**Annual Meeting Report for NC 1030**

**Sustainable Families, Firms, and Communities in Times of Change**

**October 11-13, 2017**

**University of Missouri – Columbia, Columbia, MO**

**Wednesday, October 11, 2017**

**(Morning Session)**

Welcome from NC 1030 project Co-Chairs: Linda Niehm, Iowa State University, and Yoon Lee, Utah State University.

Welcome from Corrine: Welcomed the NC 1030 group to Missouri and shared some of the logistics for the meeting.

Linda and Yoon: Overview of Annual Meeting Agenda and Introduction

* Sandra Sydnor, Secretary, is on sabbatical so Linda Manikowske agreed to take notes/minutes for this meeting.
* Melody LeHew from Kansas State University was welcomed to the group. She shared her interests and what brought her to join this group.
* All members introduced themselves. Attending were: Linda Niehm, Iowa State University and Yoon Lee, Utah State University, NC 1030 Co-Chairs; Maria Marshall, Purdue University; Corrine Valdivia, University of Missouri-Columbia; George Haynes, Montana State University; Linda Manikowske, North Dakota State University; and Bo Beaulieu, Purdue University, Administrative Advisor for NC 1030. Diane Masuo, University of Hawaii-Manoa and Cindy Jasper, Universtiy of Wisconsin-Madison were connected to the meetings via ZOOM Distance technology.

Welcome from Bo Beaulieu, Administrative Advisor (AA) for NC 1030. Bo serves as the director of the Purdue Center for Regional Development.

Welcome from Dean and Vice Chancellor, Dr. Christopher Daubert, College of Agriculture, Food & Natural Resources.

* The Dean has been in his position for three months at U of Missouri. The Dean says that this college became interdisciplinary 30 years ago, creating six divisions which included many departments. Since coming to Missouri this summer, he has visited 14 field days at research centers to see how faculty integrated with people in Missouri. He also discussed how Extension is organized in Missouri and we appreciated hearing about the Extension model.

Welcome from Dr. Joe Parcell, Director of Division of Applied Social Science, University of Missouri – Columbia.

* Director Parcell provided a handout with highlights of his division. He mentioned that new hires are much more interdisciplinary. His position has oversight of Community Development, Workforce Development, and Business Development including Extension. He is committed to working with cooperatives.

Bo Beaulieu, AA for NC 1030: Priority Issues of NC 1030: Shared issues that he sees as important to the work of this group. Here are highlights from his presentation.

* There are 15 FTE’s in Community Development – this has grown at Purdue under Bo’s leadership for a neglected area of Extension. He feels the issues of family firms remains pertinent.
* Housing – De-population continues to be a major problem in many counties. Millennials do not like to buy homes and/or remodel them. Elderly people need to move somewhere where there is assisted living. Many rural counties are finding that they can’t keep talent because they find the housing to be inferior, rental is non-existent.
* Talent – low unemployment rates make it hard for rural areas to find talent, including leadership, workforce, and a decline in labor force participation rate. Rural populations and disability – huge numbers are on disability due to farm-related injuries and higher risk jobs and increase in automation.
* Broad Band – new Governor and Lt, Governor has been bombarded with lack of fast broadband in rural areas.
* Economic Diversification – Indiana State Department of Agriculture is reintroducing local economic development groups to Ag.
* Consider working with Economic Development Districts, Regional Planning. The Economic Development Administrative (EDA) Website should show who works with specific states. We should let them know what we are doing.
* National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) is another resource.
* EDA is interested in helping counties that are under economic distress; a potential funding opportunity for NC 1030.

Linda Niehm has uploaded information on potential grant funding sources in our Google Drive Documents area.

**Keynote Speaker**: Dr. Lisa Flores, Professor, Educational, School and Counseling Psychology, College of Education. Her topic was “Measurement of Cultural and Environmental Variables in Research.” She suggested a textbook: “Handbook of Multicultural Measures” by Glenn Gamst, Christopher T.H. Liang, and Aghop Der-Karabetian – 2011 copywrite.

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**(Afternoon Session)**

The afternoon session began with the NC1030 Business Meeting. The group needed to elect a chair. Yoon and Linda N. have found it helpful and efficient to share the workload as co-chairs. Maria and Corrine volunteered to Co-chair for the 2018 and 2019 meetings. Yoon and Linda will finish up the reporting for 2017 and the new chairs will begin January 1, 2018. The vote for this change was unanimous. Bo agreed to continue as our Administrative Advisor.

Discussion occurred regarding the 2018 NC 1030 annual meeting. It was approved by the group that the next annual meeting will be held on October 10-12, 2018 with tentative plans for Indianapolis as the site, possibly at the Farm Bureau Headquarters. Tentative plans are for a meeting in Olathe, Kansas for 2019, hosted by Melody LeHew and KSU.

