

ESP CONNECT Meeting
Aug. 12, 2009: 9 – 10:15 AM
Minutes

Present: Susan Klein, Brenda Schmitt, Rich Wrage, Holly Smith, Linda Fisher, Greg Brenneman, Paulelda Gilbert

FRIENDS OF EXTENSION - Awards will be 8/22 at 2:30 pm in 4-H Bldg, at State Fair. Everything is ready to go; Mary Holz-Clause will be there to help present; Jack may or may not be there. The Friends will be there; Plaques there; info, photos, etc. are ready for the presentation. Good job Holly, for putting that all together!

NEXT STEPS

Everything used to be based on Annual Conference. How do we proceed without an Annual Conference? This year there will be an Annual Conference via Adobe CONNECT. How do you do elections? How do we do ISUCEP? Susan Klein was to be President...now what? Brenda, Linda, Rich, Annette are what is left of the board after January 31. Committees have been hit hard.

DISCUSSION

- As long as an individual is doing Extension work, they can continue to be a member.
- According to bylaws: "Extension Staff" can be members. "Shall perform satisfactory and demonstrate competency".
- Better to be inclusive rather than exclusive. We NEED membership.
- ISUCEP meeting Aug. 25 meeting 10 - 1 PM. We can make a tentative decision and see if we are in-line with ISUCEP.

Brenda made a motion and seconded by Linda that we allow all Extension Staff including County paid staff to be members of ESP. Motion carried.

COMMITTEES

Awards Committee and Audit Committee were hit hard. What is left as we know - half of these had their term up. These were appointed.

Awards Committee: Sherry McGill, Alan Ladd, Kapil Arora, Virgil Schmidt, Jackie Luckstead, Janine Baldwin,

Membership Committee: Dennis Johnson, Byron Leu, Jeanne Warning, Mitch Hoyer, Mary Beth Kauffman, Mark Settle, Jim Johnson, Bev Peters

Auditing:

Nominating: Jan Temple, Bill Drey, Vannette Grover, Linda Wilson,

Issue & Concerns: Greg Brenneman

Professional Development: Glen Easter

DISCUSSION

- Life members have full rights and privileges of active members – could hold office and serve on committees.

- Annual Conference is Oct. 22 – Afternoon for 2-3 hour meeting – they are facing the same issues we are addressing.
- Survey monkey elections prior to Annual Conference and announce winners at Annual Conference
- Need to minimize the number of people online for Annual Conference - group viewing.
- Think we would have better participation for elections through an online survey than trying to hold a CONNECT election.
- Time Line: Survey live on Oct. 12 - close on the 16 - tack our meeting on the end or before Annual Conference – would only need 15 minutes to give election results and to share the boards plan of action to move forward.
- Include for vote on the Survey – “Keep current officers in place” to help with the transition – until we know how things shake out from the reorganization.

To Do List

- Rich will contact the nominating committee and give them their job.
- Rich will figure out a time for our Annual Meeting to report election results and outline what we are doing to regroup our organization
- Brenda will create the survey monkey.

We as a board, agree that any decision that Rich makes in regards to time and means for the annual meeting is good.

TREASURER’S REPORT

Linda is waiting for a voucher to pay for Trophies.

The budget will be almost impossible with us not knowing what are membership is. The Auditing committee and Linda can meet and make a wild stab at creating a budget.

Membership list and dues are due to Nationals on Feb. 1. The REEDs meet next week. Membership and recruitment will be discussed at that time.

Per Bylaws: “Auditing Committee is made up of 2 members. The audit takes place within one month of annual meeting.” Linda will ask Denise Schwab and Greg Brenneman to serve as auditing committee this year.

\$4060.46 Checking and Savings = \$264.57 Checking \$2384.55 Savings as of July 30

\$1785.00 ISUCEP

Outstanding Bill for trophies \$370.66 (Friends of Extension)

Motion to adjourn made at 10:15 by Brenda and Second by Greg. Motion carry.