

NECI Steering Committee Meeting - June 8, 2022

Attendees: Shibu Kar, Wendy Hamilton, Sabrina Drill, Ros McCann, Tracy Morgan, Eric Norland, Paul Lachapelle, Megan Hirschman, Adi Leigh Brown, Chuck Ross, Hans Schmitz, Rick Shumann, Betsy Newman

Action Items from today's meeting:

- Who is hosting the June 15 Engagement Meeting?
- Jennison - hosting July 13 Steering Committee Meeting
- Paul - hosting SC meeting August (he will be on sabbatical beginning September)
- Hans and David - August PD speaker
- Rick - reach out to Committee of Concerned Scientists for November or December PD meeting
- Tracy - share out about Washington State University Extension's upcoming climate change at their annual conference "Extension Action in a Changing Climate" NOTE: conference is ENTIRELY about climate change and WA Extension future role. <https://extension.wsu.edu/extension-retreat-2022/>
- Sabrina - will make document links available to all via the NECI Google shared drive and will notify us via email when available

1. Welcome new NTAE National Extension Climate Action Team (NECAT) members:

- Sabrina Drill - Coordinator/Fellow
 - . Top near-term priorities are to formalize the many opportunities that have come NECI's way and getting NECI's procedures drafted
 - i. Move forward with a climate change training program for Extension professionals
 - ii. Discussions with Heather on communications and meetings
 - iii. NECI Subcommittees - working with Paul at getting them established and to encourage the subcommittees to select a "lead" for each one who will coordinate their meetings and report out to the Steering Committee
 - 0. Molly Elmendorf at Extension Foundation suggested the NECI subcommittees participate in the autumn Impact Collaborative on climate to help them develop plans
- Heather Hubbard – Communications & Meetings

.Will be assuming from Betsy the coordination and communication of NECI meetings

i.Jennison is her direct supervisor

2. Acknowledgement of and heartfelt thanks to Deb Albin

- Funding provided by WRDC ends on June 30, 2022
- Instrumental in supporting the establishment of NECI, creation and management of the website and listserv,, and providing ongoing support to Paul, Jennison, Betsy and all of NECI's membership

3. Rotating host for the monthly SC Meetings – Starting July 1, 2022

- This includes preparing the SC meeting agenda in collaboration with Heather, who will then email the agenda to SC members prior to each meeting – to be sent no later than the Monday prior to the Wednesday meeting

.We are encouraging this so more SC members can get involved

i.Paul appreciates the consistency of one person serving as host for these meetings

ii.Shibu likes Sabrina's idea of waiting until procedures are outlined and could be included as an item and then in the autumn share a sign-up sheet to solicit SC members to host the monthly SC meetings

iii.Who will host the July 1st meeting?

- 0. Paul will host the July SC meeting - and maybe the August meeting too
- 1. Tracy suggests also preparing materials that outline the responsibilities of the meeting host

4. NEES+NSS Debrief (including NECI committee update from Paul)

- Ros-Action items from the Action Forum - five priorities were identified and how do these relate to the six subcommittees?
- Paul - up to he and Sabrina to decide subcommittees and what they lump into professional development and program/curriculum development
- Ros - Provided overview of NECI and ECOP Climate PAT accomplishments since the 2021 Action Forum
- Jennison's story map idea to uplift climate change programming in Extension is being supported by Extension Foundation

.Spent the time outlining what the maps will look like

i.They are starting with a few pilot programs

- o Ros led a breakout session to discuss the ECOP climate summit being held in autumn 2022 - after the Impact Collaborative - this summit will focus more on ECOP Climate priorities and draft materials for future funding

.Megan - ECOP Climate has received a letter of support from NIFA to apply for conference funding for this upcoming event. At this time, collaborating on what this event should look like, who should attend, what the outcomes would be

i.Megan - Jason's idea for an ECOP Climate Summit in autumn 2022

0. Adi - Insights around understanding from the system what strategically at the big view on climate with a three-year strategic plan for the CAP grant proposal

1. Adi - There is availability to submit a request for conference grant and NECI could submit its own proposal for a future event

- o Sabrina - Would be useful to write a note about what CES wants to accomplish in climate and what we can help others accomplish - a network map with more explicit details

.Megan and Adi have discussed doing a stakeholder map also so would like to work collaboratively on this effort

- o Wendy - Climate change training for Extension - bringing people closer together on Extension work in climate; she is interested in knowing where NECI is at with bringing people up to speed with training?

