

SERA-IEG 19 (Rural Health) Minutes
Annual Meeting
August 4-6, 2008
Houston, TX

Chair: Sandy Wiggins, North Carolina State University

Participating:

Alan Barefield – Southern Rural Development Center/Mississippi State University
James Barnes – Louisiana State University
Laura Booth – Alabama Cooperative Extension Service
Bonnie Carew – Mississippi State University
Bobbi Clarke – University of Tennessee
Marcus Comer – North Carolina A&T State University
Gail Cramer – Louisiana State University
Gerald Doeksen – Oklahoma State University
Matt Fannin – Louisiana State University
Carol Fink – Kansas State University
Rita Fleming – Tennessee State University
Margaret Harris – University of Arkansas
Bob Hodgins – University of Houston-Clear Lake
Ninfa Pena-Purcell – Texas A&M University
Carolyn Perkins Frank – Prairie View A&M University
Ann Sansing – Mississippi State University
Pam Sigler – University of Kentucky
Julia Storm – North Carolina State University
Marilyn Swanson – USDA/ARS Children's Nutrition Research Center
Kathleen Tajeu – Auburn University
Sandy Wiggins – North Carolina State University
Karen Zott – Purdue University

Gail Cramer – SERA-IEG 19 Research Advisor

Renewal Proposal

- The proposal for renewing the SERA-IEG 19 has been submitted and is awaiting final approval by the Association of Southern Region Extension Directors and the Southern Association of Agricultural Experiment Station Directors
- There are no suggested changes that need to be made to the renewal proposal.
- A copy of the renewal proposal is available on the SERA-IEG 19 website at <http://srdc.msstate.edu/sera19/>

- The SERA-IEG 19 needs to find ways to market what it does in both the research and Extension arenas.
- A special thanks is given to Dr. Cramer and James Barnes for assembling and submitting the renewal proposal.

Farm Bill – The Farm Bill is still being marked up, but there is plenty to do. Specific funds have seen some increase including:

- Smith-Lever: Increased 6 percent
- Hatch: Increased 9 percent
- McIntire-Stennis: Increased 5 percent
- 1890 Extension: Increased 12 percent

There will continue to be increasing attention focused on raising funds through competitive grants. Formula funding will continue to drop. The SERA-IEG 19 group should look at grant funding opportunities.

Nominating Committee – The nominating committee consisted of Alan Barefield (Chair), Bonnie Carew and Bobbi Clarke. The committee presented a motion to nominate Ann Sansing as the 2008-2009 Secretary, the 2009-2010 Chair-Elect and the 2010-2011 Chair. The motion was seconded by Gerald Doeksen and approved unanimously by those present.

Priester Conference

- Priester Conference will be held on April 6-8, 2009 in Indianapolis, IN
- Theme: *Healthy Transitions in a Changing World*
- Specific program tracks include:
 - *Healthy Families*
 - *Health Across the Lifespan*
 - *Sustainable Communities*
- The SERA-IEG 19 will have a ½ day block to meet at Priester. Activities to be included in this block are:
 - Health Institute curriculum work session
 - Strategic plan update session
- More information will follow

2008 Meeting Proceedings

- The Proceedings Committee consists of James Barnes (Chair), Matt Fannin, Marcus Comer, Laura Booth and Marilyn Swanson.
- Proceedings drafts are due to James Barnes by September 15, 2008.

Increased Participation Discussion – As part of an effort to increase participation in the SERA-IEG 19, the possibility of holding monthly/bimonthly/quarterly teleconferences was

discussed. James Barnes (2008-2009 Chair) will explore the possibility of scheduling these calls.

2008-2009 Work Project – By unanimous consent, the 2008-2009 work project will continue to be the conversion of the Health Institute curriculum to the CECP/Moodle format under the leadership of Bobbi Clarke.

2009 Annual Meeting

- The 2009 Annual Meeting will be held in Nashville Tennessee close to the Vanderbilt campus/Meharry Medical School
- Dates of interest included the 3rd and 4th weeks in July and the 1st and 2nd weeks in August
- 2009 Annual Meeting Planning Committee consists of: Sandy Wiggins (Chair), Bobbi Clarke, Rita Fleming, Ann Sansing and Alan Barefield

