



North Carolina Extension Association of Family & Consumer Sciences

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

NCEAFCS Annual Meeting Minutes December 7, 2005 Ramada Inn- Kill Devil Hills, NC

President Nancy Abasiekong called the Annual Business Meeting of the NCEAFCS to order at 11:30 am. She welcomed the members present and led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance. She thanked Past President, Frances Turner, for serving as Parliamentarian.

Secretary Bess Hester Whitt noted that the minutes had been posted to the web. She asked for any corrections or deletions. They were accepted as posted. Hester-Whitt also read excerpts from a letter from National expressing their appreciation of the \$1500 donation to the NEAFCS Endowment by the NC Affiliate in honor of National President, Marilyn Gore.

Treasurer's Report: Margo Mosley, Treasurer presented the Treasurer's Report for the period of August 1, 2004 through December 5, 2005. Printed copies of the status report and proposed budget for 2006 were available to the membership on their tables. 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 \$3,121.09 for a total amount of \$26783.79 in the Foundation Account, with \$517.00 of that being a 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. She also pointed out the \$1500 from the endowment which is routinely pulled out for State Meeting assistance. President Nancy Abasiekong accepted the Treasurer's Report for audit and thanked Margo for serving two years in the treasurer's position.

Annual Session Registration Report: NE District President Rose Massey gave an Annual Meeting Registration Report of 81 full time registrants, 17 special guests, with 102 registered at various times, and 10 retirees in attendance.

FCS Foundation Update: Dr. Sandy Zaslow expressed thanks to all. A special kickoff for the Foundation will be held this evening with a reception beginning at 6:15 pm. Dr. Ort will be present to toast the Foundation. Dr. Zaslow invited the membership to attend.

Peggie Garner, VP for Public Affairs, reported that 20 states participated in the **Living Well campaign**. Highlights can be found on the National website. Mini-grant applications are due Jan. 10, with awards available in the amount of \$500. She suggested that perhaps district applications, rather than county level, be submitted and encouraged membership participation. There were 4 awards given at the National Meeting. She also noted that Public Affairs mini-grant applications are due April 1. She then

called upon other standing committee chairpersons for their reports:

Awards and Recognition: Karen Wicker noted that the awards banquet will be held later this evening. Winners were announced on our web site in the fall before National. There were 22 individual and 6 team awards, with 29 plaques ordered. Summary statements for award winners are in the Awards Banquet program. December 15 is the deadline for the Ada Dalla Pozza award. Karen encouraged participation in the awards program, and she noted that National has a power point on awards available.

Professional Development: Chair Sue Estridge was not present. The membership was encouraged to check the web for this report.

Member Resources: Connie Sherrill noted this report is also on the web. She reported 8 new agents, 3 retired, 4 resigned and 2 deceased agents. She encouraged support of the Ada Dalla Pozza and FCS Foundation awards.

By-Laws: Dee Furlough reported that proposed changes have been posted to the web and have been updated due to changes on the National level. Printed copies of policies and procedures were distributed to tables in the room. Voting on changes will take place during the business session.

Budget: Treasurer Margo Mosley referred to the proposed budget as found on members' tables. She has solicited input from officers on their respective needs in order to propose meaningful budgets for officer expenses. She pointed out a need to change the amount reported for state life members. A motion to accept the budget with proposed changes was made by Margaret Bullock and seconded by Regina Bell. The motion passed.

Nominating: Deborah Howard asked the membership to refer to the list of officers nominated, found on page 14 of the program booklet for her committee report.

Historian: Brenda Morris reported that one item she has learned in her three year term as chair of this committee is the importance of keeping records. She reminded the membership that we need to keep that in mind and respond to requests for information. Each district needs to appoint a district historian if they do not already do so.

State Life Member: Ila Parker stressed the need for preserving the history of the Association. She noted that we have both retired county agents and specialists involved in the retiree group. She challenged each district to include retiree representation on district executive boards.

Web master: Chairperson Susan Condlin was not present. Peggie Garner reported that Susan was doing a great job and suggested that all persons sending reports to the VP for Public Affairs also carbon the Web master.

State Meeting: Chair Rose Massey had no additions to her report.

President Abasiokong called for District President's Reports. Brief reports follow. More details can be found on the Web.

