

## **Federation Spring Meeting March 26, 2010**

Members Present: President Heather Lifsey, Ag Association, Becky Miller NCAEPE Pres. Elect, Debbie Stroud, NCEAFCS, Dr. Ed Jones State Program Leader ANR&CRD, Janine Rywak, 4-H Agent and past Federation President, Kelly Groves NCACAA Horticulture, Dr. Laura Byrd 4-H, Mitch Smith, NCACAA, Pam Brylowe, NCCA Secretary Association, Precious Worth Byrd, NCAEPAAT, Tracy Brown, NCCSA campus secretary association. No other specialist represented other than Dr. Jones.

### **ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATE**

Dr. Zublena sent apologies via Dr. Jones. Dr. Z wanted to thank each of us for helping to make the organization better by our participation in our associations. 2010 budget is better than 2009. Warned there may be a hiring freeze again. 33 positions still open. Administrative changes. Dr. David Smith is no Agricultural Research Head, Dr. Tom Melton moved to Crop Science as Program Leader.

Modifications to Long Range Plans may be forthcoming Federation members welcome to make comments, the administration encourages feedback. The National Priorities for Long Range work include the following: Global Food, Climate Changes, Sustainable Energy, Childhood Obesity, and Food Safety. Smith Lever Act will be coming up for reallocation and there will be lobbying to increase the request to 50 million dollars. Travis Burke inquired if there is time for local groups to give input into the Act and Dr. Jones noted the time for input has closed.

JACEP Joint Council of Extension Professionals next Galaxy Meeting will be 2013 in Pittsburgh Pennsylvania. Dr. Jones left the meeting at this point.

**MINUTES** of the last meeting were not approved due to the lack of quorum. Need to approve two sets of minutes at the Fall Meeting.

### **TREASURERS Report Liz Driscoll sent the following report:**

Checking account      \$863.74

Money Market account   \$5,901.56

Share account            \$32.02

Taxes have been prepared and mailed to IRS

### **New Business**

Heather reviewed Board Duties and Responsibilities run for a full calendar year. So if you are representing your association as President and your term expires in the spring or fall you must still remain active in the Federation until Dec. 31<sup>st</sup> of that year.

2010 Annual Federation Forum President Elect always hosts this event. This year that will be Becky Miller in Onslow County. At this event there are Leadership and Service Recognition Awards given. The Soybean Association funds \$1,000.00 dollars typically for meal and refreshments. Heather will write a letter in September to the Soy Bean Association to coincide with their fiscal year. Use of State vehicles, county mileage and state vehicles can be used if spending freezes are not in effect. An award criterion does not require regular federation activity. There was discussion to ask Johnston County if their facility is available on Dec. 10<sup>th</sup>. Becky Miller decided it best to hold it in Johnston County if available. Deadline is October 30<sup>th</sup>, 2010 for Award Applications.

**HORN OF PLENTY** Friday August 27, 2010 in Pitt County. All associations help contribute to the costs.

#### **ASSOCIATION REPORTS:**

Heather will post her 2010 goals to the website and encouraged us all to remain engaged and active in the Federation Association. Goals are:

- Utilize Elluminate format for Board meetings to save travel and time.
- Offer Board meetings and Administrative updates to total membership
- Encourage membership in all associations to apply for Leadership and Service Awards
- Request all Extension Associations to forward appropriate issues to the administration via the Federation

**NCEAFCS: 100 members**, FCS Celebrating 100 years in 2011. This year's state meeting theme is 99 and counting. Meeting will be held August 3-5, 2010 in Winston Salem National Meeting Portland Maine Sept 15-18, 2010

**4-H: 111 members 5 new and 35 Life members** Winter Board January 27-28<sup>th</sup> State Meeting September 1-3<sup>rd</sup> in Greenville, National Meeting Oct 24-28<sup>th</sup> Phoenix Arizona.

**NCAEPAAT: 226 members** 2 new awards for 2011 One is Partnerships and other is Service above self. State meeting will be August 12-13, Raleigh, N.C.

**AG Agent Association: Numbers not reported** State Meeting June, National Meeting in July Tulsa Oklahoma

**NCEAAA Numbers not reported** State Meeting September 16-17, 2010 at Mills Rivers

**OLD BUSINESS:** Brochure on the web needs updating; Bylaws need to be posted to the web as well as the rotation cycle of officers. Appendix also needs updating.

Respectfully submitted,

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