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TO: PACUR Subcommittee Members
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SUBJECT: 2009 and 2010 Member's Meeting Planning Ideas

Purpose of Memo. One of PACUR's responsibilities is to help plan the UCAR Members Meetings. The purpose of this memo is to provide some input for that discussion at the 27 April 2009 PACUR meeting in Miami.

Background. Member's Meetings are typically structured into three parts: (1) corporate business and updates, (2) UCAR program status updates, and (3) community issues (see the attached 2008 Members Meeting agenda as an example). PACUR comments are welcome on all aspects of the Members Meeting, but in recent history the primary PACUR input has been on the community issues portion of the meeting. For example, in 2008, the PACUR helped design the forum entitled "Making the Nation Resilient to Severe Weather and Climate Change". This forum grew out of the UCAR-community led "transition document" recommendations on how to make our nation more resilient to severe weather and climate change. We challenged the UCAR member institutions to come prepared to discuss projects they had with local and regional decision makers dealing with severe weather and climate change. Before we get into the planning for the 2009 and 2010 Members Meetings, we wanted to give a summary of the actions that have grown out of the 2008 forum, including:

1. **2008 AGU.** Eric Barron and Jack Fellows hosted a similar session at the 2008 AGU that was very well attended and was chosen as one of the few session-related AGU press conferences. Both events were heavily attended and it is clear that there is substantial interest in this issue within the community.
2. **April 2009 Hill Briefing.** UCAR sponsored House and Senate Hill briefings highlighting how scientists and mayoral office staff have partnered together to develop climate action plans in Chicago and New York City. These briefings focused on what these cities could have done if these ad hoc partnerships had the resources to share lessons learned, tools, and information versus redundantly replicating these efforts across the country (i.e., a national climate adaptation network). Briefing participants from universities and mayor offices also made visits to various personal and committee offices after the briefing.
3. **Community Proposal.** Jack Fellows is working with several agencies and many community members to put together a community workshop to discuss the value of a more formal national climate adaptation summit, including the value of such a network, what it would do, how it would be governed and implemented, and its relationship to related Federal climate activities. Half of the workshop attendees would be urban and rural leaders and the other half UCAR university leaders.

2009 and 2010 Members Meeting. The PACUR is welcome to consider a broad range of community ideas for these meetings, including accepting this idea about an adaptation network.

Another consideration: 2010 is the 50th Anniversary of the establishment of UCAR and NCAR. There are a series of UCAR staff and community events being planned for this anniversary. We hope to have all these events reflect the broad themes of environmental sustainability, bringing our science to bear on pressing societal issues, and a “call to action” to the various anniversary audiences to take more individual and communal responsibility for the health and future of our planet. The anniversary year essentially starts and ends with some key community events that reflect these themes:

1. **2009 Members Meeting.** A community “Call to Action” discussion by Eric Barron and Rick Anthes, including a look at community accomplishments over the past 50 years and a look into what the future might hold.
2. **2010 AMS Meeting.** A UCAR-NCAR 50th celebratory reception in Atlanta.
3. **50th Highlights Publication.** A community-developed document highlighting our 50 years and a look to the future.
4. **2010 Members Meeting.** A nationally recognized speaker to discuss our country’s sustainability future followed by an evening of dinner and music. We are also planning events for Member Representatives’ spouses.

We would welcome PACUR input on any of these 50th events or other ideas the PACUR might have for these meetings.

Attachment:

1. 2008 Member Meeting Agenda