**Western Extension Directors Association**

**Meeting Minutes**

**November 9, 2022**

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

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

This meeting’s opening question for mic check: Who is a kind person you work with?

What is a kind thing you do for yourself?

3:10 p.m. WEDA/National Awards Program Discussion/Proposal – Mike Gaffney

WPOLC recommendations from a meeting in Boise last week.

How to make the process easier, more efficient, less confusing? More closely align the WEDA process with the national awards process, working with at that level to streamline so that they mirror each other. Accelerate the timeline to an earlier deadline in February. Clarify location and must go through WEDA, with endorsements. The WEDA winners would then be forwarded to the NEDA process. Shorten the form. Add incentives or rewards (cash) and better recruitment by members. (Attached proposal)

Discussion: ECOP would make changes to the process. How do we work with those in the West who are not WEDA members? Currently, WEDA has the capacity to award cash.

Barbara moved to attach a $500 award to the winning WEDA member projects. Cody Seconded. Passed unanimously.

ACTION: Doreen will work WPOLC Subcommittee to add the draft language on the process.

*WEDA Business Meeting*

3:50 p.m. Approve September 28, 2022, Meeting Minutes – Jeff Goodwin

Approve October 11th, 2022, Meeting Minutes – Pete Pinney

Moved to accept the minutes as presented:

Seconded: Barbara. Passed unanimously.

*Old Business:*

*New Business:*

4:00 p.m. Tribal Extension Programming and FRTEP Program

FALCON Liaison report – Cody Stone

The executive summary was distributed to all regarding collaborations between 1994 and 1862 institutions to enhance program support in working with tribal populations.

Is there interest in discussions of the funding structure for such programs which informs the One Ask draft language? The Indian Country Extension Commission report represents the impact the FRTEP programs have had. This report was presented to ECOP, which was referred to the Budget and Legislative Committee (BLC). Moving these recommendations forward will require conversations, whether collectively or by institutions separately. Cody is happy to receive comments and suggestions on how WEDA should proceed.

(Attached Indian Country Extension Commission report)

4:25 p.m. ECOP Committee Updates:

                             Executive Committee – Barbara Petty

The committee met a week ago. Bev Durgan, Chair of ECOP presented an Extension focused testimony on behalf of the Extension system. Each region is asked to submit a written version of the Extension presentation. ECOP Committee will be writing a new Put together a work plan. Meeting with ECOP on December 1st. Interviewing for the ECOP Executive Director.

ACTION: Doreen will work with Ivory on a Western lens version and submit the document to NIFA.

Programs Committee – Ivory Lyles

Decided to lift up three program areas: workforce development, climate, and health program areas. The group is thinking of ways to create greater exposure. Looking at the intersection of program areas and how these can come together.

Professional Development – Jon Boren topic discussed earlier in the meeting.

BLC – Cody, Vicki, Kelly – BLC met earlier this month to further discuss Extension’s 2023 Farm Bill Ask. The BLC has developed a SNAP-ED funding working group. In addition, the BLC will establish a FRTEP subcommittee to discuss the new Indian Country Extension Commission report. This topic was discussed earlier in the meeting. The BLC just called a special meeting on December 14th.

WEDA Committee Updates:

WPOLC & WREN – Ivory Lyles

WPOLC is taking on new responsibilities with a focused mission on programming.

WRAM – Jon Boren

With WRAM, they are working on their 2023 plan of work update.

WELD – Lindsey Shirley

This group is going to be ready for their report out on December 13th.

Spring Joint Meeting - Spring Joint Meeting, March 27-30, 2023, Denver, CO

Hotel at the Renaissance Denver Central Park Hotel ($169/per night).  Meeting rooms available at the Renaissance for Monday and Thursday till noon.  Tuesday and Wednesday, we will have meeting space on the CSU SPUR campus ([https://agsci.colostate.edu/spur/](https://urldefense.com/v3/__https:/nam10.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https*3A*2F*2Fagsci.colostate.edu*2Fspur*2F&data=05*7C01*7Ccarrie.ashe*40montana.edu*7Ca81edd9227504f0be23a08dabd13082f*7C324aa97a03a644fc91e43846fbced113*7C0*7C0*7C638030186700796091*7CUnknown*7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0*3D*7C3000*7C*7C*7C&sdata=OVJk89vReMr4EJqynX*2FrZe07BM3AB4lqUkReQkqITAU*3D&reserved=0__;JSUlJSUlJSUlJSUlJSUlJSUlJSUlJQ!!JmPEgBY0HMszNaDT!vYwudR-Vdyqz3P7IO7mx1e2ASCEREMzxjUcdGGyaZqengXPcSEY8qjwOMrS1QRVlUld5pHYNepx4QjEfxGhC1pg$). What timing do we need to consider for all participants to WEDA to meet with. Both WPOLC and WREN are meeting by themselves, and there is also the Communications group (who work closely with WREN).

Groups meetings:

ACTION: Doreen will send a letter to all the groups to ask about purpose and benefit of meeting with WEDA in Denver. This could be achieved in others way (electronically) if there isn’t a strong purpose to meet face-to-face. This would also extend to the Centers.

4:40 p.m. EDA Report – Doreen Hauser-Lindstrom

Spring Joint meeting – March

Doreen shared documents on emerging programs and where we need capacity (attached). The spreadsheets show institutional interests, strengths, and weaknesses. In the Word document shared, there are connections that can be made, for example, on water (all things related to), health (impacting all ages in all regions), and educational needs for farming in all its forms. She has a few more members to talk to directly.

4:50 p.m. Ask a question – Member think tank!

Next WEDA meeting is December 13th, 3-5pm Pacific Time.

5:00 p.m. Adjourned 4:44pm