



*National Extension Association of Family & Consumer Sciences*

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**NCEAFS Executive Board Meeting  
August 28, 2013 - 9:00 am  
Embassy Suites, Concord, NC  
Blue Ridge Room**

**Present:**

Eleanor Summers  
Dee Furlough  
Christy Strickland  
Molly Alexi  
Casey Stevens  
Christine Smith

Toi Degree  
Leigh Guth  
Mary Morris  
Nancy Abasiakong  
Phyllis Smith  
Susan Conclin

Sherrie Peeler  
Meleah Collier  
Yvonne Mullen  
Jeannie Leonard  
Cathy Hohenstein

President, Christine Smith, called the meeting to order at 9:15 am. She reminded the group that time was of the essence during this meeting.

President Elect, Molly Alexi, gave the thought for the day on "Positivity." She shared we need to be accepting of change.

Secretary, Dee Furlough, passed around a sign in sheet for roll call. There was no correspondence to share. The minutes of the 2013 NCEAFCS Summer Board Meeting were passed around (minutes taken by Jeannie Leonard and Casey Stevens in the absence of Dee Furlough). Yvonne Mullen made the motion to approve the minutes as printed with the inclusion of policies and procedures. Christy Strickland seconded the motion. Motion passed and minutes approved.

Treasurer, Renay Knapp, was not present due to health issues. However, she had sent her report and Leigh Guth reported in her stead. As of 8/27/13, our account balances were: Checking Account - \$7260.73, Share Account - \$34.38, Money Market Account - \$7991.64, FCS/NCEAFCS Annual Conference Endowment - \$27,834.78 and FCS/NCEAFCS Ada B. Dalla-Pozza Professional Development - \$46,061.37. The Treasurer's Report was accepted as presented.

Meleah Collier gave the Registration Report. 77 full time, 6 retirees, 8 guests and 14 administrators for a total of 105.

## 2013 State Committee Reports – Sherrie Peeler

**Awards and Recognition – Jeannie Leonard** shared that 13 applications had been submitted, and 12 were selected. 6 went on to national and of those, 3 were national winners. We have two weeks to get in Extension Award applications. Grange Awards are due this Monday and our association needs to send in three names. Jeannie will meet with her Awards & Recognition committee later today to discuss how to select our 3 applicants. Molly Alexi made a motion that our state president, Christine Smith will submit an application for the **NCCES Foundation Search for Excellence Award** as our representative for FCS. Motion seconded by Meleah Collier.

**Professional Development – Leigh Guth** shared that her report was on the web and four people will be recognized at the Business Session.

**Member Resources – Nancy Abasiakong** shared that her report was on the web. She also encouraged members to ask retirees to become State Life Members.

**Public Affairs – Sherrie Peeler** said it was important to establish relationships with public officials. Sherrie was unable to attend PILD, so Christine will do the PILD report later on the agenda.

**Living Well Week – Sherrie Peeler** shared the Challenge that was given to the districts and there was participation. Candy Murray took on the leadership for this project.

### District President's Reports

**North Central – Phyllis Smith** shared their Fall meeting will be held later. Jessica Oswald and Katie Rangel have left their positions as FCS agents in the NC district.

**Northeast – Mary Morris** shared their Fall meeting will be held later. Frances S. Voliva passed away and Stephanie Parker-Helmkamp had a baby in 2013.

**South Central – Meleah Collier** shared that their priority had been making plans for this State Conference.

**West Central – Toi Degree** said this district was dissolving and did not have a spring meeting. The funds have been divided. Her report is posted on the web.

**West – Sherrie Peeler** shared her report was on the web. In the fall, the West took a lab tour in Macon County. The spring meeting was in Haywood County and they toured the Arboretum. They are currently making plans for next year's State Conference.

***Southeast – Casey Stevens*** shared their fall meeting was a tour of the Lennox factory in Kinston. The spring meeting was in Onslow County. They are already adopting healthy eating practices and they did Zumba at their meeting.

