

Notes from EC+ Rangelands Partnership Meeting  
July 9, 2015

Tech Update (Matt): Discussed AgroVOC. Problems with using it (doesn't work w Drupal 7?). What are benefits/reasons to use it? Can we load AgroVOC locally? Will follow up on this off-line at AZ.

Funding Opportunities (Barb):

- DFID (UK counterpart to USAID) - Barb will share concept paper from last year for Open Data Initiative. Focus is on developing countries.
- Western SARE prof dev proposal. Has to have multiple states participating. Idea is to develop series of e-conferences w high-level speakers, blog. Lauren & Barb working on this.
- UC Davis / Emilio / SARE grant 2016: clearinghouse for info on noxious/invasive weeds. Tool box. Citizen science approach, apps for data collection. Beth is working w Emilio on Medusa head project.

RP Sustainability Survey (Barb): John H., Sarah & Nicole offered to work with Barb on drafting the survey.

Social Media (Sheila): Scheduled a webinar on August 4, 2 p.m. to demo RP social media and explain how RP mbrs can use and participate in RP social media. Will also be developing tutorials on using the new GR/RP websites once they go live. Beth is working on webinars and has also identified previous webinars we could use/add to eXtension. New focus at eXtension is on webinars for extension professionals, not general public. Amy G. just did a webinar on indigenous knowledge. Had good attendance. Will be doing several others. Also mentioned higher ed grant webinar on Google Earth and another on fire behavior. Can share links/info w us. Lovina mentioned webinar on targeted grazing, also Sage Step and Great Basin (fire?) webinars. We can add these to GR/RP multimedia page and/or YouTube channel.

Member site (Rachel M. & Jeanne & Ann): Jeanne will sort out the Dropbox folders & see what can be combined/deleted. Lovina sent a file on creating metadata/DLIOs to add to member site. Jeanne will send current bylaws to add to member site (and also to EC officers).

Follow-up from Las Cruces: Nicole will resend minutes from 2015 RP mtg in Las Cruces.

Ran out of time to discuss other agenda topics (GR/RP relaunch marketing campaign, SRM 2016 annual meeting plans, more on Action planning and follow-up from Las Cruces, Content development, Communications and Newsletter, Wikipedia Editathon for ag and nutrition, 2016 RP Annual Meeting planning).

Next EC conf call will be August 13 at same time (1 p.m. Az time).