



# North Carolina Extension Association of Family & Consumer Sciences

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

## **NCEAFCS Board of Directors' Meeting December 6, 2005 Ramada Inn- Kill Devil Hills, NC**

Members Present: Peggie Garner, Marsha Smith, Ila Parker, Brenda Morris, Karen Wicker, Margaret Allsbrook, Connie Sherrill, Geissler Baker, Rose Massey, Frances Turner, Margaret Bullock, Deborah Howard, Sue Counts, Dee Furlough, Nancy Abasiokong, Margo Mosley.

Administrators Present: Dr. Sandy Zaslow, Dr. Carolyn Dunn.

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by President Nancy Abasiokong. She thanked the Northeast District for planning twice for the meeting. Rose Massey welcomed the group on behalf of the NE District.

The minutes were approved as posted on the web. Secretary Bess Hester-Whitt read excerpts from a letter from Sharon Hoelscher Day and Sandy McClain from National, thanking the NC Association for the \$1500 endowment pledge in honor of National President, Marilyn Gore. President Abasiokong noted that an actual donation, rather than a pledge was given at the National Meeting.

Margo Mosley, Treasurer presented the Treasurer's Report for the period of August 1, 2004 through December 5, 2005. The beginning balance in the checking account was \$354.71 and the ending balance was \$596.45. The beginning balance in the State Employees Credit Union Share Account was \$30.21 and the ending balance \$30.81. The beginning balance in the Money Market Share Account was \$9,783.83 and the ending balance \$13,542.86. The NC Cooperative Extension Endowment Fund contains \$23,662.70 and the Income Account contains \$2604.09, for a total amount of \$26,266.79 in the Foundation Account. This amount does not reflect a \$517.00 deposit by the FCS Department reimbursing NCEAFCS for 4 State's Night Out meals and Fund donation honoring Marilyn Gore. Margo also explained that when dues were received from the membership, they were placed in the saving account to accrue interest until sent on to National. That explains the transfer from savings line item. Peggie Garner made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. Sue Counts seconded the motion and it passed.

Peggie Garner, VP for PUBLIC AFFAIRS, gave the following report:  
NC was one of 20 states who participated in Living Well Week, and we were presented a certificate of appreciation for our participation. Living Well Week is scheduled for March 12-18 for 2006. Mini-grants are available, with letters of intent due January 10. The application can be found on the national web site. Scholarships are available for PILD for first time participants for \$500. Those applications are due Feb. 10. Also, public affairs mini-grants of \$500-\$1000 are available, with applications due April 1. Money is awarded with half the funding received up front, and the remainder after your event. There will also be 4 Living Well Week awards, and applications for that award are due July 1. Awards for the year 2004-05 ranged from \$250-\$500.

Peggie called for other standing committee reports.

AWARDS - Karen Wicker reported that winners were posted to the website in September. There were 22 individual and 6 team applications received. The awards committee ordered 29 plaques, with some teams ordering additional plaques for partners. National winners will be presented at the Awards Banquet. Karen also reminded members that Ada Dalla Pozza applications are due December 16th.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT - Sue Estridge was not present, so members were advised to check the website.

MEMBER RESOURCES - Connie Sherrill reported that there are 8 new agents, 3 retired agents, and 4 agents who have resigned. Ten agents have changed job responsibilities or locations, and two agents have passed away. She asked for any additional names and was given updates, adding three new agents and one additional death.

A discussion followed on the challenge of communicating information about member events (assignments, retirements, resignations, etc). The treasurer keeps a list of updated addresses and needs to be notified of changes that occur. Current Treasurer Margo Mosely has a list of retirees, but it was suggested that perhaps Deborah Howard had a list that may be more accurate. It was also noted that retired members have a choice as to whether they are state or national lifetime members. Ila will discuss this challenge of communication at the retiree section meeting. The state treasurer will be asked to work with Deborah Howard and Ila Parker to work to come up with an updated list of state life members and retirees.

BY-LAWS - Dee Furlough reported that a request for updated changes in By-Laws had been posted to the web. She asked that we look at proposed changes as a group and be ready to make suggestions at tomorrow's business meeting. Each change will be presented to the total membership to be voted on item by item.

Dr Carolyn Dunn noted that we may want to change the wording under Article XII, Dissolution of the Association to include the general fund. After a discussion, it was decided to leave the wording as presented.

BUDGET - Margo Mosely stated that the budget report is posted on the web. She pointed out that with regard to life membership; there are two different forms on the web. She also pointed out that there are some line items in the annual budget that are used biannually, rather than yearly. This year the Eloise Cofer seminar will occur, and a transfer from savings will be necessary to make the budget balance.