North Central District: Margaret Bullock reported - Fall 04 Meeting in Johnston County with tour of Johnston County Heritage. Spring 05 meeting in Nash County - agents prepared for Southern Women's show and toured local BBQ Sauce facility. Fall 05 meeting in Warren County followed

by touring points of interest on new Agri-Cultural Tourist Trail, “Hushpuppies, Pimento Cheese and Sweet Tea.”

Northeast District: Rose Massey - Fall 04 meeting at Ramada Inn in Kill Devil Hills involved planning for state meeting. Spring 05 meeting in Northampton County was a program by Head Start Staff, “It Truly Takes a Village to Raise a Child.”

Northwest District: Geissler Baker - Fall meeting in Guilford County with program “How to Eat the Elephant that is Blocking Your Path”. Spring 05 session was also in Greensboro and featured stress management.

South Central: Lisa Childers - Fall 04 meeting in Stanley County with guided tour of vineyard. Spring 05 meeting was in Anson County, with hands on tour of pottery business and renovated bed and breakfast. Fall meeting in Bladen County centered on plans for 07 State Meeting.

Southeast District: Marsha Smith - Fall 04 meeting in New Hanover with program “Discovering Your Abilities”, an explanation of Ability Garden at New Hanover County Arboretum. Spring 05 meeting was part of 2 day planning retreat for 06 State Meeting. A special activity for the district was three day trip to Cherokee, NC as follow up on 04 study tour to North Dakota. Ivy Reid, Ada Dalla Pozza recipient, also coordinated strategic planning for how FCS might position itself for a future in Cooperative Extension. The group worked on vision, goals, action steps and will meet after six months to assess progress.

Southwest District: Margo Mosley for Tracy Davis - Fall 04 meeting in Catawba County with tour of Catawba County Museum of History. Spring 05 meeting was in Rutherford County with tour of Earth, Glaze and Fire pottery studio.

West District: Sue Counts for Jessica Roberson - Fall 04 meeting at John Campbell Folk Art School with program on folklore and tour of school. Spring 05 meeting at Lake Junaluska, a tour of the area, via a trolley.

FCS Update: Dr. Sandy Zaslow will present tomorrow.

NEW BUSINESS

President Elect, Dee Furlough presented **2005 proposed changes to the Bylaws.**

Under Article III – Dues, Section 5 add new Section; State Life Membership dues for retired agents, who have been a member of the association for at least 5 years, are explained in the Finances Section of the NCEAFCS Policy and Procedures. Motion made by Georgia Kight, seconded by Brenda Morris, passed.

Under Article IV, State Officers, add to Group A: Early Childhood//Child Care Training Award, Food Safety Award, Extension Housing Outreach Award. Add to Group B, SDA Clean Homes Award, Healthy Families Program Award, Healthy Lifestyle Education Grant, Excellence in 4-H After school Programming Award. Delete Kraft Foods Consumer Center Media Grant. Motion by Ivy Reid, seconded by Deborah Womack passed.

Under Article XI – AMENDMENTS Section 2 changed to read: A notice of any proposed amendments in the By-Laws shall be posted to the Association’s web page and/or emailed to members via the FCS list serve and mailed to retirees who do not have Internet access thirty days in advance of the Annual Session. Motion by Debbie Cox, seconded by Georgia Kight, passed.

Under Article XII - DISSOLUTION OF THE ASSOCIATION changed to read: On the dissolution of the Association, the entire net assets remaining after the payment of any and all liabilities and obligations of the Association shall be dispersed by the NCEAFCS Executive Board to be incorporated into the FCS Foundation to be distributed according to the guidelines. Motion by Margret Allsbrook, seconded by Yvonne Mullins, passed.

Under POLICIES AND PROCEDURES add:

National dues shall be \$60.00

State dues shall be \$32.00 and includes \$1.00 for the support of the Horn of Plenty and \$1.00 for the support of the NCECA Scholarship

District dues shall be set by the district

Motion by Regina Bell, seconded by Juanita Bailey; passed.

Additional changes to Bylaws,

Section 1 changed to read: State dues for the annual membership in the Association shall be established by a quorum of the members voting at the Annual Session of the Association. Proposed changes in the dues shall be made known to the membership 30 days prior to the Annual Session, at which time a vote is to be taken.

