



NCEAFCS Board of Director's Meeting August 17, 2004

Minutes

Present:

Evelyn DeLoatch	Nancy Abasiekong	Sally McNeill
Doris Rogers	Carolyn Dunn	Frances Turner
Glennie Daniels	Rose Massey	Susan Garkalns
Renay Knapp	Wanda Hardison	Margo Mosley
Margaret Allsbrook	Susan Condlin	Carolyn McCain
Peggie Garner		

The meeting was called to order at 12:17 PM by President, Evelyn DeLoatch. She thanked everyone for attending and expressed appreciation to the Southwest District for planning the state meeting. Glennie Daniels, Southwest District president welcomed everyone to Catawba County.

In the absence of NCEAFCS Secretary Jo Ann Cope, Evelyn DeLoatch appointed Sally McNeill to take minutes. Evelyn DeLoatch stated that the minutes of the previous Board of Director's meeting had been posted to the web. Frances Turner made a motion to accept the minutes as posted. This was seconded by Rose Massey and passed by the group.

Treasurer's Report: Margo Mosley, Treasurer, presented the Treasurer's Report for the period of August 1, 2003 through August 1, 2004. The beginning balance in the checking account was \$87.28 and the ending balance was \$354.71. The beginning balance in the State Employees Credit Union Share Account was \$29.62, ending balance was \$30.21. The beginning balance in the Money Market Share Account was \$11,016.46, ending balance was \$9783.83. The NC Cooperative Extension Endowment Fund contains \$24,984.29 and the Income Account contains \$3,304.99 for a total amount of \$28,289.29 in the two Foundation Accounts. Frances Turner made the motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. Renay Knapp seconded the motion and it passed.

In the absence of Dee Furlough, VP for Public Affairs, Evelyn DeLoatch called for the Standing Committee Reports.

By-Laws Committee: Nancy Abasiekong thanked Susan Condlin for posting the bylaws and proposed changes on the web. Nancy discussed the changes saying that many were made to correct typing errors or to clarify information. She explained the additions/extensions that were made to the officer rotation charts. A correction was made so the treasurer's position was consistent with the officer rotation. The Federation rotation chart would not be updated until a vote is taken on whether or not Epsilon Sigma Phi would be admitted into the Federation. Susan

Garkalns made the motion to accept the recommended changes to the by-laws. It was seconded by Rose Massey and passed by the group.

Budget Committee: Margo Mosley presented a written budget status report and stated that dues were collected from 136 national members this year, with one other being a transfer of funds from the state of Virginia for a total of 137 members. Margo explained other expenses, including officer and committee expenses, monetary support for the state annual meeting, Horn of Plenty, ECA Scholarship fund, the Mary G. Wells Diversity Award, web domain fees and bank maintenance fees. NEAFCS is proposing a \$10 dues increase in 2005. This has not been voted on yet but Evelyn DeLoatch commented that it is best for us to prepare ourselves for the increase as the National Association did not have enough in their budget to cover expenses last year. Nancy Abasiekong made a motion to accept the budget report as presented. Doris Rogers seconded the motion and it passed.

Historian's Report: In the absence of Historian, Brenda Morris, her written report was presented to the group by Evelyn DeLoatch. Corrections were made to the listings of officers and award recipients. Peggie Garner made a motion to accept the report with corrections. Rose Massey seconded the motion and it was passed by the group.

Nominating Committee: In the absence of the Nominating Committee chair, Deborah Myatt, the nominating committee report was presented by Glennie Daniels. Margaret Allsbrook voted to accept the slate of officers for the 2005 State Officers, Standing Committee Chairpersons, District Presidents and Federation President-Elect as presented. Margo Mosley seconded the motion and it passed.

Annual Session Committee: SWDEAFCS President Glennie Daniels reported that the agents and retirees in the southwest district have had monthly meetings since last year to plan for the state meeting in Hickory. She indicated that more information about the planning of the meeting would be included in her written District President's report. Margo Mosley made a motion to accept the annual session committee report. This was seconded by Renay Knapp and passed.

