

**Northeast Extension Directors Meeting
Wednesday, May 22, 2013
Minutes**

Dennis Calvin, Chair

Call to Order; Review agenda

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Roll call¹:

CT: *Mike O'Neill
DC: Bill Hare
DE: *Michelle Rodgers, Albert Essel
ME: *John Rebar
MD: *Dan Kugler, Henry Brooks
MA: *Stephen Herbert, *Nancy Garrabrants, Bob Schrader
NH: John Pike, *Lisa Townson, Ken LeValley
NJ: *Larry Katz, *Mary Jane Willis
NY: *Helene Dillard
PA: *Dennis Calvin
RI: *Rick Rhodes
WV: *Steve Bonanno, Dave Snively, Bill Woodrum
VT: Doug Lantagne
NIFA Liaison: *Hiram Larew
Executive Director: *Linda Kay Benning

NEED Minutes of April 22, 2013:

Motion to approve: Mary Jane; 2nd Michelle. Unanimous approval.

NEED Discussion Items:

NEED meeting at the Northeast Joint Meeting, July 7-9, 2013 was discussed. The three topics of the general session were reviewed. Additional discussion matters about the meeting included agenda items with NERA (e.g., capacity funding, impact database, joint grant proposal follow-up). The final point discussed was a follow-up on the discussion topics for the “sandbox” or the co-laboratory (a new term). The survey from the Program Leaders Network might assist in focusing what sandbox topic(s) to pursue.

NEED Appointments:

Replace Bill Woodrum on the Program Leaders Network (PLN)

NEED Awards of Excellence

Mary Jane Willis noted that we had compelling nominations for the NEED award and the winner will be nominated for the national award.

Executive Session

NEED went into Executive Session.

¹ * indicates “on the call”

2013 NEED Meetings

(4th Wednesday at 8:00 a.m. ET)

June 26	Teleconference call
July 7-9	Northeast Summer Meeting, Ithaca, NY, Registration open
August 28	Teleconference call
September 25	Teleconference call
October 23	Teleconference call

2013 Cooperative Extension Dates of Interest

September 16-20	Galaxy IV and ECOP Meeting, Pittsburgh, PA
November 10-12	APLU Annual Meeting, Washington, DC