Section 2 changed to read: State dues for members shall also include \$1.00 for the annual Horn of Plenty and \$1.00 for the annual North Carolina Extension and Community Association (NCECA) scholarship

Section 3 was added: National dues shall be set by the National Association and will become effective following the National Meeting.

Current Section 3 was changed to Section 4 and Current Section 4 changed to Section 5. Motion was made by Marcia Flint; seconded by Jeannie Leonard; passed.

JCEP - Dee Furlough gave an update on the Joint Council of Extension Professionals meeting. She encouraged members, stating that “if you have the opportunity, do attend.” The focus was on decision making with leaders.

Federation/PILD - Karen Wicker told members to check the Federation website for issue and responses from last year. She reported that a focus for the PILD conference was Leadership Development through partnerships, building public support for Extension programs. She has shared with Ivy Reid information that may be useful in her work positioning FCS programs within Extension.

National Meeting - President Abasiekong reported that 43 North Carolina members attended the 2005 National Meeting in Philadelphia, Pa. Members collected 350 children’s books for the children’s book distribution project. Virginia delegates were invited to join the North Carolina delegates for State’s Night Out. Nancy thanked those who helped with the reception hosted in honor of North Carolina member and National president, Marilyn Gore. She also thanked those who donated silent auction items.

NCAFCS – Dee Furlough encouraged members to consider joining NCAFCS. She thanked Deborah Howard for serving as President and noted that Evelyn Deloatch will be the upcoming president. The 2006 State Meeting will be held March 10-12 in Burlington with the 2006 National Meeting being held in Charlotte. The Association has voted to put their Katherine Lyons funds in the FCS foundation account.

Officer Election: Deborah Howard proposed the following slate as 2006 Officers:

President: Dee Furlough
President Elect: Peggie Garner
Secretary : Susan Garkalns
Treasurer: Georgia Kight
VP Public Affairs: Karen Wicker
VP Awards and Recognition: Sue Counts
VP Member Resources: Judy West
VP Professional Development: Debbie Stroud
Historian: Debbie Cox
Nominating: Susan Morgan
State Life Member: Sandra Brown
State Meeting: Peggie Garner
Awards and Recognition – Group A: Margaret Allsbrook
Awards and Recognition – Group B: Evelyn Deloatch
Counselor: Nancy Abasiekong
2006 Federation President: Susan Condlin

Motion by Sandra Head; seconded by Shari Farless; passed.

Treasurer Margo Mosley made a correction to the proposed budget, reflecting a change in the beginning balance, state life members, horn of plenty and ECA scholarship and transfer from savings line item, but which did not change the total income or expenses.

Under other business: Former President Denise Baker asked for the floor. She pointed out that with the changes in the Extension organization this Association is more important than ever. The public affairs office is one of the most important in the Association. She stressed the need to have a system in place to transfer the knowledge from those in leadership to the membership. It wasn't until attending meetings as State President that she realized the impact of the knowledge gained at that level. She encouraged national meeting delegates to go home and share information as part of our professional development. Karen Wicker added that perhaps we could pull more information from national for our state meetings. It was also suggested that we put our reports on the web in a way that shows consumer value. Timing is critical as well. Look at plans for 2006. President Abasiekong asked if this could be added to the January mid-year board meeting agenda: "How to maximize information from national and add to district and state levels."

President Abasiekong asked Connie Sherrill and Marsha Smith to serve as the Minute Review Committee. Frances Turner and Debbie Stroud were asked to work with Georgia Kight to audit the financial records with treasurer, Margo Mosely. Fourteen members were officially appointed to the program council, with two members representing each district 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.

Ten federation forum representatives were appointed to serve in addition to two state officers. It was recommended that this be the 7 district presidents, advisor, one state officer, and one member at large.

Dr. Sandy Zaslow noted that Dr. Celvia Stovall from NC A&T will be a part of the program council.

Announcements of upcoming dates for the remainder of 2005 and 2006 were made. Motion to adjourn was made by Brenda Morris; seconded by Karen Wicker; passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nancy Abasiekong,
President

Bess Hester-Whitt
Secretary