Public Affairs Committee: The Public Affairs Committee report has been posted to the web. Dee Furlough, the state VP for Public Affairs, was not in attendance due to a family illness but in her written report she explained that one of her first duties was to become a member of the NEAFCS Task Force. She encouraged other district VP's to apply for membership as well. Being a member of the task force provides a link to information about National Association activities. Nine Stakeholder Reports and six NEAFCS Collaboration Surveys were submitted from North Carolina.

Professional Development Committee: Carolyn McCain presented the professional development report to the board. The written report stated that members and specialists were encouraged to participate in the Eloise Cofer Seminar, to which scholarships were made available. The NCEAFCS Professional Development Opportunities handbook was made available to members on the NCEAFCS website. Members were encouraged to post information about seminars and workshops on the website and to attend association meetings. Lorelei Jones (SE) completed a Masters of Education in Curriculum and Instructional Supervision from UNC-W and Anne Green

(SC) completed a Masters of Extension Education from NCSU this year.

Awards and Recognition Committee: Peggie Garner, VP Awards and Recognition, stated that there needs to be a push for applications for the Ada Dalla Pozza Award. The deadline is October 15, 2004 and the applications should be submitted to Vicki Pettitt. She reported that there were a total of 25 applications submitted for awards this year. Peggie Garner made a motion that the association continue using Trophies and Tributes, the company that she used this year for the plaques. The company provides a very high quality product at almost half the cost of other companies submitting quotes. Rose Massey seconded the motion and it passed. Susan Conclin said that this recommendation could be posted as a change in policies and procedures.

Member Resources Committee: Renay Knapp, VP for Member Resources, stated that she received district reports from six of the seven districts. Corrections were made to the report, adding names that had not been included. Ten new agents have joined NC Cooperative Extension recently, one having resigned already. Also included in the report were the names of those who had retired, resigned, or changed positions or counties. Carolyn Dunn brought up the possibility of preparing a data base of FCS agents so that the information could be updated more easily and reflect the status of FCS positions in a more timely manner. Carolyn said she would look into doing this.

State Life Member Representative: Doris Rogers, State Life Member Representative stated that she appreciates the information found on the website, as it keeps her up-to-date on association activities. Doris stated that the retirees were planning to meet for two hours during tomorrow's business meeting. Plans for the meeting include a presentation by Maurene Rickards about the Extension Foundation, the recognition of recent retirees, and a discussion on how to become a life member.

Web Site Update: Susan Conclin presented an update on the website stating that all 2003 and 2004 reports that she had received had been posted. Also posted was information from Association leadership, policy and procedure updates, award information, and state annual meeting information. Approval was given to pay Hope Hunt, former webmaster, for domain services. This amount is to be \$18.00 with renewal in April 2005.

Evelyn DeLoatch called for District President Reports.

North Central: Margaret Allsbrook reported that at the district meeting in October 2003, Candy Murray gave a presentation about daycare experiences in England. She visited England as part of a grant from the Lillian Foundation. Linda Aycock provided a tour of her newly renovated kitchen. At the Spring 2004 meeting the members toured Historic Halifax. They also passed a Benevolence Fund Policy. The Fall 2004 meeting is planned in Nash County.

Northeast: Verlene Stephenson was not present and no report was given.

Northwest: Susan Garkalns reported that their Fall 2003 meeting was held at the Morning Arts Center in Asheboro. The program focused on professional development and was presented by Barb Dunn Swanson, 4-H agent in Randolph County and Dr. Bette Beane of Bright Horizons for

Women. At the Spring 2004 meeting in May 2004, Evelyn DeLoatch talked about the PILD Conference and a program was presented on Container Gardening by the Davidson County Horticulture agent, Amy Lynn Albertson. Agents also toured Whitaker Farms, previously a tobacco farm that has recently added strawberries, tomatoes and greenhouse production. Three of their district members recently retired, Maurene Rickards, Lynne Qualls and Christine Greene.

South Central: Wanda Hardison reported that at their Fall 2003 meeting in Robeson County the members had fun and celebrated Halloween. A report was given by the five members who attended Galaxy and Robeson County 4-H agent, Shea Ann Dejarnette, presented a program on media relations. At the Spring 2004 meeting in Laurinburg the members toured the John Blue Historical Grounds. Their Fall 2004 meeting will be in Stanly County.

