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SUBJECT: FY 2009 Midwest Area Equal Opportunity Committee Members

TO: MWA Employees

FROM: Laurence D. Chandler /s/
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I am pleased to announce the location representatives on the Area's Equal Opportunity Advisory Committee for FY 2009. Rather than chairing the committee as in the past, I will serve in the role as the Committee's Sponsor. A minimum of three members rotate off/on the Committee each Fiscal Year; and as a result of this rotation, the FY 2009 Committee representation is listed below.

- \$ West Lafayette, Indiana, begins to be represented by Danielle Cooley, Purchasing Agent, through FY 2011.
- \$ Columbus, Coshocton, and Wooster, Ohio, begin to be represented by Meera Kweon, Research Food Technologist, through FY 2011.
- \$ Urbana, Illinois, continues to be represented by Lisa Ainsworth, Research Molecular Biologist, through FY 2009.
- \$ The National Center for Agricultural Utilization Research, Peoria, Illinois, continues to be represented by Brittney Jones, Secretary, through FY 2010.
- \$ Columbia, Missouri, continues to be represented by Kathleen Ross, Biological Science Technician (Plants), through FY 2009.
- \$ Ames, Iowa, continues to be represented by Carolyn Lawrence, Research Geneticist (Plants), through FY 2010.
- \$ East Lansing, Michigan, continues to be represented by Mohammad Heidari, Research Microbiologist, through FY 2009.
- \$ St. Paul, Minnesota, continues to be represented by Martin DuSaire, Biological Science Laboratory Technician (Soils), through FY 2010.
- \$ Morris, Minnesota, begins to be represented by Nancy Barbour, Biologist, through FY



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- \$ Madison, Wisconsin, continues to be represented by Lori Bocher, Agricultural Information Specialist, through FY 2010.
- \$ Technical Advisor is Marie Bishop, Outreach, Diversity & Equal Opportunity Program Manager

On behalf of the Area, we appreciate the service, insight, and assistance for the past three years of Don Lay, West Lafayette; Dedra Woner, Ohio; and Beth Burmeister, Morris, who will be rotating off of the Committee after the necessary transition period.

The Area Equal Opportunity Committee provides assistance to the Area and locations on issues related to supporting special emphasis programs, enhancing outreach, and developing partnerships. The members serve as a location contact and resource, a liaison in initiating and coordinating outreach-related activities at the location, and a location voice in sharing perspectives on initiatives. When your representative contacts you for assistance, please accept the opportunity to participate!