NOMINATING - Deborah Howard stated that the 2006 leadership list is in the program booklet. She distributed a list of officers nominated for the 2006 term.

HISTORIAN - Brenda Morris encouraged those on the district level to keep good records and respond to the state historian when the report is requested. She noted that she will be taking pictures throughout the meeting to add to her report.

STATE LIFE MEMBER - Ila Parker noted that we need to do more as an organization to encourage retiree participation and support. Often communication is difficult to maintain as members retire, and they "fall through the cracks". She also noted that retirement is worth working for, stating that

“when you retire, it is a blessing.” Sue Counts suggested that maybe a template could be designed for district presidents' reports, such as that for historians, which might help to facilitate retiree information collection and communication.

WEB-MASTER - Susan Conclin was absent. Written reports submitted were posted to the web. It was suggested that when standing committee reports are sent to the president, they automatically be sent to the web master also.

STATE MEETING - Rose Massey reported that, as of this time, we have 87 registered for lunch, with 106 total registered for the December meeting. At the original meeting scheduled in September, we had 141 registered, with 100 of those full time.

District Presidents' reports will be made orally at the Annual Business Session. They are posted to the web. District Presidents were asked to send dates for the 2006 Spring and Fall meetings to both the web master and 2006 NCEAFCS President, Dee Furlough.

Dr. Sandy Zaslow and Dr. Carolyn Dunn gave an FCS update. They thanked agents in the Northeast District for their leadership and flexibility in having to deal with a meeting date change. Dr. Zaslow spoke about the Program Council and the lack of momentum. Nancy Abasiekong noted that districts had appointed district representation as a means of helping to revitalize the council. Dr. Zaslow noted that the council can help FCS as a program area function under the change management initiative. She noted that staying connected to advisory council members could help with positioning our program area. Dr. Zaslow also noted the Foundation reception which is on the meeting agenda, and will be speaking more about the Endowment opportunity at that time. She expressed appreciation to committee members for helping bring the Foundation to its present status. Dr. Dunn noted that pledge opportunities will be in place and noted that the EFNEP staff had pledged \$3000 at their annual meeting. North Carolina is the only FCS program in the nation that has a foundation program in place. Dr. Dunn encouraged support by members to the Foundation.

Dr. Zaslow and Dr. Dunn thanked Deborah Howard for her leadership in our sister organization, AAFCS, in serving as NCAFCS President.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Karen Wicker gave a report on the PILD conference. She was very appreciative of the opportunity to attend and reported that it was a wonderful learning opportunity and one that members need to take advantage of. She has written an article for the AAFCS journal.

Dee Furlough reported that the JCEP conference she was able to attend was one of the best conferences she had ever attended. That meeting was held in February in Nashville.

Nancy Abasiekong thanked those who attended the national meeting. This year's States Night Out included the Virginia delegation. She thanked those who helped with projects associated with Marilyn Gore's role as national president. She reported that one of the business items which was passed at the meeting was a dues increase. National will be looking closer at the roles and responsibilities of officers, especially those serving as appointed and elected treasurers.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

The Federation forum was discussed. We have 10 representative slots. These include the 7 district presidents, the advisor, a state officer and a member at large. Nancy asked the group if we wanted to establish a list of recommended representatives for filling the 10 delegates in addition to the president and president-elect. Brenda Morris made the motion to develop such a list. Rose Massey seconded, and the motion passed to formalize the list to include the 7 district presidents, a current officer, advisor and a member at large to represent the FCS Association at the Federation meeting.

President Abasiekong appointed a committee of Marsha Smith and Connie Sherrill to review the Executive Board minutes. Program Council members and their representative districts serving for the 2006 year include: Peggie Garner, Regina Bell, SE; Tres Magner, Renay Knapp, W; Ann Darkow, Amanda Hubbard, NE; Molly Alexi, Sandra Kelly, SC; Glennie Daniels, Julie Padgett, SW; Margaret Bullock, Bess Whitt, NC; Deborah Womack, Sherrie Peeler, NW.

President Abasiekong also appointed a committee to look at state meeting guidelines to help with future planning. This committee will be chaired by Glennie Daniels and members will be Margo Mosley, Rose Massey, Georgia Kight and Nancy Abasiekong.

An audit committee will be appointed at the Annual Business Session to review the treasurer's report.

Ila Parker inquired about Extension families affected by the hurricanes. It was suggested to contact Dr. Ed Jones for updated information.

Nancy circulated a written copy of the Annual Business Meeting agenda and asked members to review the agenda for additions or deletions.

Under announcements, Frances Turner added that Amy Chilcote had sent energy kits for some agents to pick up.

On a motion made by Peggie Garner and seconded by Margaret Allsbrook, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Abasiekong, President

Bess Hester-Whitt, Secretary