



October 28, 2020

Dear PSEP and SLA C&T Staff:

This has certainly been a year of challenges! Covid-19 has impacted us all in so many ways, including how we work and the challenges we are currently facing, which did not exist this time last year. We hope you are finding your way through the upheaval and beginning to understand how to best fulfill your missions in this new world.

CTAG began meeting just as Covid-19 hit, and three of the four issue areas that CTAG prioritized would come to take on much greater significance and timeliness due to the virus. Workgroups of CTAG members have convened to address Label Mandated Training, Online Exams, Synchronous and Asynchronous trainings. Scoping documents detail the issues and lay out the challenges that CTAG will address. These documents are available for your review on our website. Moving into the next phase we are beginning to leverage Michigan State University's collaboration team process, broadening our involved stakeholder groups to increase perspective, knowledge, and development of possible solutions. After struggling to adjust to the new realities within our own programs and states, it is exciting to be moving forward in this manner. As we utilize the collaboration teams, we hope to be able to consider additional issues that have been submitted as national C&T priorities as well.

Thank you for reading the attached solicitation for new CTAG members. We are losing three members- Leslie Talpasanu, CDPR who we wish well in her new position in her agency, Carol Black, WSU; and Ples Spradley, UAEX. We need energetic, engaged C&T people to be part of our team as we address these important, timely and difficult issues. Please bring your knowledge, experience and fresh vision to support the best approaches for successful C&T programs. We look forward to hearing from you and encourage you to reach out to ourselves or any CTAG members for more information or to discuss what involvement in CTAG entails.

Most importantly, this year has taught us the value of our relationships. We miss getting to meet with everyone in person, but know it is going to be a lot of fun when we are finally able to again!

Stay safe and be well!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael J. Helms".

Michael Helms, Cornell University
CTAG Co-Chair

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John Feagans".

John Feagans, North Carolina Dept of Agriculture and Consumer Services
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