

Center for Agricultural and Rural Sustainability

CARS Newsletter

November 19, 2014

CARS Faculty meeting: We would like to organize a meeting of CARS Faculty during the week of Spring break. Please enter the dates that work for you in this doodle poll, <http://doodle.com/rnk46eccsipa9ah2>. Please respond by next Wed November 26. The agenda items that will be discussed at the meeting include:

- Discuss and finalize CARS's strategic plan, especially revisit the mission and vision statements
- Discuss and develop action plans to accomplish the objectives in the strategic plan
- Discuss the need to form faculty working groups according to crop areas, such as rice, soybean, corn, specialty crops, livestock and poultry, etc., to focus on specific sustainability issues facing the agricultural industries in Arkansas, as well as social, environmental, and economic aspects of agricultural production affecting the rural and urban communities and the general public. This will also facilitate the pursuit of grants in these areas
- Discuss strategies and plans to pursue external funding to support CARS's research, education, and extension activities

Travel Grants: We have some small travel grants that may be used to support meetings and conferences for your CARS-related projects. Contact [Heather](#) if you are interested in them.

CARS Logo: To help build the CARS community and increase CARS recognition, please include the CARS logo (attached) to your presentations or posters of your CARS related work. Additionally, if you do present posters/talks on CARS projects, we can post them on the CARS website and share them in the newsletter.

CARS Website: We will soon be unveiling the new CARS website! We would gladly link to or include information on your projects. Please contact [Heather](#) for details.

CARS Newsletter: Contact [Heather](#) if you would like to include anything in the newsletter such as events, project results or conference highlights, etc.