### **Standing Committees**

***By-Laws – Molly Alexi*** stated the Proposed By-Laws changes have been posted to the web.

***Budget –*** In Renay Knapp's stead, ***Leigh Guth*** shared Renay's report. The proposed 2014 NCEAFCS Budget balances at \$19,700.00.

***Historian – Christy Strickland*** shared her report was on the web.

***Nominating –*** Lisa Childers was unable to attend this meeting, but sent her report is on the web. This will be voted on at the Business meeting.

***State Life Member Rep. –*** Jennifer Walker was not present and there was no report.

***Web Master – Susan Conclin*** said there was no report.

***Annual Session – Meleah Collier*** previously reported 105 participants at this State Conference.

### **Special Committees**

***Leadership Team – Leigh Guth*** shared a 5 question Leadership Survey her committee came up with. She is soliciting the input of all the members.

***Healthy Foods Policy – Cathy Hoheinstein*** shared the policy is in each members registration packet. It has been signed by State President, Christine Smith. The official copy will be signed at the Conference Banquet by Dr. Marshall Stewart and Christine Smith.

### **Association Reports**

***NCFCEA – Eleanor Summers*** shared that she, Christine Smith and Molly Alexi attended the Federation meeting. Federation is changing and all Extension Award Applications will be judged by Federation in the future. Federation will be held in December. Leadership and Service Award applications are due in October.

***NCEAFCS – Yvonne Mullen*** shared that the 2012 National Meeting was held this past October in Columbus, Ohio. 12 members from North Carolina attended. NC won the National Marketing Award. NC needs to showcase our programs more at National.

**JCEP – Molly Alexi** shared that she and Christine Smith attended this meeting. Molly encouraged anyone who is interested in professional improvement to attend in the future.

**PILD – Christine Smith** shared that NCEAFCS had the largest delegation there. PILD provides an opportunity to connect with legislators and staff in Washington, DC.

**NCAAFCS – Christine Smith** shared that this is a good meeting to create partnerships in the FCS field. There were 22 first-time attendees, of which 18 joined the association at the conference.

**NCCTE Conference – Christine Smith, Casey Stevens, and Katrina Levine** represented NC Cooperative Extension and presented an educational session at the meeting. –FCS teachers received a statewide FCS Agent directory with contact information and website addresses.

### **Unfinished Business**

None was brought up.

### **New Business**

**NCEAFCS Ground Rules – Christine Smith** shared Ground Rules for More Effective Meetings. Meleah Collier made a motion to adopt these Ground Rules as a part of our Policy's and Procedures. Nancy Abasiakong suggested adding "Other" so groups can add other rules. Yvonne seconded the motion with the addition of "other." Motion passed, and the Ground Rules were added to the NCEAFCS Policies and Procedures.

**2014 Slate of Officers – Susan Condlin** said she would speak for Lisa Childers at the Business Meeting if Lisa could not attend.

**2014 NCEAFCS Budget** – This will be presented at the Business Meeting for a vote. Leigh Guth will present if Renay Knapp cannot attend. Copies will be available on the tables, and Toi Degree will get the copies made.

**By-Laws/Policies & Procedures – Molly Alexi** said all this was on the web. Each proposed change will be voted on individually at the Business meeting. Jeannie Leonard will create a powerpoint with the proposed changes for all to see.

**NEAFCS Galaxy Updates – Christine Smith** said many have already registered for this conference. Christine needs to know which FCS agents will be attending right away. FCS has 4 voting delegates. The voting delegates are: Christine Smith, Molly Alexi, Eve Rogers, and Deborah Womack. Alternates are Casey Stevens, Carmen Long, Sally McNeill, and Rachel Monteverdi.

State's Night Out will be at Pittsburg Steakhouse. 4-H and Extension Specialists have indicated an interest in joining the group for dinner as well.

President, Christine Smith, adjourned the meeting at 11:26 am

Respectfully Submitted:

*Christine Smith*

Christine Smith, NCEAFCS President

*Dee Furlough*

Dee Furlough, NCEAFCS Secretary

*Minutes Reviewed By:*

Yvonne Mullen

Casey Stevens

Christine Smith