

Executive Committee and Committee Chair
National Association of Community Development Extension Professionals

Minutes

October 10, 2008

(via conference call)

2:00 – 3:30 Eastern (1:00 Central, 12:00 Mountain, 11:00 Pacific)

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Present: Deborah Tootle, Dick Senese, Hank Cothran, Mike Woods, Jim Goodwin, Alan Barefield, Charlie French, Connie Wagner, Cynthia Pilcher

Mike Woods called the meeting to order. He thanked everyone for all his or her work at Galaxy. A quorum was not present.

Minutes: There were no questions or comments on the minutes.

Financials: Hank Cothran reviewed the September financials. Currently, NACDEP is where we thought we would be financially at this time. Hank Cothran also asked for all budget information for 2009. It is time to put the budget together.

Regional Updates:

Northeast – No Report

Western – No Report

Northeast - Charlie French will send out the minutes from Galaxy that Rod Howe provided. There will be a local foods conference in May in the NE.

Southern - Cynthia Pilcher states that the southern region reaffirmed that they wanted to form a NACDEP charter.

Michelle Eley – no report

Connie Wagner will send out the Regional reports from Galaxy that she has received.

Charter Comments: Alan Barefield commented that the 1890 universities usually participate with the southern region. They should have the option to go with their either states or regions for charters.

Galaxy: Mike Woods stated that there is a conference call with JCEP coming up soon. At that time, they hope to have a better idea on the financials. Gae Broadwater is working on a recap of Galaxy for NACDEP. Dick Senese suggested that the recap contains the information on what we need to expect for next time.

Operations Guidelines: To date there have not been any comments received from members. There was quite a bit of discussion about the 1994 Executive Committee position at the regional meetings in Indianapolis. Some suggested that the position be kept, but that the bylaws be changed to reflect that we need to only consider the filled positions to determine a quorum..

PILD: No report

At the PILD meeting, the attendees are there to inform and communicate what is going on in their state and not NACDEP. However, it is information only and not lobbying.

Website: Connie has been working on the new site. We are still targeting 10/17 for the Call for Presentations. If the new site is not ready, it will be posted to the old site and then transferred.

Conference 2009: Jim Goodwin stated that we received good publicity at Galaxy but that we are still trying to decide if the sessions should be 75 or 90 minutes in length. Hank Cothran stated that he thought the decision was made for 90 minute sessions. The tracks have been identified, but the track chairs are not in place. Hank Cothran said he had sent Jim Goodwin and Ed Jones and E-Mail about this. Jim Goodwin has been out of the office and had not had time to read the E-Mail. He will look at it right away.

Sustainability Initiative - JCEP: Dick Senese reported that the report from the meeting at Galaxy is still being written up. He also said that the deans and directors of the North Central region recently started dialogue on sustainability with other program leaders.

JCEP 2009 Regional Meetings: ANREP is in charge for the JCEP 2009 Regional Meetings. (NE & S, February 10-12, 2009, Orlando, FL. NC & W, February 18-20, 2009, San Diego, CA) There is the possibility of having co-meetings with ANREP at the regional meetings. This will be an opportunity to learn more about each other.

Vendor Contract – A & T Industries: Hank Cothran said that he looked around at the other vendors at Galaxy and there was quite a selection from which to choose. We still have not received an accounting or update from A & T Industries. Since so little merchandise has been ordered for through A & T Industries, this cannot be a very useful or productive contract for him.

Bylaws: There were several comments and good discussion at the regional meetings at Galaxy. We just have to remember that any bylaws changes must be to the members at least 30 days prior to the April conference if we intend on voting at that time.

Finance Committee: There was discussion about what the purpose of the Finance Committee actually is. Hank Cothran and Connie Wager were asked to put together a paragraph of two describing what they believe needs to be done. Mike Woods and Alan Barefield will then go over the description and modify.

Members Services: Cynthia Pilcher reported that there was not good representation from NACDEP at the Galaxy Auction. She feels that it is because this was a new experience for most

people attending. Now that we know what to expect, we can plan for next time. There will be an auction at the 2009 Conference.

Publications: Charlie French said that he will send the draft to the Board for approval and then send out the Newsbites.

Awards/Recognition: From comments at Galaxy, people are excited about the awards for 2009. The new Awards/Recognition Committee needs to be put in place and start the process for 2009.

Nominations: Dick Senese said that he has received several nominations for the different positions, although not for all.

Internationalizing Extension: There was a session at Galaxy. People are trying to create opportunities around Extension for this purpose.

Conference 2010: There are two groups that expressed interest for 2010. Deborah Tootle and Connie Wagner will work on revising NACDEP's policy so it can be sent to anyone interested.

There are two items that need to be voted on as soon as possible. The first is a dues increase for 2009. Hank Cothran moved and Deborah Tootle seconded that a dues increase from \$50 to \$75 go into effect on January 1, 2009. Motion passed via E-Mail vote. People renewing prior to January 1, 2009 may renew at the \$50 rate.

Hank Cothran moved and Charlie French seconded that the NACDEP President send a letter to A & T Industries to terminate our agreement. Motion passed via E-Mail vote.

Upcoming Meetings:

November 14
December 12

Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Connie Wagner
Association Manager