.Sabrina - We started talking about this prior to the 2021 Action Forum and then during that event others were asking for these. Ros led a team develop a conference proposal on a climate certification program for Extension

i.Ros - At the national level, these are still at the discussion phase and not to the action phase. Still haven't addressed Eric's point about "what is our intention or foundation to engage in NECI PD meetings..." and are these tied to NECI's goals/objectives

ii.Paul - Perhaps Wendy could chair the professional development subcommittee? It seems we're attempting to do this with our PD Meetings and we are also hoping to develop more targeted training. Hope the soon-to-be formed subcommittee can address training opportunities.

iii.Wendy - Originally signed up to assist with the marketing/communications subcommittee but is willing to help with professional development. She and Paul will talk offline about this further.

iv.Sabrina - Thinks developing a good training program needs to be development methodically and intentionally

v.Eric - Agrees with all that has been said. It would be interesting to figure out from the big picture what holes have we already plugged with the speakers we have already heard from and what holes do we still need to plug, and then seek out speakers to address those areas.

vi.Wendy - If we tied some kind of participatory certification to these trainings and maybe we need to develop a map of training Extension could benefit from and then create a participatory checklist

vii.Ros - Asked breakout session attendees if they could identify who leads CES? No one could answer the question. Thinks a future NECI PD meeting could be either Caroline Heney and/or Jason Henderson to discuss Extension's leadership.

- o Huge need for training on equity and justice work - audience engaged virtual or in person meeting for skill building and not just presentation focused event
- o Increased strategic planning with other associations including NUEL, NACDEP, ECOP's DEI Team, EDEN, ANREP
- o Ideas to incorporate climate change education into Masters Gardener training/program
- o Using arts and theater to engage in climate education
- o Cynthia would like to serve on the Curriculum Development and/or Evaluation subcommittees

5. ECOP Climate PAT Updates

- o Adi - ECOP Climate PAT submitted two grant proposals and is starting work on a third. These include:
. \$100M Climate Smart Commodities (northeast to mid-central focus)

i. \$3.5M 1890s focused-proposal for 14 underserved urban farmers and eight institutions - building lessons learned and story mapping in ways the urban communities were engaged during the project

ii.Upcoming work on a CAP funding proposal

6. NECI SC Procedural Planning

- o Sabrina will take the lead with help from Paul, Betsy, Melissa and others who are available and interested
- o Sabrina will work with those interested to prepare drafts with "fill in the blanks"

7. Future Guest Presenters for NECI PD Meetings

- Sabrina - She and Heather will better organize the speaker tracking sheet so it is more understandable
- July - Tracy has confirmed Dr. Karletta Chief and details are posted to the NECI website, Tracy can introduce the speaker
- August - Hans and David - Hans will get with David to discuss and move forward with securing a speaker
- Ros - Future speaker - Harry Crissy, Penn State, Enroads Simulator - <https://enroads.climateinteractive.org/scenario.html?v=22.5.1>
- September - If no other ideas, perhaps Harry Crissy could present
- Rick - I took a course from the Committee of Concerned Scientists about how to deal with Disinformation about Climate Change. I think this would be a great topic for the PD.
- Ros - Would like us to encourage more interaction and engagement on the materials being presented during PD meetings

.Sabrina - She and Melissa have developed an outline/guideline for the PD Meetings so she will work to finalize and share out with the SC these details as guidelines for future PD meetings

i.Wendy - Tad bit hesitant to introduce a database tool because each has limitations for Extension across the board

- Sabrina - Balancing our selection of presenters so they represent a broad range of geographic areas, race/ethnicity, gender, topics, program areas

Paul - Shout out to Tracy and Washington State University Extension's upcoming annual conference "Extension Action in a Changing Climate" <https://extension.wsu.edu/extension-retreat-2022/>

- Paul will be presenting and Eric will be attending