

URBAN APPALACHIAN COUNCIL RESEARCH COMMITTEE
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Present: John Bryant, Roberta Campbell, Maureen Dillon, Bonnie Kroeger, Rebecca Lee, Robert Ludke (chair), Michael Maloney, Ann McCracken, Philip Obermiller, Phyllis Shelton, Maureen Sullivan

The committee continued a discussion on ways to disseminate research to UAC's constituency and to translate research into UAC's service and advocacy missions.

Bob created a possible Communication/Dissemination Action Plan that involved questions about dissemination and potential targets for information. The committee helped refine those questions and add to the list of targets.

Bob believes that there are two things to keep in mind with dissemination: routine communication (how to proceed and how often) and information that comes up that may need to be a focus. Mike added that we could take advantage of each other's networks for information and dissemination. We also need to know whether various Appalachian Center websites have data pages that we could link to. Mike suggested that we map and review formal mechanisms that we already have.

At the next meeting we will discuss the UAC web page and a staff update on research needs. Becky will present the results of her dissertation.

Miscellaneous:

Phil announced the upcoming Appalachian Studies Association conference at Shawnee University on March 27-30. There will be many community activities involving the local historical efforts. Phil, Mike, and Bob will have sessions and/or exhibits at the conference.

Mike reported on the meetings between the editors of the Encyclopedia of Appalachia and the Appalachian Regional Commission. On February 20, he and Roberta attended a meeting. The Ohio commission programs were highlighted as well run.

Mike also claimed that the Appalachian activity at NKU was fragile now that Danny Miller was gone. Scott Goebel of NKU may be the next editor of the *Appalachian Connection*.

Maureen asked for content for UAC's 35th anniversary year donor and training efforts.

Phil and Tom Wagner are contributing to a new book called Engineering Earth. Tom, Phil, Mike, Katie Brown, and Donna Jones are contributing to Steve Fisher's and Barbara Ellen Smith's anthology of social movements. Bob and Phil have an outline for their book on Appalachian health which now will have a section on urban Appalachians.

Respectfully submitted by Roberta M. Campbell, March 15, 2009