**MSU Extension & AgBioResearch State Council Meeting**

**September 29-30, October 1, 2014**

**Downtown Grand Rapids Holiday Inn / 310 Pearl Street NW**

**Monday, September 29, 2014** (Council members are encouraged to travel on Monday)

**6:00 – 8:00** Welcome Reception - *Looking Glass Room*

**Tuesday, September 30, 2014**

**7:45** Breakfast – *Rogue Room*

**8:30** Council Meeting – *Rogue Room*

* Welcome – Steve Yanni, Council Chair
* Introductions
* Extension Update – *Ray Hammerschmidt, MSUE Associate Director for Programs*
* AgBioResearch Update – *Doug Buhler, Director of AgBioResearch*
* Council Member Reports *(2 minutes each)*
* MSUE District 7 Demographics and Programming – *Betty Blase, District Coordinator*
* Council Reorganization

**10:30** Council Recess

**11:00** Bus Departs for Downtown Market – Grand Rapids

**11:20** Downtown Market Tour & Programming Discussion

* Shannon Sadoski, *Education Manager – Downtown Market Grand Rapids*
* Diane Smith, *Innovation Counselor, MSU Product Center Food-Ag-Bio*
* Kathryn Cummings, *Extension Specialist – Health & Nutrition Institute*

**12:30** Lunch – Sweetie-Licious (Market Vendor)

**1:15** Board Bus

**2:00** West Michigan Sea Grant and Fruit Programming – *Hemlock Crossing Park*

* Dan O’Keefe, *Great Lakes Fisheries Education & Management*
* Carlos Garcia Salazar, *Extension Educator – Small Fruit*

**4:00** MSUE Horticulture Programming – *BFN Nursery*

* Tom Dudek, *Sr. Extension Educator-Ornamentals, Landscape & Turf Systems*

**4:45** Bus Departs

**5:30** Dinner – *Voogt Farms, Marne*

* Farm Tour
* Dinner
* Comments – Dean Fred Poston

**8:30** Return to Grand Rapids Holiday Inn

**Wednesday, October 1, 2014**

**7:30** Breakfast – *Pearl Street Grill, Holiday Inn*

**8:15** Hotel Check-Out

**8:30** Board Bus

**8:45** Program Discussion & Tour of Kent County MSUE Offices

* Glenda Kilpatrick, *4-H Educator*
* Stephanie Marino, *Extension Educator – Nutrition*
* Georgina Perry, *Program Instructor – Social and Emotional Health*
* Rebecca Finneran, *Extension Educator - Horticulture*
* Jinnifer Ortiquist, *Extension Educator-Financial and Homeownership*

**10:15** Board Bus

**11:00** Clarksville Research Center

* Lunch
* Overview of Research & Programming
* Dr. Matt Grieshop, *MSU Associate Professor - Entomology*
* Tour of Research Plots
* Dr. Gregory Lang, *MSU Professor* – *Horticulture*
* Dr. Amy Iezzoni, *MSU Professor –Horticulture*
* Dr. Annemiek Schilder, MSU Associate Professor - *Plant, Soil and Microbial Sciences*
* Dr. Dennis Fulbright, *MSU Professor, Plant, Soil and Microbial Sciences*

**2:15** Bus Departs

**3:00** Arrive – *Holiday Inn* – Meeting Adjourns

**Next Meeting**

Wednesday, December 3 – *Adobe Connect Conference Call*