

Agenda – Dec. 14, 2017
Palouse Citizens' Climate Lobby

5:30-7:00pm, Hecht Room, Neill Public Library, 210 N. Grand Ave., Pullman

Introductions and Additions to the Agenda

Review of Minutes

Announcements

Action Items from November meeting and updates from interest groups

- Paul: write a letter to editor/Op-Ed in December
- Mac: contact Tom Bitterwolf re. UI class presentation
- Mary: send link to short set of presentation slides from a California CCL group.
- All: Select 3 "Grasstops" (key contacts) to approach for letters to Members of Congress
- Cassie: prepare a short Facebook tutorial for the next meeting
- Paul: bring a projector, screen, and computer to Dec. 14 meeting
- Steve, Judy, Mary, and Bertie: Chapter Action Plan ideas
- All: study "Develop Chapter Action Plan: Part One" [http://cclpalouse.org/PDF/Develop Part One of your Chapter Action Plan.pdf](http://cclpalouse.org/PDF/Develop%20Part%20One%20of%20your%20Chapter%20Action%20Plan.pdf)
- All: send Marilyn (kvs@frontier.com) and Paul (paul-spencer@pullman.com) information and links (if possible) about CCL actions

Ideas for more local engagement

- Cassie Geraghty – Social media via Facebook
- Other efforts – Education, presentations, contacting MoCs

Campaign for letters to Members of Congress

National Call

José Aguto is Associate Director of **Catholic Climate Covenant**, where he raises up the call to care for creation and care for the poor. Prior to joining Catholic Climate Covenant, he was Legislative Secretary for Sustainable Energy and Environment at the Friends Committee on National Legislation. Aguto was one of CCL's earliest allies on Capitol Hill and worked with CCL on the introduction of the Republican Climate Resolution, which eventually led to the formation of the bipartisan House Climate Solutions Caucus. Aguto has also worked for the National Congress of American Indians in the service of tribal governments seeking to address climate change.

National Actions for the Month

Develop part two of your Chapter's Bill-introduction Action Plan

Help us cross the finish line on our \$600,000 Matching Challenge Year-end Appeal

Laser Talk - Effective communication exercise and Bonus Action - A holiday conversation

Next meeting Jan. 18, 5:30-7pm, 1912 Center Senior Center, 412 East 3rd St. Moscow

Effective Communication Exercise - A Holiday Conversation

During the holidays we often see lots of people who have opinions that are different from our own at parties or holiday dinners or while we are back in our home towns seeing old friends. This offers a chance to practice our listening skills! When you see an opportunity like this, you may want to try using the [Motivational Interviewing](#) (MI) approach as described on CCL Community. MI is a collaborative communication style for helping a person to strengthen their own motivation and commitment to change.

Three MI techniques are to (1) ask open questions, (2) reflect the answer that you heard, and (3) give an affirmation. The goal in the communications exercise below is to open a discussion about climate change and to maintain a friendly dialogue.

During your CCL meeting, pair up with another CCL volunteer, imagine that you are at a festive gathering, and take turns reading the two roles.

You: [open question] Have you been thinking much about climate change lately?

Partner: Not much. I did see in the news that hurricanes are maybe worse when the climate is warmer. But I'm not sure that I agree with that.

You: [reflection] Okay, it sounds like you are undecided about whether a warming climate makes hurricanes worse or not.

Partner: Yeah, it's hard to believe that a little warming could change a massive storm.

You: [affirmation] I agree it's hard to understand sometimes. Though maybe it's like these little cookies I'm eating--a little bit over and over means I have to go on a diet in January! [open question] Have you noticed anything changing locally?

Partner: Well, my brother is a farmer, and he says that here in Southern California the growing season for winter vegetables seems to be getting shorter. He may have to change his crop plan.

You: Yes, I've heard that winters are getting shorter. [open question] What else do you think about global warming?

Partner: I suppose that longer summers might be hard on the ski industry. I like to go skiing. Do you know anything about that? Let's go get some fruit cake.

Additional Resources

[Motivational Interviewing in the CCL Community Learning Center](#)
[CCL Effective Communications Action Team](#)