



# North Carolina Extension Association of Family & Consumer Sciences

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

## NCEAFCS Executive Board Meeting August 5, 2015

Present: Molly Alexi, Hayley Napier, Christy Strickland, Debbie Cox, Jeannie Leonard, Sherrie Peeler, Margie Mansure, Judy West, Carmen Long, Trudy Pickett, Jayne McBurney, Susan Conclin, Dr. Mike Yoder, Verlene Stephenson, Stephanie Parker-Helmkamp

President Sherrie Peeler called the meeting to order at 9:05am with a word of thanks to Judy West, State Meeting Liaison. Judy acknowledged the work of her great team.

Debbie Cox shared the thought for the day from Woman's Book of Confidence, a "Blessings of our Natural Child".

Minutes: A motion to accept the minutes with a correction was made by Debbie Cox, second by Judy West, passed unanimously.

Treasurer: Carmen Long presented the Financial Report from the State Employees Credit Union account (attached). A motion to accept the report was made by Margie Mansure, second by Christy Strickland. The motion passed unanimously.

State Reports: Debbie Cox called for reports.

By-Laws: Debbie Cox reported that the biggest change proposed is that agents should have 3 years of employment with Extension before being a state office. There were a number of other changes that were presented (attached).

Awards and Recognition: Mary Morris will present plaques at the Awards Banquet. She took over the term of office when Yvonne Mullen retired.

Professional Development: A report was sent by Kelly Beasley, it will be posted on the website.

Member Resources: Robin Seitz was not present to make a report.

Public Affairs: Stephanie Parker-Helmkamp reported that the Living Well campaign was promoted in March.

West District: Margie Mansure shared that the district met March 27 at the Research Center in Mills River for a program on Local Foods. They had a good session with Dr. Mike Yoder. They also toured the Sierra Nevada Brewery.

Southeast: Christy Strickland reported their fall meeting in Wilson with Personal Trainer Chris Kilpatrick. The Spring meeting was held in April, they met with Keith Walters, DED about county sharing, and toured Lu Mil who packages food items.

South Central: Hayley Napier shared that they met in the Fall at Cumberland County for a program on soy based products and made lunch with some products. The spring meeting was at Lucille Tatum Homemakers Center in Gastonia. Dr. Rosalind Dale and Dr. Mike Yoder were in attendance. There was a good discussion of the programs at both universities. They toured Dole Foods.

Northeast: Verlene Stephenson reported that their fall meeting was held in Northampton County, and the spring in Perquimans County. At both meetings, they worked on planning the State 2016 meeting. There are only 8 agents in that district.

North Central: Judy West welcomed everyone to the State Meeting; they have spent the fall and spring planning with numerous meetings, both live and electronically.

#### Other Reports:

Historian: no report

JCEP: no one attended

PILD: Sherrie Peeler and Debbie Cox attended. Sherrie spoke of the value in networking with the State Advisory Council. Debbie spoke of the Master Food Volunteer Program.

NCAFCs: Jayne McBurney attended the state meeting in Hickory. She shared that there is interest in joining with us at meetings and partnering with FACS teachers to deliver programs. She also noted that a section leader from Cooperative Extension is needed. The president of NCAFCs usually takes this role.

#### Old Business: Budget

The proposed budget has a shortfall, which may need to be taken from endowments. There was much discussion regarding areas to cut the proposed budget in line with actual expenditures over the past year.

Jeannie moved to table discussion until the end of the meeting, second by Trudy Pickett. Motion passed.

In a return to the discussion, it was moved by Christy Strickland that each district give \$300 per year for association support, Jeannie seconded. Since the endowment is now generates more income, the need for support of the association is greater than the need to support meeting. The motion passed unanimously. Parliamentarian Molly Alexi stated that since this is a policy, it does not need to be taken to the full membership for a vote.

Much discussion took place in regard to cutting expenses. There is a Policy and Procedure recommendation to send only one person to JCEP (President-Elect) and PILD (VP for Public Affairs). The reimbursement is for registration fee, a shared room, and the basic registration (no add-ons). Setting a policy for allowable expenditures is encouraged.

The proposed budget included this change. Additional adjustments were made based on actual spending. Treasurer Carmen Long will make changes in the proposed budget to

distribute at the Business Meeting.

Jeannie Leonard moved to approve the proposed budget with changes; Margie Mansure seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved.

Sherrie Peeler discussed with Dr. Yoder, prior to the meeting, the idea of a FCS Roundtable/Advisory Group with a designated number of members from each district to meet on a quarterly basis. Jayne McBurney wondered if perhaps State Advisory Committee members might be invited to participate, though it was explained that that group does not have specific program attachment.

Judy West moved that two representatives from each district and the State President meet a minimum of two face-to-face, two non-face-to-face meeting in an advisory capacity with Dr. Yoder. Jeannie Leonard made the second and the motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Yoder noted that there is \$2500 available for the professional Development conference support. He will explore how that is to be handled since there were many questions about it.

Sherrie Peeler, Debbie Cox, and Jeannie Leonard are the voting delegates for the National Meeting. Jewel Winslow will go as and alternate. Stephanie Parker - Helmkamp, Molly Alexi, Lori Ivey and Carmen Long are attending.

Federation Meeting may be held during the Extension Annual Conference. NCEAFCS can send 10 people. Leigh Guth will serve as Treasurer for that group in 2016.

Debbie Cox announced that the Winter Board Meeting will be on January 11 at the Lonnie Poole Conference room on Centennial Campus. More details will come via email.

Christy Strickland moved to adjourn the meeting; Jeanne Leonard made the second and the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jayne McBurney

Reviewers:

Judy West  
Verlene Stephenson