**Western Extension Directors Association**

**Meeting Minutes**

**October 11, 2022**

**3-5pm Pacific Time**

3:00 p.m. Welcome and Introductions – Ivory Lyles

Started at 3:04pm Pacific Time

3:05 p.m. Roll Call/Sound Check – Doreen Hauser-Lindstrom

**Do you have an all-Extension meeting/conference and when?**

Kelly Crane - yes, on “mental health”

Job Boren - will have a university-wide engagement conference this February

Pete Pinney - is holding an Oct 25th institute gathering on strategic planning

Ed Martin -had one in August, “creating connections, change challenge and community”

Jeff Goodwin -had one a while back.

Aufa’i Apulu Roperti Areta - is not having one soon.

Barbara Petty - is in April but no theme yet, however- going to Sun Valley.

Vicki McCracken - has one every two years, with next one in June themed “Resilient Washington”

Ivory Lyles -has one the first week in December, no theme

Kris Elliott - yes and, happily, not virtual.

Peter Barcinas – joined us after roll call.

3:15 p.m. Western Center for Metropolitan Extension & Research – Brad Gaolach

Follow up to the earlier conversation with directors as part of Western extension directors review, led by Wendy and California crew. Review is done, report shared with the directors, including a list of directives. Some of these directives need direct input from WEDA. Brad summarized the overview process and contents. Jon presented on key findings as it pertains to research and Extension in urban landscapes as well as the difference between WCMER and NUEL and how that relationship could be better supported in ways that put Extension into the center of national urban programming.

Questions centered around strategic conversations that would be necessary to determine support for WCMER expanding to a national focus, including questions of cooperation, assessments, and other considerations. The directors decided to bring this back as an agenda item on the WEDA January agenda. It was recommended that WCMER prepare a white paper on the questions raised and possible strategies and objectives, including costs and revenues. What would the Western Region lose if the focus is no longer the West?

NUEL leadership is meeting in December.

ACTION: Discuss WCMER in January

*WEDA Business Meeting*

3:45 p.m. Approve September 28, 2022, Meeting Minutes – Jeff Goodwin

The minutes will be provided at the November meeting.

*Old Business:*

3:50 p.m. Recap NEDA Meeting – Barbara Petty

Barbara will be chairing the next NEDA meeting. What were some takeaways from previous NEDA meetings:

Many presentations were well received and provoked good conversations. In the business meetings, some information is repeated as opposed to having key questions to ask all the directors would be more productive use of time. Having the Sunday evening pre-session on professional development was good. The NEDA meetings that are just Extension-centric provides more focused discussion on Extension issues.

Having open conversations to gather key perspectives from the directors on large issues such as water, climate change, and what is on the horizon for these and other place-based challenges.

ACTION: Please send any additional items and recommendations to Barbara.

*New Business:*

4:10 p.m. NIFA Listening Session, Nov. 2, 2022 – Science Priorities

What testimony does WEDA want to send to Caron through FANR or provide on its own in terms of WEDA or WEDA and WAAESD? Having a Western voice is important, regardless of whether expressed jointly or not. We can explore a joint message with WAAESD to advocate for capacity and competitive funding opportunities.

*“*[*NIFA Listening Session for Stakeholder Input to Science Priorities.”*](https://urldefense.com/v3/__http:/go.aplu.org/NjAzLVVSVy0xMjcAAAGHQ46ifZ26JVlSiJlc3ez8h-p-vVD-ZAxJTrlEHODu_yyH3EIdKzlTnoIIWFZaj9ugUJ7MjwQ=__;!!JmPEgBY0HMszNaDT!qDKosrokwKRAxFodbdc8OXgVJDNQ-nWmLKHdfq6eQtSXRWcebOOFDsrYelZVzMb7GATmfn-3rvqb$)*is a stakeholder listening opportunity which will take place on****November 2, 2022****to inform the research, Extension and education priorities of NIFA, which has the mission of investing in and advancing agricultural research, education and Extension to solve societal challenges. For the purpose of this opportunity, agriculture is defined broadly and includes research, Extension, and education in food, fiber, forestry, range, nutritional and social sciences, including food safety and positive youth development. NIFA's investments in transformative science directly support the long-term prosperity and global pre-eminence of U.S. agriculture.*

Discussion followed regarding unique concerns and priorities in the west:

WEDA preferred to have a joint statement with WAAESD to reinforce a western voice.

Western priorities: climate, wildfire, drought, water, and hiring the workforce of tomorrow.

Advocate for capacity and competitive funding.

ACTION: Doreen will talk with Bret Hess regarding submitting a joint statement.

ACTION: Doreen will work with the ED&A team on submitting a written document by the end of November.

4:20 p.m. ECOP Committee Updates:

* + Executive committee meeting is coming up.

WEDA Committee Updates:

* + Professional Development – Jon is our new ECOP member on the PD Committee. Primary conversations revolved around awards for Extension.
  + Cody is our WEDA ECOP 4-H Leadership Committee rep. There will be a 4-H and FRTEP subcommittee looking at working relationships. In December there will be a meeting in Hawaii regarding programming in the islands.
  + WPOLC, WREN and others are looking at a streamlined process for awards process. They will share their recommendations at the November WEDA meeting.

4:30 p.m. EDA Report – Doreen Hauser-Lindstrom

Doreen discussed lists of leaders, and creating a Google Doc we fill out, to identify program leaders, district directors and such. The usefulness depends on updating the list regularly:

4-H/FCS/Health/CED/ANR/Food systems/District or Area Directors.

Mentor /Mentee Tips listing - <https://weda.extension.org/committees/>

and a

Liaison Tips listing - <https://weda.extension.org/committees/>

There was a request for Western Civil Rights Leads at the various institutions. Those names have been collected and shared as an attachment to the meeting documents.

The National Impact Data Base (NIDB) – Institutional contacts are listed in terms roles these people hold. This updated spreadsheet was also shared with the meeting documents. If you have any changes or additions, please let Doreen know.

Doreen is creating her calendaring one-on-ones to meet with directors. She is asking about emerging programs, needs in capacity, and other areas that the WEDA ED can engage with to support your work.

Regarding the updated WEDA budget. There will be an executive committee meeting to complete that task.

4:40 p.m. Additional agenda items

“Ask me a question” segment

Jeff wanted to know if evaluation specialists are faculty.

Vicki asked how budgets were doing.

5:00 p.m. Adjourned at 4:48pm Pacific Time.

Next meeting: Tuesday, November 8, 2022, 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. (Pacific)