

2014 Annual Technical Meeting Minutes

NE-1049 (Community Health and Resilience) Regional Project

Report Information:

- Annual Meeting Dates: 3/27/14 to 3/29/14 – San Antonio, TX
- Period the Report Covers: 10/1/2012 to 3/27/2014 (note that the previous group, NE-1029, ended on 9/30/2012)

Participants:

- John Halstead - University of New Hampshire
- Philip Watson - University of Idaho
- Tom Johnson - University of Missouri
- Bruce Weber - Oregon State University
- Yong Chen - Oregon State University
- Mark Burkey - North Carolina A&T University
- Daniel Rossi - Rutgers University
- Dave Shideler - Oklahoma State University
- Judy Stallmann - University of Missouri
- Hua Qin - University of Missouri
- Steve Deller - University of Wisconsin
- Jim McConnon - University of Maine
- Mitch Renkow – North Carolina State
- David Kay – IMPLAN Inc.

Brief Summary of Minutes of Annual Meeting:

1. Attendance and introductions
2. Minutes approved unanimously
3. Dan Rossi

Briefed on requirements of multi-state project

Changes in the new farm bill

New foundation for food and agriculture

Programs that lapsed are back

New 1890 – Central State University in Ohio

NIFA received increase in budget

Greater need to document impact

Extension community starting new website to document impact, research to join

Delphi to identify societal challenges, distilled down to 3 issues: roadmap

Working with a marketing agencies to market NIFA

Starting on a visioning process to identify future societal challenges and future of the process of decision making.

100th anniversary of Smith Lever – Cooperative extension
Need for more social science representation in NIFA research agenda
Need strong academic leaders to represent social science
Need for room for exploratory research, not just immediate results
What is the role of non-profits and NGOs?

4. Electing new secretary: Yong Chen voted incoming secretary
5. Choosing location for next year's meeting: Next meeting with Southern Regional Science Association – Mobile, AL; March 26th; Battle House Renaissance

6. Other business:

Reminded of focus on primary objectives
Accomplishments and impact statements needed soon
Focus on impacts (changes that result from activities)
Annual reports should be sent to Brian Whitacre

7. Special Address: David Kay from IMPLAN

Changes in the company
New data sets
New opportunities

8. Review of accomplishments

- Judy Stallman – MO: Tax and expenditure limitations impacts, published reports, set up local finance website for extension and communities. Responded to requests for tax incentive guidance; summarized the literature to provide guidance. Picked up by local media outlets. Kept some education cuts at bay. Understanding your local economy training.
- Tom Johnson – MO: Local foods, finished collecting input/output data. What impact can local foods have on the local economy. Homeland Security funded product on demand driven on supply constrained IO model. Rural broadband price and bandwidth as you get more rural. Wealth creation book as an alternative to GDP.
- Hua Qin – Population, migration, environmental amenities, risk and disaster. Human dimension of forest impacts. Risk perception and forest management. Rural/urban labor migration.
- Steve Deller – Local foods and economic growth. Tempered growth expectations relating to local foods. Interplay between local foods, local health, and poverty. Small business and social capital. Book on social capital. Fiscal health perception and data disconnect. Fiscal health of small rural governments.
- Mark Burkey – Administration and teaching focus, accessibility to healthcare using GIS, small area health insurance rates. Accessibility to abortion.
- Jim McConnon – ME: Economic impact analysis of shipyards, off-shore wind. Knowledge based and creative class. Impacts of big-box stores. Index of

cooperation between agents in local food segment. Role of innovation in specialty foods sector.

- John Halstead – NH: Survey and modeling work to parse out WTP on local foods. Limitations of the local foods movement.
- Mitch Renkow – NC: Economic impacts and employment effects of rural broadband, Stronger Economies Together
- Yong Chen – OR: Disasters, integrate engineering model and expected economic damage by sector both in the disaster zone and outside zone. Tsunami exposure on housing values. Land use modeling in exurban areas.
- David Kay – IMPLAN: work with states for economic development planning.
- Dave Shideler – OK: Local foods CGE model for local employment. AFRI for business models around local foods. CHNS coupled human and natural systems for climate change.
- Julie Fagan – Local food systems, food and health
- Bruce Weber – Resilience, Rural Wealth
- Philip Watson – Community capitals accounting and assets mapping. Developed new framework for coordinating the various economic development organizations' comprehensive economic development plans. The framework has been adopted by the governor's office.