

OSUEA Board Meeting
Thursday, June 4, 2009

After a few technical difficulties, the meeting was called to order by Pamela Olsen, President. Jeanne Brandt, Secretary. In attendance: Pam Weiderholt, Carole Smith, Mike Knutz, Jeanne Brandt, Glenda Hyde, Cory Parsons, Steve Fitzgerald, Debbie Maddy, Patricia Dawson, Linda McMahon.

Pamela welcomes everyone from the University of Minnesota!

Minutes were posted on the website. Correction: Budget will be restored with \$1000 in future rather than \$100 for president and president elect. Minutes approved with that correction. Motion to approve, Steve, Mike seconded.

Treasurer's report sent by Janice Cowan in previous email. Budget reflects recommendations from last meeting.

Wendy Hein was not able to attend PILD and Pamela expected to share cost of hotel room. She asked to see if board would pay extra lodging expenses. Carole suggested that Pamela ask OSUEA-4-H.

Old Business:

Pamela made some contacts to recruit OSUEA Director's position. No success so far. Still seeking nominees or suggestions. A one year term to fill.

Brian Tuck has committed to join Extension Development Fund position. Will review quarterly request for funds.

Pamela represented OUSEA at new employee orientation. Hope this will encourage new employees to join OSUEA. About 15 people at orientation.

PILD Conference: Deb Maddy and Pamela reported. Group of OSUEA and an ECAN representative recently attended PILD. Great opportunity to interact with Kate Cusack who is representative in WA DC. Got in to all Representatives and Senators except one. Visited with Senator Merckly personally. Seemed to be good support for extension overall. Educated a few new aides. All were interested in coming to or being a part of extension programming in their areas. Be sure to extend invitation to senators, congressmen or aides.

At PILD requested that Smith Lever Funds be maintained or reinstated, new technology be supported, as Energy and Sustainable living be supported, consider Cooperative Extension as outreach component rather than creating another system for that.

President's budget did not come in as high as expected, but slightly higher than last year.

New Business:

O&E Conference Committee has given careful consideration to conference and has decided to not have a conference this fall. Committee to reconsider next year has been formed. Pamela and Cory

are on that committee.

OSUEA needs to determine what that means for us in terms of meeting or alternatives for conducting business and recognition.

Discussion notes: Pamela has been gathering input. Support for activity in conjunction with other event. Vicki Campbell looked into schedule of University Days and National Ag conference, both ending September 24. Linn County (Albany) fairgrounds is available Thursday pm through Friday.

Discussion regarding alternatives: Meetings at Spring conference. Regional meetings. Virtual meetings. Travel could be covered by county funds if they are available, especially if professional development is offered as well as business and recognition. Differing opinions about best timing and if OSUEA activities should be combined with other training.

Consensus for holding gathering in December, same dates that O&E conference was to be held. This will allow all associations to continue on their existing schedules for awards selection and peer reviewed presentations and posters.

Cory offered for OAEA to offer a BBQ during the event if it is held on the Linn County fairgrounds rather than at the Alumni center.

Pamela will compare prices and availability of campus and Linn county fairgrounds. Suggested event start id-day and go through next full day. Association meetings first day prior to dinner/BBQ event. Second full day will include posters, presentations and recognition.

Patricia suggested that if OSUEA is planning this event, we should designate times for meetings and any additional meetings, such as departments or program areas.

Most represented associations and committees felt this would work for them.

Deb felt that Vicki Campbell could help with getting contracts in order (facilities, catering). Deb will check her availability for registrations.

Executive committee (Pam, Cory, Jeanne, Janice) will draft a schedule for board to react to.

Financing this event: registration and meal costs will need to cover expenses.

We will create a survey for staff and faculty to determine interest. This may need to wait until counties and state budgets are settled. Possibly in July. Will use survey Monkey.

Affiliates Reports:

ANREP, Steve Fitzgerald. 33 members in Oregon. Call for abstracts for conference in Alaska next June, deadline June 12. "Opportunities for extension in a changing environment: lessons from the alt Frontier."

ESP, Patricia Dawson. Oregon working on 2010 conference in Wyoming.

Committee reports:

Fundraising, Glenda Hyde. Will work on event in December.

Professional Development, Mike Knutz. Had thought of suggesting this position be eliminated or combined with another, but now it seems this position will be active. Mike will go ahead and stay in position since he had done call for proposals and peer review process.

Administrative report: Deb Maddy.

Anyone interested in budget?

Right now, Ways and Means recommended 15% decrease in level funding. Translates to 31 positions. Less than feared in Feb. This week we have heard that the Higher Ed. Caucus has identified \$5mil add-back to statewides. Extension's part will be 2.5mil. Expect that legislature will wait until last minute to determine final budget.

Op-Ed article being prepared for Statesman Journal. 2 alumni, respected citizens. Deb Maddy said stake holders have gone overboard on our behalf. Were well received and made a difference for us.

Extension admin. still waiting for final decisions. Continuing to run scenarios. Right now working on 20% reduction budget. Easier to add things back in. Working on

1. management strategies for short term. To look at bridge funding for fixed term faculty members. What kind of tools to keep tenured track faculty fully employed. What other ideas for help with budget.

2. Three leadership conversations going on.

Options for a more streamlined approach to programming. (Scott Reed)

Revenue generation. (Dave King)

Regionalization. (Deb Maddy)

Extension Admin. working on helping OFNEP get staff hired. Also trying to help campus admin understand the importance of county support staff and how hiring freeze affects them.

Concerns that we need technical expertise (either ourselves or campus support) is we are going to put information online for people to access. Deb comments that we may need to shift some support for positions.

Extension has one support person for each faculty member. May need additional support per faculty for technology support.

Monday June 8, Cabinet meeting will have discussion of where Extension is and next steps.

Membership: maybe cost of membership could be folded in to conference registration fee.

Pamela announced she has completed requirements for her Doctorate! Congratulations!
She will be getting married September 4.

No other business. Meeting adjourned 11:55 am.