendees: Cynthia Nazario-Leary, Wendy Hamilton, Jennison Kipp, Eric Norland, Katy Hintzen, Adileigh Brown, Hans Schmitz, Megan Hirschman, Melissa Ocana, Paul Lachapelle, Shibu Kar, Travis Burke, Tracy Morgan, Rick Schumann

Action Items:

- **ALL** - (from Megan) If anyone that has experienced technical difficulties getting into NECI's shared Google documents and is willing to join a meeting with Mark to provide insights that would be helpful, **please contact Megan if you have been unable to access the shared docs.**
- **ALL** - advertise for our NTAE-funded climate post-doc position being hosted at Montana State University
 - Details available at <https://jobs.montana.edu/postings/28869>
- **Jennison** - March 16 hosting/facilitating Engagement meeting
 - By Friday, March 11: write and send meeting reminder/announcement to NECI listserv
- **Ros** - April 6 hosting/facilitating Professional Development meeting - Cynthia would like to assist
- **Cynthia/Ros** - Cynthia will reach out to Ros to discuss panel members, logistics, agenda for April 6th PD meeting/roundtable panel - consider geographic diversity such as Holly Abeels, Alicia Betancourt (Climate-Smart Floridians)
 - David suggests holding a separate "Climate-Smart" Extension programs session
 - Cynthia/Ros - April 6th PD Meeting:
 - By Tuesday, March 29th: write draft email announcement and either finalize it and send to listserv, or send draft to Betsy for finalization and listserv distribution
 - send details to Deb to post on website, Connect Extension Blog
 - NOTE: When sending emails to listserv for PD Meetings, include the PD Meeting Zoom link since not all have access to Connect Extension links that have been used previously
- **Deb** - post April 6th PD meeting details to website and Connect Extension
- **Paul** - April 20 hosting/facilitating Engagement meeting
 - By Tuesday, April 12: write and send meeting reminder/announcement to NECI listserv
- **Jennison and David** - May 4 hosting/facilitating Professional Development meeting
 - **Betsy** - by Tuesday, April 26th: write draft email announcement, finalize with David, and send to listserv; send details to Deb
 - **Deb** - post on website, Connect Extension Blog
- **Tracy** - May 18 hosting/facilitating Engagement meeting
 - By Tuesday, May 10: write and send meeting reminder/announcement to NECI listserv
- **Wendy** - confirming Sara Via for June 1st Professional Development meeting
- **Katy** - Will secure a speaker on island climate perspective for July's or August's (see next item) Professional Development meeting
- **David/Hans/Sabrina** - coordinate a COP26 panel for July's or August's (see previous item) PD meeting
- **Jennison** - invite Kim Davis to present with Extension Roundtable in April or as main Professional Development speaker at a future meeting; or consider Holly Abeels or Alicia Betancourt for April 6th panel
- **Tracy** - invite for future PD meeting Carlotta Chief, University of AZ to offer the Native American perspective
- **Adi, Hans, Betsy, Jennison** - develop/design strategic planning for June-July
- **Rick and Adi** - connect to discuss the Climate Smart Commodities grant opportunity

- **Betsy/Paul/Melissa/Jennison** - Continue drafting outline of [NECI SC SOP protocols and procedures](#)
- **Sabrina/Other summit attendees** - Impact Collaborative Summit Debrief will be the second item on April 13 SC meeting agenda

7. Updates on Action Items from Previous SC Meeting

- **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.
 - We have submitted a proposal for a talk (David, Hans, Melissa, Ros). Will let you know if accepted!
 - Suggestion: please create a shared folder where we can put conference presentation about NECI so we can pull from each other's slides
- **David/Hans/Sabrina** - coordinate a COP26 panel for a future PD Meeting - for August or later
- **Betsy/Paul/Melissa/Jennison** - 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 Climate Exchange about potential guest speaker - waiting to hear back
 - Reached out to Sara Via UMD as potential speaker, she's interested potentially for June regarding social inclusivity
 - YES, please invite Sara Via for June 1st professional development meeting.
- **??** - 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
 - Met with Molly and Megan to coordinate an impact collaborative on our identified six topics and strategic planning
 - Identify small team of two to three individuals from SC to help develop
 - Do some at same time as existing member engagement meetings
 - Wait until June so this work can occur after NEES+NSS
 - Hans, Betsy, and Jennison will assist Adi with development
- **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
 - We can set up a drive location—He wasn't sure that the new drive will help with the access/tech issues some are having. It might be worth having a 30min conversation with Mark to run through some of the tech issues to identify ways to help/fix them.

