

Minutes
North Central APS Meeting
Lincoln, NE, July 9, 2007
3:00-5:00

Attendees

David Acker, ISU
Wayne Banwart, U of IL
Dann Husmann, U of Nebraska-Lincoln
Don Marshall, SDSU
John Markwell, UNL
Steve Waller, UNL
Susan Fritz, UNL
Jack Schinstock, UNL

Future Meetings

July 24-26, 2007, Philadelphia, Joint COPS Meeting (ACOP only, not APS)
November 11-13, 2007, New York, NASULGC
March 2-4, 2008, Washington, DC, APS Winter Meetings
May 29-30, 2008, Michigan State University, NC Workshop
July 2008, University of Missouri, Mini Land Grant Summer Meeting
June 10-13, 2008 Logan, UT, NACTA
June 2009, Oklahoma, NACTA

As approved at the previous meeting (see minutes of March 2007 meeting), the 2007 NC Teaching Workshop at UNL will be the last of the traditional NC teaching workshops, although we will continue to provide the APS staff workshop every other year. In lieu of the NC Regional Teaching Workshops, participants will be encouraged to attend NACTA or other appropriate meetings in the future.

One issue that needs to be finalized is the site for the 2008 APS staff workshop, which was originally set to be hosted by Michigan State University in May 2008. At the March meeting, we voted to host future staff workshops in conjunction with the mini-landgrant summer meeting, but we didn't decide whether to do this beginning in 2008 or 2010. The 2008 mini-landgrant will be hosted by University of Missouri, presumably in July. Don Marshall will contact Eunice Foster and Paul Vaughn to discuss this issue and finalize the decision on which school will host the 2008 staff workshop.

Biorenewables Related Curriculum

Participants shared curriculum updates related to biorenewables.

UNL 18 credit university-wide minor in energy with three core courses after which they would specialize in one of four tracks (engineering, production, policy). One course will be offered online and will be available to high schools.

ISU Recently established the Biorenewable Resources and Technology graduate program. An undergraduate certificate is under development.

SDSU 18 credit minor in Biorenewable Technology led by College of Agriculture and Biological Sciences. Professional Science Masters Program in biorenewables is under consideration for industry professionals.

U of IL Discussion underway on a professional science masters. At the undergrad level a group is discussing the feasibility of such a program.

College-wide majors

U of IL Discontinued their college-wide major

SDSU Has a general ag degree

UNL Has college-wide majors but leadership is assigned to a specific department

Our next meeting will be during the NASULGC annual meeting in New York City in November 2007.

Meeting adjourned at 4:00