

WERA 1012

MANAGING AND UTILIZING PRECIPITATION
OBSERVATIONS FROM VOLUNTEER NETWORKS CONFERENCE

2012 PROGRAM AGENDA

Tuesday, May 15th

- 5:00-6:00PM Registration/Check-In – Main Administration Building
- 5:00-7:00PM Dining Hall Open for Dinner
- 7:00PM Evening Activity – Meet at Main Administration Building

Wednesday, May 16th

- 7:00-9:00AM Dining Hall Open for Breakfast
- 8:30AM Welcome: Surviving at high altitude.
Welcome from Tony Bergantino (Chairman)
Introductions
Goals and Objectives
Election of officers
- 9:00AM Welcome from Lee Sommers (WERA 1012 Administrator)
- 9:30AM **Session One:** *CoCoRaHS Progress (NOAA and NSF grant status) and COOP Updates*
- 10:30AM Break
- 11:00AM **Session Two:** *Observer Privacy and General CoCoRaHS issues, additional reporting fields*
- 12:00PM Lunch (Dining Hall open for Lunch 11:30AM-1:30PM)
- 1:30PM **Session Three:** *CoCoRaHS and PRISM, Chris Daly*
- 3:00PM Break
- 3:30PM **Session Four:** *Helping volunteers become data analysts – progress on maps, graphs, and charts*
- 5:00PM Adjourn for the day
- 5:00-7:00PM Dining Hall Open for Dinner
- 6:30PM Evening Activity – TBA

Thursday, May 17th

7:00-9:00AM	Dining Hall Open for Breakfast
8:30AM	Session Five: <i>Committee Reports</i>
9:45AM	Break
10:15AM	Session Six: <i>Training Materials / Hail Reporting (Jim Z) and Snow Measurement Terminology clarification</i>
12:00PM	Lunch (Dining Hall open for Lunch 11:30AM-1:30PM)
1:00PM	Session Seven: <i>Keeping Participants and Coordinators Engaged</i>
3:00PM	Break
3:30PM	Session Eight: <i>Canada and Beyond – New Locations and Equipment (ET, etc.)</i>
5:00PM	Adjourn for the day
5:00-7:00PM	Dining Hall Open for Dinner
6:30PM	Evening Activity – TBA

Friday, May 18th

7:00-9:00AM	Dining Hall Open for Breakfast
8:00AM	Session Nine: <i>Continued and Open Discussion</i>
9:30AM	Break
10:00AM	Session Ten: <i>Future of WERA-1012 proposal writing, next meeting dates, and location</i>
12:00PM	Lunch and Meeting Adjourn (Dining Hall open for Lunch 11:30AM-1:30PM)

What does WERA stand for?

III. WESTERN MULTISTATE PROJECTS

A. Research Projects (W)

Multistate Research Projects involve cooperative, jointly planned research employing multidisciplinary approaches in which SAESs, working with the ARS, or other college or university, cooperate to solve problems that concern more than one state and, usually, more than one region. Cooperative Extension and academic faculty are encouraged to participate if and where appropriate to meeting joint objectives.

B. Coordinating Committees (WCC)

Coordinating Committees provide a mechanism for addressing critical regional issues where multistate coordination or information exchange is appropriate within a function (i.e. research, education or extension); have expected outcomes; convey knowledge; and are peer reviewed. The work of Western Coordinating Committees can be classified into the following categories:

- Multistate research, education or extension programs with clearly established, outcome oriented, goals where research results are already available. Knowledge is conveyed utilizing methodology which results in increased understanding and effective resolution of identified needs.
- Multistate research, education or extension coordination resulting in increased communication between faculty, avoidance of unnecessary duplication and gained efficiencies in the use of resources and shared ideas.

C. Education/Extension and Research Activity (WERA)

These activities serve to integrate two or more functions (i.e., education, extension and research) on a particular topic where multistate coordination or information exchange is appropriate; have expected outcomes; convey knowledge; and are peer reviewed. The work of Western Education/Extension and Research Activity Committees can be described as follows:

- *Fully integrated research, education and extension program coordination with clearly defined, impact-oriented objectives, where results are effectively embodied in educational efforts to assist those in need.*

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