

NACDEP BUSINESS MEETING

Philadelphia, PA
Wednesday, April 18, 2007

President Dick Senese called the third annual Business Meeting of NACDEP to order.

Secretary's Report

Dick Senese commented that the minutes from the February 15, 2006 Business Meeting in San Antonio was included in the registration packets that each member received. He asked for any discussion, changes or corrections to the minutes; there was no discussion. Deborah Tootle motioned that we accept the minutes as recorded. Hank Cothran seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Dick Senese asked if there was any need to amend the agenda.

Treasurer's Report

Hank Cothran presented the Treasurer's report. NACDEP is a financially healthy organization. We currently have 451 members. Hank filed with the Federal Government as a 501c4 organization. The IRS declined this request and suggested that NACDEP file as a 501c3 organization instead. Hank motioned that the group considers becoming a 501c3 corporation. Barb Andreozzi seconded the motion. Dick Senese asked for discussion and there was none. Motion carried. Hank reported that the language in 501c3 amendments must be adopted by NACDEP membership to get IRS approval as a 501c3 (non-profit) organization.

Introduction of the Executive Committee

Dick Senese introduced the Executive Committee and the Regional Representatives:

Dick Senese – President
Rick Maurer – Past President
Mike Woods – President-elect
Hank Cothran – Treasurer
Deborah Tootle – Secretary

Regional Representatives: David Civittolo (North Central), Michelle Eley (1892), Charlie French (Northeast), Lorrie Higgins (West) Cynthia Pilcher (South).

Dick mentioned that the 1994 Regional Representative position is still open.

Resolution and Policy Committee Report

In order to discuss the possible inclusion of the 501c3 amendments to the by-laws, Jerri Marxman motioned that we temporarily suspend the by-laws. Bill Shuffstall seconded the motion. Other proposed changes to the by-laws were distributed to the membership last month.

Steve Smutko reported on the Resolution and Policy Committee. Members of the Committee reviewed the current by-laws and have written proposed changes to the by-laws based on input from the membership and the Executive Committee. He motioned that we accept the committee's report. Neal Flora seconded the motion. Michael Darger suggested we amend the motion to accept all by-law changes as presented in reports. Steve Smutko and Neal Flora accepted the proposed change as a friendly amendment to Steve's motion.

Dick Senese explained each of the by-laws and asked for further discussion. Hank Cothran suggested that rather than voting on all the by-laws as a block that members review the proposed changes to the by-laws carefully and decide on each separately. Some of the proposed changes in the by-laws may be in conflict

with each other. He suggested that the Resolution and Policy Committee should be developing a policy manual and not function as a by-laws revision committee.

Dick Senese suggested we amend the main motion, abstracting numbers 4 (Role of Resolutions and Policy Committee, Article XIV) and 5 (Executive Committee approval of committee chairs, Article IV, Section 2), which appear to be conflicting, and consider these changes separately from the other proposed changes to the by-laws. Steve Smutko asked if any members of the Resolutions and Policy Committee had any objections to this amendment. None of the members spoke out and the amendment was accepted as friendly amendment by Steve Smutko and Neal Flora.

Neal Flora amended the main motion by Michael Darger to consider accepting all of the amendments (except changes to Article XIV and Article IV, Section 2, referred to as changes numbers 4 and 5 respectfully) and the amendments for 501c3.

Mike Woods asked for an explanation of affirmation of expenses by executive committee. Steve Smutko explained that the entire executive committee must accept financial statements.

Barb Andreozzi asked that we take each change one by one rather than voting on the changes to the amendments as a block.

Dick Senese asked Steve Smutko and Neal Flora whether they would consider that a friendly amendment.

On the basis of Barb's suggestion, the motion was amended that we consider by-law changes 1,3,6,7 & 8 separately from changes 4 & 5 and changes 2 regarding the 501c3 changes.

Change #2 -- 501c3 Amendments

Article II – Mike Darger/Cindy Bigger purpose of organization. Carries.

Article III section 3 add section 3 Stacey McCullough/Mike Woods. Carries.

Article XVI Section 2 replace current section 2 Distribution upon dissolution Barb Andreozzi/Paulette Cooper. Carries.

Article XVI Section 3 – adopt determination of specific recipients. Carries.

Changes #1, 3, 6, 7 and 8.

The membership discussed Article IV Section 9: Removal of Officers. Steve Smutko spoke in favor of this proposed change and moved to accept it. Mary Leuci seconded the motion. Hank Cothran spoke against the motion. Hank stated that each committee has charge and that this amendment belongs in a policy manual rather than in the by-laws. We need a policy manual. Michael Darger suggested that the policy manual be embedded within the by-laws. Motion to amend carried. Motion adopted.

Changes #4 and 5.

The membership discussed Article IV Section 2: Executive Committee Approval of Committee Chairs. Michael Darger spoke in favor of this change and motioned that we accept this change. Cindy Bigger seconded the motion. Hank Cothran suggested we look at the last sentence; he is concerned that all duties are not specified and that we have an executive committee that functions as an executive. He is concerned that we are stating conflicts over what the president does and doesn't do. Mary Leuci argued that Hank Cothran's point is another issue. Motion carried.

2008 JCEP Galaxy Committee Report

Gae Broadwater and Mike Woods reported from the steering committee for the 2008 Galaxy Meeting (September 14-18) 2008. The theme of the 2008 Galaxy Meeting is "Celebrating Extension Service: Strengths, Diversity and Unique Qualities." Because many of the NACDEP members come from other programming areas (e.g., FCS, 4-H), Gae asked NACDEP members to register as NACDEP members rather than as members of other organizations.

Dick Senese explained to membership that NACDEP is one of the 6 organizations comprising JCEP. In addition to the national conference, JCEP also holds regional meetings/conferences. Dick also thanked Charlie French and Michelle Eley for the *NACDEP Newsbites* newsletter.

National Awards

Dick Senese awarded service recognitions for members of the Executive Committee who are stepping from office. Members receiving awards were Kathy Tweeten (past president -- 2005), Rick Maurer (past president -- 2006), Cindy Bigger and Chris Sieverdes (awards committee chairs).

The NACDEP award for service to the organization was awarded to Jerri Marxman.

The Friends of NACDEP Awards went to Bo Beaulieu from the Southern Rural Development Center (SRDC), Neal Flora (North Central Regional Rural Development Center), and Sally Maggard (CSREES).

Cindy Bigger presented all other National Award Winners:

- Educational Technology Team Awards – Penn State

- Educational Tech Individual Award – Rae Montgomery

- Excellence in Team Work – Penn State

- Excellence in CD – Katy Rasmussen Convergence in Brown County Project

- Diversity and Inclusion – Mary Laeger-Hagemeister

New Business

Dave Nelson suggested that the NACDEP draft a Policy and Procedures Manual. Dick Senese and Mike Woods commented that they would bring this suggestion to the Executive Committee.

As there was no new business, Rob McDaniel motioned to adjourn. Sam Cordes seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Adjourn