



North Carolina Extension Association of Family & Consumer Sciences

The Professional Association for North Carolina Cooperative Extension
Family & Consumer Sciences Educators

NCEAFCS Annual Business Meeting August 5, 2015

President Sherrie Peeler began the meeting at 8:32 am

Debbie Cox gave the thought for the day, "Ringin' True" by Anne Frank.

Secretary's Report

Jayne McBurney stated that the Secretary's Report is online and had been reviewed and approved in the Executive Board meeting with a minor correction. Nancy Abasiekong made a motion to accept the minutes, with second by Lori Ivey. There was a unanimous vote to approve.

Treasurer's Report

Carmen Long stated that the checking account balance is \$3,276.41. The full report is attached to the secretary's minutes.

Carmen presented the proposed budget with an estimate of 60 members; there are currently 70 members. The proposed budget and recommendations from Executive Committee is attached. In the past, non-hosting districts were asked to contribute \$300 towards the State Meeting since the Endowment fund was not generating a sufficient cash flow. Executive Board determined that each district (5) would contribute \$300 to the state treasury to offset officer expenses.

Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report was made by Jewel Winslow; and a second to the motion by Renay Knapp, the motion passed unanimously.

A motion to pass the Budget Proposal was made by Dee Furlough, second by Peggie Garner, and passed unanimously.

By-Laws:

Debbie Cox reviewed the proposed By-Laws that were sent by e-mail before the meeting.

Section IV:

Item A.10 reads: *Serve as ex-officio member of the N.C. 4-H Development Fund*

We wonder as to the purpose of being an ex-officio member if an additional meeting is necessary for a Fund program that bears no relevance to the work of Association members. While we all do work within 4-H and offer mutual programming efforts throughout the year, there is no direct relevance of the President of NCEAFCS having this additional responsibility. We suggest this duty be removed.

Motion by Molly Alexi to accept this change was seconded by Tracy Davis, the vote was unanimous to approve

At the end of the President Elect Section there is a NOTE that reads: *State vice presidents will disseminate information to district vice presidents and they to the district membership.*

We propose it should read: State vice presidents (Public Affairs, Member Resources, Awards and Recognition, Professional Development) will lead and disseminate information to district vice presidents at the training during the annual meeting. Each of the state officers must complete a plan of work and keep district officers informed of the plan.

Peggie Garner moved to approve, second by Sally McNeill, unanimous vote to approve.

Item D.4 reads: *Represent the association on the NC Cooperative Extension Service Foundation Benevolence committee. The Vice President of Member Resources, or her designee, should attend meetings of the committee with funding from the Member Resources committee budget.*

The Executive Director of the Foundation has informed us this committee no longer meets. We recommend this item be removed.

Pam Outen moved to approve, second by Nancy Abasiekong, vote to approve was unanimous

Item E. Awards Group:

There is a new national award titled "Master Food Volunteer Award." It shall be determined by the Vice President for Awards to place this new award in either Group A or B. This award recognizes the achievement of the agent who builds an effective Master Food Volunteer program. North Carolina Cooperative Extension Specialists will introduce their program in 2015 therefore this award will need to be added to the by-laws as determined by the Vice President.

Shenille Ford moved to approve, second by Christy Strickland, vote was unanimous to approve.

NCEAFCS POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

QUALIFICATIONS FOR STATE OFFICE:

- 1. *Nominees for State Office will stand for election on the basis of their qualifications.***
 - A. *Any candidate for a State office must be an Active member in good standing of this Association, and have served as President of a District, except Treasurer who should have served as a District Treasurer.***

The recommendation is:

- A. Any candidate for a State Office must be an Active member in good standing of this Association. Any member may serve as a State officer after 3 years of employment. It is recommended that the State officers will have served at the District Level prior to serving at the State level.
- B. Leave item B, which reads: No campaigning will be allowed prior to or during the Annual Session. Each candidate for State Office will be introduced at the Annual Business Session prior to the election of officers.
- C. OMIT

Rationale for above recommendations: It is extremely difficult with reduced membership

to meet the requirements previously listed.

