

ESP Global Relations/International Committee Minutes
August 15, 2007

Present: Arlen Albrecht, Tom Cadwallader, Andrew Dane, Joann Hinz, Kris Tiles and Tom Syverud

Guyana Modernization Project Discussion

Verbal and written approval of Cadwallader/Preissing trip report and project recommendations has been received from Washington and Guyana's MOA. Written approval is forthcoming. The complete trip report is posted to the Extension's International Committee website www.uwex.edu/ces/international/ In addition, other Guyana FtF volunteer trip reports are available at the Partners of the Americas FtF Program website www.partners.net/partners/FTF/_Trip_Reports_EN.asp?SnID=926445239

It is recommended that the first team include a Senior Extension administrator, an Extension Specialist or Agents for commodity-based team development and Extension Agent for organizational development, systems thinking, strategic planning and community building.

Dean Rick Klemme has been asked to participate with the first team. A 14 day minimum is usual travel for the Farmer to Farmer program. The Dean, if he participates will be asked for a 9 day commitment, including a travel day either side. In addition, Extension Agent Tom Cadwallader will be asked to participate. Tentative dates of travel are For Dean Rick Klemme Saturday October 27 to Sunday November 4 (9 Days)
Tom Cadwallader and another agent October 22 (21?) to November 4 (14 or 15 Days)

Since one of the report recommendations was to have an Extension staff member participate who has little or no International experience, the committee will be looking for interested staff. A list of potential participants was developed by the committee and in addition, Arlen Albrecht will check further for a list of a past Ag Entrepreneur in-service. These suggested staff members will be contacted by Syverud for the committee.

The second team membership was also discussed. Team assignments will include economic and marketing analysis, facilitation skills and practices, and staff development resources.