8. NECI Meeting Hosts: March - May

- Who will host/facilitate the March 16 Membership Engagement Meeting?
 - Paul is on break, Jennison can you host/facilitate?
 - Jennison will host/facilitate the March 16 meeting
- Who will host/facilitate the April 6 Professional Development Meeting - Extension Roundtable?
 - Ros will host/facilitate the April 6th meeting
 - Cynthia volunteered to help

- Have two confirmed speakers - Maureen and Patricia
- Will push off UMaine since they haven't replied
- Invite Carlotta Chief also from Southwest (YES - Navajo Nation - very busy so a short presentation is more likely)? Alicia Betancourt Climate Smart Floridians?
- Invite Kimberly Davis FAMU for EDEN specific session in future
- Could have whole session on Climate Smart in future
- Format for April 6th panel:
 - How long for presentation time- 8-10 min each
 - Time for their own quick 1-2 Q&A
 - Panel style questions they all get
 - Keep it to three speakers
- Who will host/facilitate the April 20 Engagement Meeting?
 - Jennison has a symposium this day: Can Paul host/facilitate?
 - Paul will facilitate
- Who will host/facilitate the May 4 Professional Development Meeting?
 - Jennison and/or David
- Due to NEES+NSS, are we canceling the May 18 Engagement Meeting?
 - No, not canceling.
 - Tracy will facilitate. Thank you, Tracy!
 - Will plan to have strategic planning information ready to share at May's meeting in preparation for June's strategic planning meeting
 - Adi, Hans, Betsy, Jennison to outline/design the strategic planning meeting

9. Guest speaker for May 4th Professional Development Meeting

- Who will secure the speaker(s)?
 - David - proposed May presenter: Zachary Eldredge Technology Manager at U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) would also be interested in talking to us if we're willing... His focus is on colocation of solar and agriculture
<https://www.linkedin.com/in/zeldredge/>
 - All agreed.
 - Speaker confirmed by David on 3/9/2022
- Who will host and facilitate?
 - Jennison and David
- Who will write and send out email announcements to listserv?
 - Betsy will write (finalize with David) and send to listserv and will send details to Deb
 - Deb will post to the website and Connect Extension Blog

10. Revise wording of the following NECI Action Item

- Discuss at April's SC meeting when Ros can be in attendance to explain
- **FROM:** *Develop a framework for tailoring climate change programming to local communities' specific situations, cultures, socio-economic factors, and environmental conditions. Shift away from information delivery and exchange and toward co-creating and launching climate change programs with BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, People of Color) communities*

- **TO:** *Aid in the shift from a central focus on information exchange and accumulation towards a deepened recognition of embodied knowledge across diverse worldviews. Engage diverse knowledge forms in support of long-term person-to-person and person-to-nature relationships that are rooted in descendent-led pathways, particularly within underrepresented communities (e.g., BIPOC). Such inclusive foundations hold strong capacity to empower sustainable, adaptive, and resilient human behavior (i.e., driving action) through unprecedented social-ecological change.*

11. ECOP Climate PAT/PITs Updates

- Main focus has been on responding to the NRCS Climate Smart Commodities grant proposal that is due in early April
- No updates on NOAA Climate Smart grant proposal we submitted; however, other entities who submitted proposals have heard they are NOT being funded
- Eric is willing to discuss in more details with anyone interested so reach out to him if you want more details on the commodities funding opportunity
- Adi - if you are interested in dairy and dairy supply chain, please contact her to discuss opportunities to contribute to this proposal
- Shibu - his institution is also submitting carbon market, cover crops proposal
- Adi - meet and greet webinar to engage with others. For details visit <https://www.usda.gov/climate-solutions/climate-smart-commodities>

12. Impact Collaborative Summit Report Debrief (Summit attendees)

- Move to first agenda item for April's SC meeting

13. Other Items for Discussion (time permitting)

- Paul has been awarded sabbatical for Autumn 2022 looking at climate change pedagogy
- Help advertise our NTAE-funded National Extension Climate Action Team post-doc position - share with your networks! Details available at <https://jobs.montana.edu/postings/28869>