ASSOCIATION REPRESENTATION AT OTHER EVENTS:

Item 2 National Meeting: Change the official delegates from 7 to 5 Districts.

Item 3 reads: The President and President Elect shall attend the Southern Regional Workshop (JCEP). The President will receive out of state per diem, tourist airfare, and travel to the airport for the National Association. The President-Elect expenses, as listed for the President, are covered by the State Association within budget guidelines.

The recommendation is to send just ONE representative to JCEP. These meetings are being held in the West (Las Vegas) and the cost is mounting for the State Association to fund two people. We feel the President only should attend. Remove President Elect from the first line and omit the last sentence.

Item 4a reads: Public Issues Leadership Development Forum list that the President and Vice President of Public Affairs should attend.

The recommendation is for the Vice President of Public Affairs to attend or the President. At the 2015 meeting, there was only 1 representative from other states in attendance.

It was noted that there is merit to having District President experience prior to being a State officer. There is much discussion on rotation, experience, and experience.

Jennie Leonard moved to table the policy 1. A. change. Jennifer Grable made a second to the motion. Cathy Hohenstein amended the motion to a specific time frame, yet it was indicated by the Parliamentarian that no stipulations can be made to a tabled motion.

The membership voted unanimously in favor of the motion

District changes were noted as well as changes as to who attends which National Association meetings. These are policy changes, which the Executive Board has the authority to make.

FINANCES:

Item 2 State Life Membership

To keep the rolls of State Life Membership high, it is the recommendation for the Districts to consider paying ½ of the one-time state life membership fee (\$77.50) in lieu of a retirement gift in conjunction with the local county office. Current State Life Membership is the equivalent of current district, state, and national dues.

There was no motion to accept this policy.

During discussion Susan Condlin moved that the President of the Association should appoint a committee to work on officer rotation, second by Debbie Stroud. Motion passed unanimously.

Awards and Recognition: 11 winners will receive awards tonight.

Professional Development: Report is on the webpage

Member Resources: no report given

Public Affairs: Will be posted to the webpage

District Reports: presented by District Presidents, full reports are available on the Website.

Presidents are:

South Central: Hayley Napier; Northeast: Verlene Stephenson; North Central: Judy West;
Southeast: Christy Strickland; West: Margie Mansure

Northeast District is offering a beautiful gift basket raffle as a fundraiser for the 2016 State Meeting. You must be present Friday morning to receive a winning basket. The district is also selling FCS T-shirts

PILD: Sherrie Peeler reported that she felt that this was a wonderful opportunity to get to know and work with SAC who works to advocate for Cooperative Extension. She encouraged people to apply for NIFA funds.

Federation (JCEP): Trudy Pickett reported on the Federation. The meeting was held in December in Union County. It is hoped that 2015 meeting will be held during the State Extension Annual meeting. We have 10 delegates. Questions should go to Sherrie Peeler by October 30th for answering at the forum.

Nominating Committee Report was shared by Jeanne Leonard and is on the webpage. Officers for 2016 are:

President: Debbie Cox
President Elect: Stephanie Parker-Helmkamp
VP for Public Affairs: Jayne McBurney
VP for Awards: Lori Ivey
Group A: Mary Morris
Group B: Janice Fields
VP for Professional Development: Toi Degree
VP for Member Resources: Linda Minges
Secretary: Shirley Smith
Treasurer: Jewel Winslow
State Life: Yvonne Mullen

Second to the nominations was made, and the slate passed unanimously.

New Business:

A FCS State Advisory Committee to be set up to meet with Dr. Mike Yoder on a quarterly basis.

Eight Agents will attend the NEAFCS National Meeting in West Virginia.

Christy Strickland moved to adjourn, second by Tracy Davis, with a unanimous vote.

Adjourned at 9:29 am

Respectfully Submitted,
Jayne McBurney

Reviewers: Judy West Verlene Stephenson