

Northeast Program Leaders Network Meeting
February 15-17, 2012
The Churchill Hotel
1914 Connecticut Avenue, NW
Washington, DC

Purpose

1. *Provide greater program coordination and regional direction among institutions.*
2. *Encourage multi-state and multi-discipline programming including development of joint competitive grant applications and other funding.*
3. *Facilitate two-way (state and federal) communication in all areas of program leadership and development.*
4. *Coordinate the development, delivery and integration of programs related to NIFA priorities.*
5. *Improve communications between programs and Northeast Directors.*

Responsibilities

1. *Provide representative framework for communication with Northeast Extension and program leadership in all areas of program delivery.*
2. *Provide leadership for development of Northeast Region multi-program area funding proposals that address existing or emerging issues through communication with program committees and/or establishment of ad hoc groups.*
3. *Monitor the need for regional and national programming in the Northeast Region to include:*
 - *The establishment of regional task forces or committees.*
 - *Recommendations to NEED based on review of multi-program area proposals for regional activities.*
4. *Assist in coordination of Extension NIFA program priorities support and implementation.*

Agenda

Wednesday, February 15, 2012

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| Noon-1:00 p.m.
<i>Chartwell Grill</i> | NEED Directors and Administrators Luncheon |
| 1:00-5:00 p.m.
<i>Kalorama West</i> | NEED Directors and Administrators Meeting |
| 5:30-7:30 p.m.
<i>Chartwell Grill</i> | PLN Networking Reception |

Thursday, February 16, 2012

7:15-8:00 a.m.
Kalorama Ballroom

Breakfast

8:00-8:15 a.m.
Kalorama Ballroom

Welcome and Goals of the NE Program Leaders Network

Presenters: Helene Dillard, *NEED Chair, and Director, Cornell University*

Robert Schrader, *PLN Chair, and Associate Director, University of Massachusetts*

8:15-8:45 a.m.

Profile of Cooperative Extension in the Northeast Region

Moderator: Robert Schrader, *PLN Chair, and Associate Director, University of Massachusetts*

Presenters: Nick Place, *PLN Committee, and Associate Dean and Associate Director, University of Maryland Extension*

Dennis Calvin, *NEED Chair Elect, FSI Chair, and Director, The Pennsylvania State University*

8:45-10:15 a.m.

National Institute of Food and Agriculture: Institutes Overview of Focus and Potential Resource Opportunities

Moderator: Robert Schrader, *PLN Chair, and Associate Director, University of Massachusetts*

Panelists: Deborah Sheely, *Assistant Director, Institute of Food Production and Sustainability, NIFA, U.S. Department of Agriculture*

Franklin E. Boteler, *Assistant Director, Institute of Bioenergy, Climate, and Environment, NIFA, U.S. Department of Agriculture*

Caroline Crocoll, *Acting Assistant Director, Institute of Family, Youth and Community, NIFA, U.S. Department of Agriculture*

Robert Holland, *Assistant Director, Institute of Food Safety and Nutrition, NIFA, U.S. Department of Agriculture*

Hiram Larew, *Director, Center for International Development, NIFA, U.S. Department of Agriculture, and Liaison to Northeast Region*

10:15-10:45 a.m.

Break

10:45-11:45 a.m.

Roundtable Discussion: What Did We Hear? What are the Next Steps?

Moderator: Robert Schrader, *PLN Chair, and Associate Director, University of Massachusetts*

1. What are the issues relevant to the Northeast and who are the potential partners?
2. What do Directors and Administrators need to do to support your success?

12 noon

Chartwell Grill

Lunch

1:00-3:00 p.m.

Breakouts by Program Area with Invited Guests

Work out specific opportunities by program area and identify potential resources to help fund. Directors will join one of the four groups.

Ag and Natural Resources (in Kalorama Ballroom)

Convener: Dan Kluchinski, *Rutgers University*

Guests: Marty Draper, *NIFA*
Dan Kugler, *University of Maryland*

Community Resource Development (in Suite 212)

Convener: Mary Peabody, *University of Vermont*
Rod Howe, *Cornell University*

Guests: Brent Elrod, *NPL, NIFA*
Stephan Goetz, *Director, NERDC*

Family Consumer Sciences (in Suite 512)

Convener: Kathleen Morgan, *Rutgers University*

Guests: Cindy Tuttle, *NPL, NIFA*
Brent Elwood, *NPL, NIFA*

4-H Youth Development (in Suite 612)

Convener: Sarah Kleinman, *University of Vermont*

Guests: Lisa Lauxman, *Division Director, NIFA*
Bonita Williams, *NPL, NIFA*
Carol Benesh, *NPL, NIFA*

3:00-3:30 p.m.

Break

3:30-4:15 p.m.

Program Area Report Out on Next Steps

Moderator: Robert Schrader, *PLN Chair, and Associate Director, University of Massachusetts*

Panelists: Dan Kluchinski, *ANR*
Mary Peabody, *CRD*
Kathleen Morgan, *FCS*
Sarah Kleinman, *4-H*

4:15-4:45 p.m. **Northeast Action Steps by Program Area**

Moderator: Robert Schrader, *PLN Chair, and Associate Director, University of Massachusetts*

Dinner on your own

Friday, February 17, 2012

7:15-8:00 a.m. Breakfast

8:00-8:45 a.m. **Developing Successful Competitive Projects**

Moderator: William Woodrum, *PLN Committee, and Associate Director, West Virginia State University*

Presenter: Robin Shepard, *Executive Director, North Central Association of Extension Directors*

8:45-9:15 a.m. **2012 Congressional Environment**

Moderator: William Woodrum, *PLN Committee, and Associate Director, West Virginia State University*

Presenter: Jim Richards, *Vice President, Cornerstone Government Affairs*

9:15-10:15 a.m. **Cross Program Area Issue Roundtable Discussions**

Issue Areas are to be Determined by Group Work

10:15-10:30 a.m. Break

10:30-11:15 a.m. **Cross Program Report out with Action Steps for Northeast NPL**

Moderators: Helene Dillard, *NEED Chair, and Director, Cornell University*

Robert Schrader, *PLN Chair, and Associate Director, University of Massachusetts*

11:15-11:30 a.m. **Wrap-up and Adjourn**

Moderator: Helene Dillard, *NEED Chair, and Director, Cornell University*