



NCCESA-South Central District Fall Meeting
August 26, 2005
Stanly County
Albemarle, North Carolina

The meeting of the North Carolina Cooperative Extension Secretaries Association, South Central District was called to order by Thetis Williams, President. She welcomed everyone to Stanly County and thanked Janet and Starla for hosting the meeting. This welcome was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Devona Beard, 1st Vice President gave the Thought for the Day.

The welcome was extended by Lori Ivey, Stanly County Extension Director.

Our speaker, Dr. Mitch Owen, Innovation & Organizational Development Leader- POD was introduced by Janet Mabry. The title of his presentation was "Building Your Leadership Impact Through Social Power". It was an innovating presentation and everyone seemed to really enjoy the way that it was presented.

The invocation was given by Kay Morton, 2nd Vice President. Lunch was then served.

BUSINESS SESSION:

Thetis asked for a motion to dispense with the reading of minutes. The motion was made by Brenda Gooden and second by Starla Harwood.

Roll Call was taken by Ruth Ann Pope, South Central District Secretary.

County	Active Members	Retirees
Anson	2	0
Bladen	2	0
Chatham	3	0
Columbus	4	1
Cumberland	4	0
Harnett	3	0
Hoke	2	0
Lee	2	0
Montgomery	2	0
Moore	2	0
Richmond	1	0
Robeson	4	0
Scotland	2	0
Stanly	2	0
District Secretary	0	0
Total Present	34	1

Treasurer:

A copy of the financial report was given to everyone by Annie Freeman, Treasurer.

Account Balances as of 08/26/2005

Checking Account Balance.....\$2,234.77
 Savings Account Balance..... \$ 148.81
 Money Market Account.....3,761.10

The motion to accept the report was made by Starla Harwood and seconded by Devona Beard.

Committee Reports: The group then broke into committee meetings for a ten minute session.

Membership: (Submitted by Cindy Vann in the absence of Peggy Elliott, chair.)

We have two new members to join the NCCESA South Central District since our last meeting. Penny McCartney, Robeson County and Kim Gibson, Montgomery County. We currently have (39) Active members, (3) Association Retirees (Cathy Fields, Lula Shipman and Linda-Creech-Shaw), and (8) Honorary members, (Cathy Fields, Barbara McLean, Frances Oldham, Linda Creech-Shaw, Dorothy M. Reeves, Lula Faulkner Shipman, Evelyn Marks, and Nora Smith). 39 Active Members, 3 Associate Members and 8 Honorary Members.

We will also move Donna Smith to Retiree.

Public Relations: (Beverly Burney, chair. Respectfully submitted by Roberto Cruz and Rhonda Gaster) Our newsletter was published and sent out in June 2005. The committee is asking for submissions for the January newsletter with a deadline of December 1 for articles.

Nominating: (Amy Holder, chair)

Letters were emailed to each secretary informing them we were seeking candidates for the offices of 2nd Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. The deadline for submitting nominations was August 12, 2005. The Nominating Committee would like to thank everyone who agreed to be nominated for office. The nominating committee respectfully submits the following slate of officers for 2005-2006:

Second Vice President-Leann Crump, Richmond County
Secretary-Susan Johnson, Cumberland County
Treasurer-Janet Mabry, Stanly County

Finance: (Annie Freeman, chair)

The committee chair recommended a simplified version of the Treasurer's Report to share with members at our district meetings. A master copy of the Treasurer's Report would still be needed and kept in the Treasurer's Records. A vote was taken and all present were in agreement. Half-N-Half Raffle tickets were sold during the day for a drawing at the end of the meeting. Tickets were \$1.00 each.

Raffle Tickets for Cash awards are currently being sold and will continue to be sold until the last day of the State Meeting in Durham. Each secretary is asked to sell a minimum of 20 tickets.

2006 State Meeting Sponsorships money is currently being accepted by the treasurer and it was recommended that you can send in your money at any time, in case we need it things for our state 2006 meeting. Each county is responsible for a minimum of \$250.

Scholarship: (Susan Graham, chair)

The scholarship committee has nothing to report at this time.

Reflections: (Nan Rackley, chair)

Same report as always. Please keep sending in pictures, news clippings, etc. to Starla for the scrapbook. The committee needs a program from the Hickory meeting if anyone has one to share for the scrapbook.

Professional Improvement: (Leeann Crump, chair)

This committee encourages each and every association member to apply for available scholarships to enhance their work performance and leadership skills, thereby enhancing extension as an organization. Certificates of appreciation for the year's officers and committee chairs will be completed and mailed to respective counties as soon as possible. A page on the pathways leadership program was added to the notebook.

Rules and Bylaws: (Debbie Gibson, chair)

At our last meeting I had received an email from Linda Eure stating that she had received information from Carol Horne, Publication Relations Chairman, and she had some concerns about the Public Relations section of our Rules & Bylaws. Carol Horne stated that she will email the concerns. On August 22, 2005 an email was received from Linda Eure stating that she had received the email with Carol Horne's concerns. Linda reviewed the recommendations and agreed with deleting bullets 5 and 8. After she reviewed bullet 7 and read the membership functions, she also thinks that bullet 7 can be deleted.