Southeast: Susan Morgan was not present as she had injured her back and was not able to attend the state meeting. The written report that was submitted included information about the Fall 2003 meeting in Jones County where the group toured Foscue Plantation. The district approved a fundraising project to sell Doughmaker pans. The spring 2004 meeting was held in Lenoir County and the program included a tour of Pride of Kinston, an incubator business development effort of Lenior community college and the city of Kinston. The Fall 2004 meeting will be in New Hanover County.

Southwest: Glennie Daniels reported that approximately 95-98 people registered for the state meeting. One hundred six people registered for the banquet. The Fall 2003 district meeting was held in Alexander County and included a tour of the Deal Orchards, an example of an agri-tourism business. The Spring 2004 meeting was held at the Catholic Conference Center in Hickory so that members could tour the facilities prior to the state meeting in August. The Southwest District Agents have met monthly throughout the 2003-2004 year to plan and coordinate the state meeting. The Fall 2004 meeting is planned in Newton and will include a tour of the historic 1924 Court House and Museum.

West: Jo Ann Cope was not present and no report was given.

Frances Turner made a motion to accept all the Standing Committee Reports and the District Reports as presented/submitted. Susan Garkalns seconded the motion and it was passed by the group.

Old Business: Evelyn DeLoatch explained that she had received a letter from Ada Dalla Pozza asking that the Ada Dalla Pozza Award be moved to the NC Extension Foundation for management purposes. Nancy Abasiekong sent a letter saying that we would approve this request. Susan Conclin stated that she wanted to be sure that the award not only moved to the NC Extension Foundation but that it was specifically put into the Family and Consumer Sciences fund. Maurene Rickards will be consulted to be sure this takes place.

Evelyn DeLoatch discussed a request from NCECA for a donation of \$300 to help the organization host the CWC National Meeting in NC this year. Since occasionally NCEAFCS makes similar requests of ECA, the \$300 amount was approved and sent to ECA. A letter was also received from EFNEP requesting monies for help in providing refreshments for an

appreciation event for EFNEP supporters. The amount of \$100 was approved and sent to EFNEP.

Nancy Abasiekong reported on activities of the Federation and PILD. The Federation met in Lee County on Friday, December 12, 2003. This date conflicted with a Color Me Healthy training in Raleigh, so not all FCS members were in attendance at the meeting. The next Federation meeting will be on Friday, December 3, 2004 in Lee County. Nancy encouraged the members to visit the SEANC website to get information about joining. She stated that in 2008 the Ag Association will be hosting the national meeting and so will probably be approaching NCEAFCS for help and support of this meeting. Nancy explained that the vote to admit Epsilon Sigma Phi to the Federation did not pass, possibly for reasons related to the fact that administrators are members of Epsilon Sigma Phi. If allowed in the Federation, then administrators might become Federation officers, and the purpose of the Federation is to be a link between all employee/agent groups and administration. Also the thought is that members of Epsilon Sigma Phi would already be members of one of the other six groups in the Federation. Epsilon Sigma Phi has submitted another request to have the issue reexamined and brought to a vote again at the next Federation meeting in December 2004. Another issue that came up was that Federation is asking each of the six member organizations to pay dues of \$50 per year. Previously the Soybean Association has provided funds for the expenses of the Federation, but expenses are running more than the Soybean Association provides. In the officer rotation for Federation, the NCEAFCS provides the President-Elect for 2005.

Frances Turner made a motion in favor of paying the \$50 yearly dues to the Federation to help with expenses. Peggie Garner seconded the motion and it passed. Frances Turner also made a motion for the NCEAFCS to vote in favor of Epsilon Sigma Phi being admitted to the Federation when a vote is taken again in December 2004.

Nancy Abasiekong explained that the PILD report had not been posted to the website yet, but that she would submit it. NC did a good job of putting together impact statements by district. Nationally, FCS agents are being asked to request that states ask their representatives to declare the second week of March as "Extension Living Well" week.

Other Business: Evelyn DeLoatch announced that the State's Night Out event at the National meeting would be Tuesday, October 5, 2004. The exact location had not been finalized.

Renay Knapp thanked the board for the card sent to her during her husband's illness.

President Evelyn DeLoatch adjourned the Board of Director's meeting at 2:10 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Evelyn DeLoatch
NCEAFCS President's

Sally McNeill
Appointed Minute Taker