The session continued with the Policy Handbook Committee: Diane will ask Cindy Jasper if she will chair this committee. Other members are Corrine and Sandra. This committee will handle any changes to the handbook, followed by the entire Technical Committee. The Appendices of the Handbook discuss using the data to write papers. There is a declaration form that will be posted on the Google Drive and should be added to the Handbook. Yoon will do cleanups to the document as follows: 1) Add the Wave 4 information – (with Linda N.); 2) Add page numbers; 3) Add the declaration form; and 4) Spell out the start date for the new co-chairs of the committee to be January 1.

Members discussed about recruitment of new members. Rural Sociology and Community Development would be good additions. Corrine will reach out to Change of Colors group that has 15 -18 states that participate. This group looks at family development, civil rights, and other dimensions of economic development. Bo will write to the Community Development Program Leaders in the NCR and ask if they have anyone they feel would be interested in Applied Research. The group asked a question -Do we want to reach out to non-academic participants? If we think of these types of individuals, we should send the names to the co-chairs who would then compile a list to send out to the List Serve for approval.

Members from each state reported State Reports. The Template for the State Report will be put on the Google Drive. Each state representative presented their activities from October 2016 through September 2017. Reports are organized by objectives for the project.

Members were asked to review objectives for the new 5-year NC1030 project, Sustainable Families, Firms and Communities in Times of Changes. Members listed accomplishments from last year for each objective. The group also discussed visioning and strategic planning.

**Thursday, October 12, 2017**

**(Morning Session)**

Corrine introduced Dr. Marc Linit, Experiment Station Association Dean, College of Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources (CAFNR). Dr. Lint shared how the college is structured. He shared regional projects and noted that the North Central Region is the most active with regional projects. Discussion followed on funding and how it works in different states.

Members split into sub-groups to focus on grant proposal planning. Maria shared ideas for another disaster grant and lessons learned from Katrina. Melody indicated that **Women and Minorities in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics Fields Program (WAMS)** might be a possibility. Another funding possibility discussed was **Economic Development Assistance (EDA) Programs** ­ Application submission and program requirements for **EDA’s Public Works and Economic Adjustment Assistance programs**. The goal is for each subgroup listed below to communicate and collaborate outside of the annual meeting and work toward the submission of a viable funding proposal related to NC 1030 objectives. Subgroups will be asked to provide a status update in May 2018 regarding their proposal plans and any submissions. It is critically important that NC 1030 seeks external funding to build our ongoing research agenda, publications, and expertise concerning family-owned businesses.

Melody and Linda M. and Cindy looked at the **Higher Education Challenge (HEC) Grants Program** – These are about increasing the preparedness of the future work in agricultural programs. They are all about program development. This could be a good funding source in order to create programming targeting next generation small business owners – college students who are interested in starting their own business or in being entrepreneurs.

Linda N., Yoon, and Bo looked at the **EDA funding opportunities**. They have various funding possibilities. Economic Development Economic Assistance is one. This has a rolling application deadline with possible funding of from $100,000 to $3 million. This has a regional approach but Bo felt that looking across regions could work.

Maria, George, and Corrine looked at the **Agriculture and Food Research Initiative Competitive Grants Program**. We would need to be more strategic in what kind of data we collect. It can be research only – not an integrated grant. It makes the most sense to work on the USDA NIFA grant first and continue to think about the bigger EDA grant. This will be our first effort. From the findings that we already have from previous studies, we should be able to put this proposal together. While it is in review, we could look at starting the EDA grant process.

**Invited Speaker:** Dr. Stephen Jeanetta, University of Missouri Cambio Center Director, and Extension Leader Community Development, presented a topic titled, “Appreciative Inquiry, Integration, and Sustainable Communities.” Dr. Jeanetta shared a PowerPoint about the Cambio Center and Community Development Extension. He also talked about the Latino Agriculture Entrepreneurship Project – LEAP.

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**(Working Lunch)**

Yoon Lee and Linda Niehm discussed conference presentations, journal publications, and special issues in which NC1030 should engage to create visibility and reach for our research and expertise. The Conference/Journal document can be seen in in the NC 1030 Google Drive folder.

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**(Afternoon Session)**

Maria Marshall updated the group on the Purdue Initiative for Family Firms (PIFF). The website is up and we can check it out and even subscribe to the quarterly newsletter.

Yoon manages the running bibliography for the NC 1030 group. Committee members should send Yoon any updates from the past year either by sharing their CV by email to Yoon. Linda N. shared the resource from the Webinar about the NCRCRD Grant and Wave 4 data which is posted on the Google Drive.

From 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m., members continued to discuss research collaborations.

The meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.