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Highlights of 2013/2014

• FALCON 2013 Conference in Washington, DC: about 100 attended; 24 of the 1994s represented.

• Started an Integrated Pest Management (IPM) Tribal Working Group (more on this later).

• Worked with College of Menominee Nation on a leadership development program for its faculty/staff.

• Filled the 1994 Rep position on the National Assc. of Community Development Extension Professionals (NACDEP).
FY 2014-15 Budget priorities are the same as FY 2013, with an emphasis on 1994 Extension and Research programs.

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Farm Bill Update

• Passed as the “Agricultural Act of 2014”
• 1994s were seeking four major priorities:
  1. Reauthorize all existing 1994 programs. √YES
  2. Include 1994s Institutions in two Smith-Lever 3(d) programs: FRTEP and CYFAR. ≠NO
  3. Add Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Community College and the College of the Muscogee Nation as land-grants. √YES
  4. Changes to 1994 Research: √YES
    • Expand list of eligible partners to non-land-grant Ag. colleges, ARS sites, and Schools of Forestry
    • streamline proposal development guidelines
NERAOC (National Extension & Research Administrative Officers Conference) 2015

- Formerly the CSREES Administrative Officers Meeting
- FALCON member on planning committee on a rotating basis (Brian Kowalkowski)
- Audience is land-grant administrators and PDs of NIFA-funded programs
- May 3-6, 2015, Paradise Point in San Diego, CA
- At least 3 sessions specific to 1994 issues
- Tentatively planning for Registration fee ($550) scholarships to selected 1994 attendees
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Tribal IPM Working Group

- Addressing gap in knowledge of Tribal IPM issues
- Funded for 1 year, by NorthCentral IPM Center
- 5 Working Group members to kick start it
- Conducting survey and developing action plan
- Seeking continuation funding to develop a national initiative
- Need more working group members, especially from the North-central region
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Great Plains Interactive Distance Education Alliance (GP-IDEA)

• Offers online Masters Degrees in Community Development through alliance of Midwestern Universities
• Emphasis on Native American communities
• Several program completion options: Thesis, Project, Course completion
• Certificate option in the works
• For more info, see John or Mary Emery
Leadership Development for the 21st Century (LEAD21)

- Premiere leadership development program for the land-grant system. **Fantastic opportunity** to learn about self, teams, and the land-grant system.
- 10-month program; 3 in-person sessions (June, Oct., Feb.)
- Last year, we announced a FALCON-sponsored 50% tuition scholarship (worth about $5,000) for one 1994 applicant to participate in LEAD21 each year.
- LEAD21 will match, so tuition is essentially free.
- You pay for travel (about $5,000)
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AIHEC Outreach to Native Farmers & Ranchers

• Received 1-year USDA “2501” grant
• Award funding cut by 50%
• 3 regional 1.5-day Training and TA workshops (Southwest, Montana/West, North-central).
• 1994 reps within a region can serve as advisors and some as coordinators
• Need at least 5 advisors per region who have an interest in supporting their local farmers and ranchers
Upcoming Annual Conference Venues

• 2015, Nov. 7-10, in Denver, CO
  • Meeting location: Westin (downtown)

• 2016, Nov. 5-8, in Albuquerque, NM
  • Meeting location: Hotel Albuquerque (Old Town)

• 2017, Nov. 3-6, in Washington, DC
  • Meeting location: Westin Crystal City