She wanted to know our thoughts on this by August 29th. Her committee will review and recommend the proposed changes. She will have to send them to the Board of Directors for their approval and then have the changes posted to the website at least two weeks prior to the state meeting. The motion was made by Janet Mabry to accept these recommended changes. The second was made by Starla Harwood.

Secretary of the Year: (Denese Prevatte, chair)

This committee has no report, they will present their award for Secretary of the Year 2005, at the end of today's meeting.

State Meeting Planning Committee, 2006: (Devona, Starla, Denese, Sharon, Courtenay, Debbie, Bessie)

First the district secretaries were presented with three ideas for the logo for our 2006 State meeting and asked to check the one that they liked best. The totals were counted and the decision was made by majority vote. "Driving Fore Excellence" will be the theme for our state meeting. So we will plan to build from there.

Tour Information: (Lee County)

They presented several recommendations for the group to work with and came down to the following:

Self guided tour - Cameron Antiques - Free / bus drop off & pick up
2006 Kitchens and Moore Tour, cost of possibly \$10 extra for this tour

Buses, bus prices and other final details are being worked on and will be made final at our meeting in the spring.

The motion was made by Kay Morton and seconded by Devona Beard

Workshops: (Scotland County)

After presentation of a number of possibilities the following were recommended:

The workshops would be given after lunch and take approx. 3 hours.

- Cathy Graham: "Personal & Professional Balance" –Free
- CALS IT: "Problems in the Office" - Free
- Estee Lauder: "Beauty & Self Esteem" - Free (The group also decided to waver her vendor fee since she was giving a program at no charge).
- Golf Clinic: (optional morning only!)

Giving us three workshops and one optional to offer, this was presented to the group for a vote and it was unanimous.

Speaker for the Meeting: (Hoke County)

The group was presented with three good possibilities but the decision was made by the group to ask Bill Thompson, Native of Columbus County, to be our speaker. Bill writes a column for Our State Magazine entitled "Front Porch Stories". The motion was made by Pearl Blount and seconded was by Ann Pridgen

Decorations: (Anson County, Richmond County, Columbus County)

Suggestions were presented to use items that were golf related and also pine and pine cones which are native to this area. These would be changed by adding mirrored squares on the tables for the banquet and add some votive candles. Mums to carry out the fall theme and a large podium basket covered in pine cones and arranged with fresh stems were suggested. Ruth Ann Pope offered to make small clay ornaments with a pine cone etched on it as favors for the banquet, these would only be for cost of the supplies around \$25. Final costs for all decorations will be presented for final approval at the Spring meeting. The motion was made by Debbie Gibson and seconded by Devona Beard.

Entertainment: (Bladen County)

After much discussion and consideration in order to help with cost of the meeting the recommendation was made to have an "Extension Idol" time using local talent for the district. Some suggestions were made as follows:

- Clay Brooks-17 yr old by Annie Freeman
- Bluegrass Group from Stanly County- by Starla Harwood

This is one area that is still very much in the works but will be readdressed in the spring. In the meantime if anyone has any other suggestions of talent please email Brenda Gooden.

Host Dress or Recognition: (Chatham County)

The idea was presented for matching soft yellow polo shirts for everyone to wear which would be monogrammed with the NCSU logo and NCESA. Each secretary would be responsible for paying for their own shirt at the cost of around \$25. Motion was made by Rhonda Gaster and second by Susan Johnson.

Hospitality Bags: (Harnett County)

The group made the decision to purchase pocket sized notebooks and assorted plastic sun visors as gifts for the goody bags. They would have the logo printed on them as well. These were less than a dollar each and we need approximately 250. These were available through the same company that is doing the shirts for the group. Each county will be contacted to sign up for other things to contribute.

Vendors :

It was decided that we lower the price to \$25 per vendor instead of the original \$50 fee. This would encourage more vendors to attend. Motion was made by Starla Harwood and second by Denise Prevatte

Door Prizes:

This was a reminder that each secretary is responsible for at least one door prize with a value of a minimum of \$20 and it should be wrapped.

Tickets for door prizes will be placed inside the Hospitality bags at registration desk and you must be present to win.

Spring District Meeting:

It was suggested by the planning committee that we plan to meet at Mid Pines Resort for our spring meeting so that everyone will be able to become familiar with the surroundings before the state meeting September 13-15. Each secretary would be responsible for paying for their own meal that day and we will have time to finalize things before the last minute.

Motion made by Pearl Blount and second by Devona Beard

Secretary of the Year Award:

Pearl Blount, Secretary of the Year for 2004, gave the introduction and presented this year's winner with her plaque and award. This year's winner was Devona Beard, South Central Secretary of the Year for 2005.

Installation of Officers: Starla Harwood installed our slate of officers for the coming year.

Devona Beard – President
Kay Morton - 1st Vice President
Leeann Crump - 2nd Vice President
Susan Johnson – Secretary
Thetis Williams – Advisory
Janet Mabry – Treasurer

Recognition was given to Thetis Williams past president for 2005. Reminder was also given to make sure all notebooks are up to date and passed on to next year's officers.

Half and Half Drawing:

The total for the drawing of this meeting was \$26.50 and the winner was Carolyn Hodges.

Door Prizes:

Door prizes were passed out along with home baked cookies or bread. The meeting was adjourned.