

NACDEP Executive Committee  
Board and Committee Chairs Conference Call  
October 13, 2006  
2:00 - 3:30 Eastern (1:00 Central, 12:00 Mountain, 11:00 Pacific)

Call-in Number: 850-410-8045

**Present**

Gae Broadwater  
Lorrie Higgins  
Rick Maurer  
Cynthia Pilcher  
Dick Senese  
Kathy Tweeten  
Deborah Tootle  
Shelley Haas (for Connie Wagner)

Rick Maurer welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order.

A motion made and seconded to approve the September meeting minutes (Tootle/Tweeten).

Rick Maurer gave the Treasurer's Report for Hank Cothran. We have \$16,814 in the bank. In addition to the cash, we have \$40,000 in CDs which will be used to pay the deposit for 2007 Annual Meeting. New registrations and renewals are coming in and going directly to Connie Wagner. A motion was made and passed to approve the Treasurer's Report (Tootle/Higgins).

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Regional Updates:** Cynthia Pilcher and Lorrie Higgins were present but neither had anything nothing above and beyond the recent newsletter to report. Board members reported compliments on the newsletter and thanked the Regional Representatives for pulling the newsletter together.

**2008 Galaxy Conference:** Gae Broadwater reported that since we were not officially sanctioned by JCEP until June, the Galaxy III planning process was already underway when we came on board. JCEP has already set the theme - *A Celebration of the Extension System: Its Strengths, Diversity, and Unique Qualities*. According to Gae, we need to have two people on the steering committee. Gae is already on the steering committee and Rick volunteered to assume that role in the interim until we have new officers. We need 22 people from NACDEP to participate on Galaxy committees. The Board suggested that Rick send out a general call to NACDEP with a November 1 deadline. We are welcome to send suggestions to Gae as well. Gae also needs a list a potential exhibitors and financial sponsors. She brought up some decisions that we will

need to make in the near future. Gae will need to know if we wanted to sponsor a break (or co-sponsor a break). Rick suggested we think about this and decide in November. Gae will find out which other groups are hosting breaks and will try to get a ballpark figure on how much this will cost. We also have an option on hosting a featured speaker or seminar. JCEP uses a common vendor for awards and other items; we may or may not use the same vendor. We can sub-block rooms if necessary. We need to make sure that JCEP and the link to Galaxy III are on our website. Board leadership will have to be there on the first Saturday of Galaxy.

**2007 Conference:** Dick Senese reported on the 2007 Conference meeting that took place this morning. We have 150 proposals and accepted proposals will be allocated across 10 tracks. Most of the track chairs are in place although we are still looking for someone in education and workforce development. Dick would appreciate it if we could send some names to him. The Conference Committee made some changes in the Schedule. The Conference agenda includes (a) new member orientation, (b) a poster session, and (c) a key note speaker for Monday night. The key note speaker will speak on generational poverty and working with poverty at the community level. This session will be sponsored by Minnesota Extension and the NW Area Foundation. There is a possibility that we will be able to get Former Secretary of Labor Robert Reich to speak at the Conference. He will do pro-bono speaking. Depending on his availability, we may have to adjust the agenda again. This year, the allotted discussion time will reflect the proportion of proposals each track attracts. Dick reported that Sally Maggard and Frank Boteler are submitting a proposal to get CSREES to help sponsor the 2007 Conference.

**Finance:** Alan Barefield was not present; no report.

**Membership Services:** Michelle Eley and Cynthia Pilcher reported they had nothing to update at this time. Rick Maurer reported that he and Michelle sent out a letter to the 1994 institutions to increase their awareness and participation in NACDEP.

**Policy and Resolutions:** Steve Smutko was not present; no report.

**Recognition:** Chris Sieverdes was not present; no report.

**Nominations:** Kathy Tweeten reported that nominations are coming in and we have close to the same number of nominations that we had last year at this time. Ideally, we would like to have two choices for each office.

**JCEP Liaison:** Kathy Tweeten reported the JCEP Board hasn't had another conference call since the last time she reported. Dick Senese brought up the issue of JCEP regional leadership conferences. There will be four 2 and ½ day conferences. The second day of each is for regional meetings and the meetings will focus on internationalizing Extension. Dick reports that the 1890 and 1994

representatives are under-represented in the process. Dick questioned who should organize our representation at these meetings. Kathy Tweeten indicated that the President-elect of each JCEP member organization is expected to participate. Dick will not be able to participate on the next conference call to organize regional leadership conferences so Rick Maurer will take his place.

**Internationalizing Extension:** Dick Senese didn't have anything in addition to the discussion of JCEP leadership conferences.

**Executive Manager's Update:** Connie Wagner was not present. Shelley Haas sat in for her but had nothing else to report.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**NACDEP Newsbites:** No additional discussion other than to thank Charlie French for his assistance with this.

**PILD Conference:** Michelle Eley was not present but Rick Maurer reported that the PILD Conference will be April 23-25 in Arlington VA. Kathy Tweeten suggested that we have one or two NACDEP members present at the PILD.

**State Charters:** Rick Maurer asked what we needed to discuss. Dick pointed out that we have nothing in our By-Laws to address State Charters. Rick will talk to Steve Smutko and at Kathy Tweeten's suggestion will bring Jeri Marxman and John Amrhein into the discussion as they have already been try to organize as state chapter of NACDEP.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**Other Items** Dick Senese suggested we increase the robustness of our awards program. Rick Maurer will visit with Chris Seiverdes on the awards. Kathy Tweeten talked about National Extension Tourism Conference and that the organization NET organization expressed interested in coming in with NACDEP. We need to follow up with them. Their next conference is in 2009.

The meeting was adjourned. The next call is November 10.