Welcome, Breakfast, & Introductions
Commissioner Ed Popp, AMC Extension Committee Chair, welcomed new members as well as members of the AMC Research Committee. Leaders shared positive happenings in their communities and successful UM Extension partnerships across the state.

Presentation: Partnerships and Innovations at University of Minnesota-Extension
Speaker: Dean Beverly Durgan

As Dean, Dr. Beverly Durgan sees Minnesotans coming together through UM Extension programs to build new knowledge every day. Working, learning and serving together through University and community partnerships makes Minnesota stronger. Dean Durgan shared some of the ways that Minnesotans are working together to creatively address challenges and grow opportunities through each of the Extension Centers: Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources; Community Vitality; Family Development; and, Youth Development.

She also reviewed the new University-wide leadership changes and the exciting development of the “Driven to Discover” campaign. Long-form videos are now available and feature vibrant partnerships with Rural Grocery Stores, Minnesota’s Lakes and Rivers, and Farming Innovations – made possible through technology. A brief discussion and questions followed the Dean’s presentation.

Additional Items:
- Commissioner Teresa Walter, Commissioner Randy Maluchnik, and Chisago County Administrator Bruce Messelt volunteered to judge 2018 4H Community Leadership applications;
- UM Extension Vendor Booth was reviewed by new Regional Director, Lori Vicich;
- The next AMC Extension Committee Meeting will be held at the AMC Legislative Conference at the Intercontinental Hotel in St. Paul.

Thanks to the committee members and adjourn to join the remainder of the AMC Annual Conference.