

Cooperative Extension *nEXT* Generation update for partners and friends

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Welcome Dean & Director Karl Martin

On November 1, Karl Martin moved into his new role as dean and director of Cooperative Extension. Karl was previously the Cooperative Extension Community, Natural Resource and Economic Development program director.

As part of his new role, Karl joins UW-Extension Provost Aaron Brower and UW Colleges/Extension Vice Chancellor for Administration Steve Wildeck on the *nEXT Generation* project executive sponsors team. The executive sponsors are collectively responsible for leading the project and owning the end products and recommendations.

Before joining Cooperative Extension in 2014, Karl was the Chief of the Wildlife and Forestry Research Section with the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources. He lives in Brooklyn with his wife, Karen, and three sons.

Karl is dedicated to working closely with county governments and other external stakeholders to maintain strong partnerships and continue to solve local problems through Cooperative Extension research and educational programming. Welcome, Karl!



Introducing the integration work group

The October *nEXT Generation* project update (<http://blogs.ces.uwex.edu/nextgeneration/files/2016/03/October-4-nEXT-Generation-update.pdf>) referenced process changes that were made based on constructive feedback from external partners and members of project work groups. The **integration work group** (IWG) was created as part of those changes.

IWG members were chosen by the executive sponsors from a pool of project steering committee members and work group chairs. They will greatly improve the project's efficiency by synthesizing information from individual work group reports and making specific recommendations to the executive sponsors and project steering committee. The IWG will kick off in November.

Meet the integration work group at
<http://blogs.ces.uwex.edu/nextgeneration/integration-work-group/>



Wisconsin Counties Association webinar

Please join Chancellor Cathy Sandeen, Cooperative Extension Dean & Director Karl Martin and Wisconsin Counties Association Director Mark O'Connell for a *nEXT Generation* informational webinar on December 1, 2016. From 2 to 3 p.m., these three leaders will discuss what to expect from the *nEXT Generation* project in 2017 and answer your questions. The Wisconsin Counties Association will send invitations and connection information for this webinar.

Stay in touch with the *nEXT Generation* project

Keep an eye on your inbox for this newsletter, which will be published every three weeks and will include updates on work group progress and other important project developments. And please send any questions, comments and concerns to nextgencommunications@ces.uwex.edu.

Cooperative Extension *nEXT Generation* project communications committee produces regular email updates for external Cooperative Extension partners, highlighting updates and new developments in the *nEXT Generation* reorganization project. Email feedback or ideas to nextgencommunications@ces.uwex.edu

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