

County Extension and Ag Center Directors Conference Call
Tuesday, August 29, 2017 – 10:00

Minutes

Jeff Silvertooth, Paul Brown, Darcy Dixon, Kristie Gallardo
Call in: Joyce Alves, Bill Brandau, Hattie Braun, Paul Brierley, Steve Campbell, Rick Gibson,
Dan McDonald, Kim McReynolds, Randy Norton, Amy Parrott Jeff Schalau

Director's Report – Jeff

- NRULPC
Survey. Draft survey sent to Cattlemen Association, Cotton Association and Task Force.

Any feedback from Directors?

Suggested to run by Michelle Walsh.

An error to eliminate those not familiar with the NRULPC.

Working on prefacing page.

Feedback from attorneys – based on classes/instruction.

Dean Burgess getting positive feedback.

- Q&A
Any follow up or questions?
- Presidential Visits
President Robbins wants to go to all 15 counties. No schedule yet. Will start with priority counties, potentially late October or early November. Think about what you would like to show the President.

Associate Directors

Paul

Additional money from the USDA Southwest Climate Hub for weather and climate workshops.

Barry conducted two workshops along the Colorado River. Great feedback.

Two more scheduled.

Sept 15 – Climate change and brush management workshop – George Ruyle and Elise Gornish at Camp Verde

Sept 22 – Bill Brandau and the WRRC - Gila Watershed

Get ahold of Paul if you would like to organize a workshop

Forest Health search and screen - 3 candidates being evaluated, still looking for input.

Yuma CED search and screen still going on.

County monthly reports due at the end of the month. Brief and concise.

From Directors

- Discussion of Extension Conference and CEDs perceptions of how it went
 - Good interactions
 - Will compile breakout session information after panel discussion for future trainings
 - Scholarly work and publications – issues being looked at by Guidance Committee
 - 4H breakout session – negative and frustrating
 - More time for networking, important for new faculty
 - Admins/support staff wanted more breakouts
 - Bring poster session back
 - Panel discussion started at a too high level
 - Format ½ day ½ day was well received
 - Appreciate the Dean spending so much time there
 - Positive for off-campus staff to mix with campus staff
 - Great for morale
 - How do cuts impact stakeholders, as well as faculty and staff
 - Give faculty a chance to tell about programs and impacts
 - Management training very helpful for new employees

New committee will be formed for next conference taking place in late July/early August

- Sharing with CEDs a copy of the hiring plan
Link: <https://arizona.app.box.com/v/cals-budget-retreat-2017>
Remember: more positions than funding to support. Will work on strategic priorities.

Salary increase program this year will impact hiring plan. Increase plan will be implemented January 2018. State funds need to be found within the unit to use for raises.

2017 Conference Calls

- September 26
- October 31
- November 28