

NACDEP Board and Committee Chairs Conference Call Minutes
November 10, 2006
2:00 - 3:30 Eastern (1:00 Central, 12:00 Mountain, 11:00 Pacific)

Call-in Number: 850-410-8045

Present:

Alan Barefield
Hank Cothran
Michele Eley
Charlie French
Lorrie Higgins
Rick Maurer
Steve Smutko
Deborah Tootle
Connie Wagner

Rick Maurer called the meeting to order. We did not have a quorum (we need 2/3 of the elected officers - 7 - for a quorum).

Deborah Tootle reported that the minutes had been sent out to the Executive Committee. Because we did not have a quorum, we did not vote to approve the minutes.

Hank Cothran provided the Treasurer's Report. Connie sent out a balance sheet this morning. Hank will send out an e-mail to announce that it is time to renew dues. For those participants from last year's NACDEP meeting who are not members, we need to send out an e-mail describing affiliate membership to them.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Regional Updates: Charlie reported some errors on the newsletter but said he had about 50 e-mails in support. The Board concurred with their support. Charlie will send out another newsletter in the middle of December reporting on elections and reminding people to vote.

2008 Galaxy Conference: Gae Broadwater could not be on the call but reported that the call for Galaxy Committees generated a great response. There are only a few committees that remain to be filled.

2007 Conference: Neither Rod Howe nor Dick Senese could be present. Rick Maurer reported for the Conference committee and Connie Wagner sent out the proposed budget. The Board has approved the conference budget in the past

and Hank suggests that we do so this year as well. Early registration has been proposed for January with penalties applied for later registration.

Hank and Connie brought up the issue of a “nonmember” rate that the Conference Committee has suggested. As proposed, the nonmember rate would come with a complimentary membership (full or affiliate). However, the Board has not approved the nonmember rate and the rate will have to be voted on by the Board. Board members present discussed the nonmember rate and general consensus was that the nonmember rate should be higher than the member rate. The rationale is that the organization provides services for its members, not its nonmembers. Because we did not have a quorum, Connie Wagner suggested that we make a motion regarding the nonmember rate and second it without submitting it to an approval vote. Steve Smutko reported that the By-Laws are silent on that issue. Hank Cothran made a motion made to set nonmember rates \$75.00 higher than member rates for registration and it was seconded by Lorrie Higgins. A motion was made and seconded to approve the 2007 Conference budget (Maurer/Tootle). Rick Maurer will send these motions out in an e-mail vote.

The Board discussed the issue of track chairs and problems with the proposal review and recommendation process. Rick suggested that because we have a gap after this year’s conference (because of Galaxy) our next Program Committee could serve as a committee to address conference issues and problems.

Rick Maurer reported that the National Leadership Council for Community Development Programs in Extension will be meeting directly after the end of the NACDEP Conference and all NACDEP sponsored tours. The registration for this meeting will be added to the registration form.

Finance: Alan Barefield reported that he and Hank are working on development of procedures for financial review.

Membership Services: Michelle Eley reported that she and Cynthia Pilcher are continuing to work on membership services and will have more to report in their next call. Michele generated a list of 1994 contacts and sent out letters to them. Deborah will send Michelle contact information for the woman from the 1994s who wasn’t aware of NACDEP.

Policy and Resolutions: Steve Smutko reported that he is working with Jeri Marxman and John Amrhein on the issue of state charters. He will soon be able to present some recommendations for state charters.

Recognition: No report. Chris Sieverdes was not present.

Nominations: No report. Kathy Tweeten was not present. Rick reported that voting is underway.

JCEP Liaison: No report. Kathy Tweeten was not present.

Internationalizing Extension: Charlie French had nothing new to report. The JCEP Regionalizing Conferences will focus on internationalizing extension.

Executive Manager's Update: Connie Wagner reported that she has been working on the conference. She has received information from all but two track chairs. She has been putting together new membership packages (working with Rick Maurer, Michelle Eley and Cynthia Pilcher). Connie would like to put a password protected area on the web with a membership list and asked the Board to think about this. Connie's contract is up at the end of December and the Board needs to discuss this. Hank suggested that Rick appoint a committee to make an evaluation and recommendations about renewing and modifying Connie's contract. Hank, Kathy and Deborah were on the initial committee. Rick appointed Hank, Kathy and Deborah again to head up the new committee.

OLD BUSINESS:

PILD Conference: Rick Maurer reported that PILD is the week after our annual conference. He sent that information out to the membership last week.

State Charters: Steve Smutko will continue to work with Jeri Marxman and John Amrhein.

JCEP Regional Conferences: Rick reported that JCEP hold 4 regional conferences during the year. We can use these meetings to hold regional membership meetings. However, we are not quite organized at that level but we should be thinking about this for the future. The program will be about internationalizing Extension.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

Meeting adjourned.

Next Call: December 8