

NECI Steering Committee Meeting - April 13, 2022

Attendees: Ros, Melissa, Rick, Sabrina, David, Adi, Chuck, Cynthia, Hans, Jennison, Megan, Paul, Shibu, Travis, Wendy

Action Items from today's meeting:

- **Jennison and David** - May 4 hosting/facilitating Professional Development meeting
 - **Deb** - post on Connect Extension Blog (already posted to website)
- **Tracy** - May 18 hosting/facilitating Engagement meeting
 - By Tuesday, May 10: write and send meeting reminder/announcement to NECI listserv
- **Adi, Hans, Betsy, Jennison** - develop/design strategic planning for June-July
- **Betsy/Paul/Melissa/Jennison** - continue drafting outline of [NECI SC SOP protocols and procedures](#)
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Reminders:

- **Jennison and David** - May 4 hosting/facilitating Professional Development meeting
- **Betsy - This was completed and email sent on 4/12>>by Tuesday, April 26th**: write draft email announcement, finalize with David/Zach, and send to listserv; send details to Deb

Sharing 'new' NECI SC member thoughts - how can we improve our work together, what questions do you have, how do you want to be involved?

- Cynthia: history and acronyms would be helpful; want to assist via a committee; how do we organize better to identify who does what?
- Rick: also has sometimes felt a bit lost with all of the history; wonder how we can be better responsive to opportunities (like funding Mike Hoffman referred to... what ever happened with that?)
- Maybe we can develop some kind of survey for steering committee members to list our interests/expertise? This could be for new members as well as more senior members. Include an open-ended box just saying why they wanted to join the steering committee.
- Hans: believes NECI needs to exist, as a liaison to the North Central region and having been involved for a long time with this work, wants to see us be effective and is here to support the SC to make sure we move in the directions we need to. We need to be **foundational, functional, and impactful**.
- David: need more procedural structure as well as more formal way of inviting and receiving feedback from all SC members/check-ins, etc. really need to get subcommittees structured and moving on action items.
- From Melissa in chat: Could a first step in our strategic planning discussion be a review of culture and context to date and founding history for NECI?
- From Sabrina in chat: maybe we can develop some kind of survey for steering committee members to list our interests/expertise? This could be for new members as well as more senior members. Include an open ended question where members state WHY they wanted to be part of the subcommittee.
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- Who's designing the discussion at NEES+NSS? Ros drafted the agenda and has sent it to team listed on the proposal (Paul, Jennison...)
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1. Updates on Action Items from Previous SC Meeting

- **Paul** - April 20 hosting/facilitating Engagement meeting
 - By Tuesday, April 12: write and send meeting reminder/announcement to NECI listserv
- **Tracy** - May 18 hosting/facilitating Engagement meeting

- By Tuesday, May 10: write and send meeting reminder/announcement to NECI listserv
 - **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
 - Have in person [NEES](#) May 15-18 gathering
 - Conference subcommittee group meet to talk through details (Ros...)
 - Follow up with strategic planning sessions in June or July with Steering Committee
 - Cynthia and Rick volunteered as well
 - **Betsy/Paul/Melissa/Jennison** - Continue drafting outline of [NECI SC SOP protocols and procedures](#)
1. **Impact Collaborative Summit Report Debrief - Sabrina, Cynthia, Rick, Tracy, Hans, Ros, Shibu (?), Others?**
 - Cynthia and Sabrina provided brief updates; seems like such a long time ago
 - Opportunities to tailor NECI-backed proposal even if it's not for a specific RFA
 - A lot of funding for CA Master Naturalist came from a philanthropist who had a vision for that program in CA.
 - IC exposed and/or introduced us to a lot of different collaboration tools, but it would be great to dig into those more.
 - Canva (<https://www.canva.com/>) tool that team provided input to: can this be shared with the entire Steering Committee? Adi - yes.
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 2. **Revise wording of the following NECI Action Item - Ros**
 - **Action Item: Sabrina will work on revising wording below and share back with David, Ros, Paul, Jennison, others**
 - **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 (**and/or underserved**) 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.*
 3. **NECI Professional Development Presenters for June - September**
 - June 1 - Sarah Via CONFIRMED (Wendy)
 - July 6 - COP 26 Roundtable (David/Hans/Sabrina) **or** Island Perspective (Katy)
 - August 3 - COP 26 Roundtable (David/Hans/Sabrina) **or** Island Perspective (Katy)
 - September 7 - Jonah Kurman-Faber, ClimateXChange (Wendy) – is this a suggestion or has been invited?
 - Baja from [USDN](#) - Sabrina: I was recently at a meeting with Kristin Baja, director at the Urban Sustainability Directors Network and she is interested in presenting. I am hoping we can move that toward being a "partner".
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 4. **NECI Meeting Hosts for June - August**
 - Who will host/facilitate the June 1 Professional Development meeting?

- _____ Wendy will! _____
 - Guest speaker(s): _____
 - Host/facilitator by Tues. May 24 draft email announcement and send to Betsy for finalization and listserv distribution; and web/Connect posting
- Who will host/facilitate the June 16 Engagement meeting?
 - Will this meeting be used for Part One - NECI Strategic Planning?
 - Host/facilitator _____
 - Host/facilitator by Tues. June 7 draft email announcement and send to Betsy for finalization and listserv distribution; and web/Connect posting
- Who will host/facilitate the July 6 Professional Development Meeting?
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 - Guest speaker(s): _____
 - Host/facilitator by Tues. June 28 draft email announcement and send to Betsy for finalization and listserv distribution; and web/Connect posting
- Who will host/facilitate the July 20 Engagement meeting?
 - Will this meeting be used for Part Two - NECI Strategic Planning?
 - Host/facilitator _____
 - Host/facilitator by Tues. July 12 draft email announcement and send to Betsy for finalization and listserv distribution; and web/Connect posting
- Who will host/facilitate the August 3 Professional Development meeting?
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 - Guest speaker(s): _____
 - Host/facilitator by Tues. July 26 draft email announcement and send to Betsy for finalization and listserv distribution; and web/Connect posting
- Who will host/facilitate the August 17 Engagement meeting?
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 - Host/facilitator by Tues. Aug. 9 draft email announcement and send to Betsy for finalization and listserv distribution; and web/Connect posting
- Who will host/facilitate the Sept. 7 Professional Development meeting?
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 - Guest speaker(s): _____
 - Host/facilitator by Tues. August 30 draft email announcement and send to Betsy for finalization and listserv distribution; and web/Connect posting