

**NACDEP
September Board Meeting
September 11, 2009**

Present: Ed Jones, Mike Woods, Deborah Tootle, Cynthia Pilcher, Connie Wagner, Barb Brody, Steve Burr, Michelle Eley, Cynthia Messer.

Ed Jones called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone.

Deborah Tootle moved to approve the agenda and Michelle Eley seconded. Motion passed.

Minutes: Deborah Tootle moved to accept the minutes for August 2009. Michelle Eley seconded and the motion passed.

Financials: Connie Wagner went over the information. The question was asked, “When will there be a deposit from JCEP?” It is not clear where the decision is. With that, a suggestion was made to take them to small claims court. Ed Jones will call Ellen Burton to find out the status.

Deborah Tootle moved to accept the Treasurer’s report. Cynthia Pilcher seconded and the motion passed.

Deborah Tootle moved to affirm expenses with Mike Woods seconding. Motion passed.

A Question from Barb Brody – this year a PILD planning meeting is scheduled and there will be expenses. She attended a previous planning meeting at JCEP’s expense. The consensus is that if we ask someone to serve on a JCEP committee on behalf of NACDEP that NACDEP should cover the expenses. Barb Brody also stated that she is the only NACDEP representative and next year will be her last year. An additional representative should be appointed that can attend some of the planning work to see how things are done. Ed Jones said he is working on that.

Regional Updates:

South: Cynthia Pilcher recently participated in CDS Conference set up meeting.

West: Steve Burr had nothing to report.

Federal: Ed Jones reported that CSREES is about to become NIFA. Although a new director was appointed, that information has not yet been shared.

Galaxy/JCEP: Mike Woods reported that the steering committee submitted their final report. JCEP has appointed new committee to review policies and come up with recommendations for the next Galaxy. Apparently, the handbook and web information have two different sets of guidelines.

PILD: Barb Brody reported that she attended a planning meeting in August. For 2010, PILD will be at the same hotel. They were able to work with the hotel to compensate to a lighter attendance. The goal is 250 attendees in 2010.

Conference 2010: Deborah Tootle reported that they committee would like to hold registration costs. The budget was reviewed and discussed. One question was asked about the mobile workshops that are at before the conference. Are they part of the conference or do they need to be separate? After discussion, opinion says that they are part of the conference. Steve Burr moved to approve conference budget. Deborah Tootle seconded it and the motion passed.

JCEP Sustainability: Ed Jones reported that there is a webinar coming up in December. It is for Boards, to help increase their knowledge.

2011 Conference: Deborah Tootle reported that two states, South Carolina and Alabama, have applied to host the 2010 Conference. Deborah Tootle moved to start working with Francis Marion in Charleston; contingent on receiving favorable accommodation/agreement. Steve Burr seconded and the motion passed.

Deborah Tootle, Hank Cothran and Harry Crissy will work with the hotel to obtain a draft contract by the end of September.

Conference: NACDEP's policy currently states that the Annual Meeting/Conference is in April. Comments from the hotels indicate that better rates are available in other months. Ed Jones said that he will form a group to look at options.

Deborah Tootle said that our policy states the 2012 Conference should be in the NE. Since Galaxy will be in the NE in 2013, we may need to take a look at the schedule.

Connie Wagner asked if someone wants to make a donation for scholarships for the 2010 Conference can that be done. Hank Cothran said that NACDEP does not allow others to dictate how or when money is spent. Dick Senese said non-profits allow for targeted donations all the time. Since there is no policy on this, Connie Wagner will let the appropriate people know.

Member Services: Cynthia Pilcher reported that there are 10 members. The work has been divided into sub-committees. There are three areas they will be working on with the conference. They are orientation, scholarships and the dollar auction. They will also review the current membership brochure and develop a list of member benefits. Additionally, they will work on the newsletter.

With no other business to be discussed, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Connie Wagner
Association Manager