

WERA 1012

*MANAGING AND UTILIZING PRECIPITATION
OBSERVATIONS FROM VOLUNTEER NETWORKS CONFERENCE*

2013 PROGRAM AGENDA

Tuesday, May 14th

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

Wednesday, May 15th

7:00-9:00AM	Dining Hall Open for Breakfast
8:30AM	WERA 1012 Kick-off <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Welcome to 8,700 feet: Survival Guide for High Altitude• Welcome from Chair• Introductions• Logistics for the YMCA and Meeting• New Goals and Objectives• Election of Officers
9:00AM	Welcome from Lee Sommers (WERA 1012 Administrator)
9:30AM	Session One: The State of the Union(s) – CoCoRaHS Status Update <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Previous Year's Activities and Accomplishments• CoCoRaHS International: Updates on CoCoRaHS Canada and vision for expansion
10:00AM	Break
10:30AM	Session Two: 01100100110 or Website/Database Demonstrations/Discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none">• “Metrification”• New website forms and formats with metric options and capabilities• Newly released website content and future content
12:00PM	Lunch (Dining Hall open for Lunch 11:30AM-1:30PM)
1:30PM	Session Three: Review of Action Items from WERA 2012 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Metadata and Privacy• Equipment

- CoCoRaHS State Histories
- ICC (Integrated Communications Capabilities)
- PRISM Tools
- Education Coordinators
- AG Recruiting Campaign
- Training Updates
- State Records

3:00PM	Break
3:30PM	Session Four: Acronym Soup <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • COOP: Network status, plans and challenges • CRN/RCRN: Changes to Precipitation Measuring • SNOTEL: Any updates on network? • Other networks
5:00PM	Adjourn for the day
5:00-7:00PM	Dining Hall Open for Dinner
6:30PM	Evening Activity – TBA

Thursday, May 16th

7:00-9:00AM	Dining Hall Open for Breakfast
8:30AM	Session Five: Committee Reports <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Precipitation Measurements • CoCoRaHS/COOP Collaboration • Sustainability/Funding • 125th COOP Anniversary Planning • March Madness
10:00AM	Break
10:30AM	Session Six: Quality vs. Quantity – Continued Efforts of QC
12:00PM	Lunch (Dining Hall open for Lunch 11:30AM-1:30PM)
1:30PM	Session Seven: Let it Snow! – Update on Standardized Snow Measurements <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New guidelines • Challenges and impacts on NWS COOP and CoCoRaHS snow training • Improving instrumentation for SWE
3:00PM	Break
3:30PM	Session Eight: A,B,C's and 1,2,3's – Outreach and Education (?) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evaluation and survey results (?) • CoCoRaHS School Initiatives • “Water Year 2012”
5:00PM	Adjourn for the day

5:00-7:00PM Dining Hall Open for Dinner

6:30PM Evening Activity – TBA

Friday, May 17th

7:00-9:00AM Dining Hall Open for Breakfast

8:00AM **Session Nine: Open Discussion/Meeting Wrap-Up**

10:00AM Break

10:30AM **Session Ten: WERA 1012 Future Plans**

12:00PM Conference Ends

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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