

**International Committee Meeting Notes**  
**May 21, 2004**

1. Welcome and introductions:

Meeting called to order at 11:00 a.m by John Preissing.

Present: John Preissing, Brenda Janke, Fadden Fullylove-Krause, JoAnn Hinz,  
Tom Syverud, Mary Crave, Marty Havlovic

2. Upcoming International Planning Retreat Meeting

Discussion took place on the International Committee's Planning Retreat. After considerable discussion it was decided to postpone the retreat until later in the fall, after the mini-grant workshop on Building and International Programs is completed. This will take place September 17<sup>th</sup>, so the retreat session will take place later and the date will be determined prior to September 17<sup>th</sup>.

3. Capacity Building and Curriculum Development Workshop for International Programming.

Mary Crave described the overall purpose of the program, the target audience and location. The target audiences are serious and interested Extension staff involved with international programming or with an interest to utilize the international programming theme within their domestic work. There will be a keynote speaker from the Ohio State University's College of Education. Another keynote speaker will be Arlen Leholm. Following the keynote presentation there will be a variety of breakout sessions, discussions and analyses in an attempt to provide a greater platform for additional programming work along the lines of international and globalization concepts. The session will be held in Wisconsin Dells at the Wintergreen Resort. Registration materials will be sent out shortly and District Directors, Program Leaders and International Committee are asked to think of possible participants.

4. JACEP Conference.

Marty Havlovic reviewed the work done at the JACEP Conference, beginning with Aleshia Crowe's overview of her Master's research on agriculture agents involved in international work in Nicaragua and its impact on local domestic work. He also shared that she and Tom Cadwalder spoke of the upcoming workshop and international programming opportunities. John Preissing did present the annual report to the business meeting. He was especially thankful for the organizing and coordinating group for the presentation during the JACEP Conference.

5. Study tour to Costa Rica Update.

John Preissing updated the group on the progress of the study tour to Costa Rica. The target audience is Extension leaders, particularly those with NELD experience, department head work, department chair work, graduates and other leadership participants, but people who have not yet had international experience. This is designed as a way to provide greater assistance in that arena. Administration deadlines will be sometime in the fall, by mid-September, with a program departure date set for January and a training program set for Madison in December. Materials will be out soon on this; however, Wisconsin is partner with Iowa State University and Iowa State University is the main lead for the project.

6. WINROCK International.

John Preissing reported to the group that he had a conversation with Nona Fisher, Director of WINROCK International's Farmer-to-Farmer project. She reported that WINROCK was quite interested in UW Extension backgrounds and capabilities with regard to international work through agriculture, dairy livestock, organizational development. Agriculture marketing and development were considered key areas where WINROCK is trying to program. She will be invited by our staff to participate in an upcoming session of our committee or perhaps a specially designed event utilizing an audio conference, video conference or web-line conference. John Preissing will work with WINROCK on this.

7. Set next Meeting.

The next meeting was set for August 18<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m. when it was determined that most people should be available since it had been the date scheduled for our international planning retreat. We were also reminded that August 20<sup>th</sup>, two days later, is the final planning session for the International Curriculum and Capacity Building scheduled for September 17<sup>th</sup>.

Submitted by:

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