NACDEP Annual Business Meeting

June 23, 2014

Amway Grand Plaza, Grand Rapids, MI

Michael Darger, NACDEP president, welcomed the members. A quorum was declared.

President Darger gave his report. In it he thanked the members for their continued support and dedication. He then recognized the committees and their leaders as well as Scott Loveridge, our RRDC rep, and Brent Elrod, our federal rep. He encouraged the members to step forward and take on a leadership role in some capacity. This could be on a committee (contact Alison Davis) or to run for the Board (contact himself as the nominating committee chair).

Michael continued his comments with an update on the state affiliate effort. He indicated that the program had not been completed in the past year but was encouraged that more states were stepping forward and asking about it. As one of his last acts, he will be forming a committee to explore this effort and report back at the 2015 meeting. He wants this program to offer benefit and meaning to NACDEP as well as to the state affiliates. He reminded everyone of the JCEP requirement that members would need a 25% Extension appointment.

Michael Darger Daugherty then called for a motion to approve the consent agenda including the minutes of the previous meeting at Galaxy and the business meeting agenda. Richard Proffer made the motion. Motion was seconded by Steve Burr and carried.

Michael Darger then turned over the gavel to incoming President Alison Davis.

Alison commented that the year had been difficult with the Galaxy conference. She thanked Michael for his dedication and his passion. She presented him with a plaque in honor of his service to NACDEP.

Alison then recognized the new members of NACDEP by asking them to stand. She then asked the first-time attendees to stand. Finally she had members stand by region. She commented on how great it was to see all the new members and first-time attendees. She called for members to come forward and join in the effort and to take on leadership roles in a variety of capacities.

Alison provided opening comments on her thoughts for the upcoming year. She is excited about the future with an enthusiasm that has no limits. She knows no bounds. Seeing all the new faces just makes it even better. Tomorrow she would be moderating a presidential panel to look at the history as well as the challenges and where the work is going. This presentation should provide some reflection on what has been achieved and the possibilities we have before us. She mentioned how the state leaders meeting yesterday found talk of new hires and new areas being brought in, neat innovative programming, and thoughts of what we are getting ready to do. It also brought forward some of the issues we are facing such as visibility and branding. It is time to no longer be the best kept secret. We need to work hard to capture impacts. We need to find a unified vision and a shared focus with common goals achieved through sharing and cooperative efforts.

Alison continued that we are ready to get out our sidewalk chalk, flip charts, and new ideas to move forward. Brent Elrod is our biggest champion. He is out and about forging partnerships and getting us in front of new audiences. She was also excited about the comments made by Suzette Agans with USDA Rural Development, another promising partnership. USDA Rural Development is making a priority of technical assistance and process elements and looks to be reaching out to the CES.

The new board was announced by Alison. Stacey McCullough will be President-elect, Notie Lansford as Treasurer, Michael Wilcox as Secretary, Joshua Clements North Central Rep.

Susan Kelly Southern Rep., Kelly Nix Northeast Rep., Mark Apel Western Rep, Kenyetta Nelson-Smith as 1890 Rep, and Michael Darger Past President.

Notie then reviewed the financial report. We currently have over $200,000 in the bank but that will change when conference bills are paid. For 2013, the delay in receiving the Galaxy income made the reports look somewhat skewed. When these funds were fully accounted for, our income statement showed ($23,386.74) and our balance sheet showed $121,725.

Notie reminded the members of the one-time membership data base investment of $11,500, which is one of the reasons for the negative income last year. It is up and running and available to help us move forward. This database came at the request of the members.

Comments from the members asked if during Galaxy years we always had such an income drop. Notie replied that it was usually a substantial hit on our income. The other comment was just a thank you for the investment in membership data base. It was noted that Alison was serving on a panel that was looking into the future of what future joint meetings of Extension professionals might look like.

Alison accepted the report and indicated it would be filed for audit.

The committees then all made short reports. Susan reported that Communications had worked on the website as well as the member portal. This portal is only good if the members complete their information. She also reminded members of our Facebook and Linked-In sites. Nancy Bowen-Ellzey, Finance, said their work included putting together the budget and doing a spot audit. Rebekka Dudensing, Marketing, indicated a new brochure had been completed. She also said that the first attempt at a new logo did not seem to capture our essence but they would continue to work on it at the direction of the Board. Also they would look at what other associations were charging their members and what they were offering. Minnie Mitchell-Bishop, Member Services, reminded everyone that two events, a “square raffle” and also silent auction, were going on to raise money for scholarships. Finally for PILD, it was noted that a new representative would be needed.

Alison reminded everyone that she needs nominations to fill the 2014 - 2015 committees.

As the regional meetings had not yet been held, there were no regional reports. Alison mentioned that the regional awards will be distributed at those meetings.

Stacey McCullough gave a pitch for the May 17-20, 2015, Little Rock, Arkansas NACDEP Conference. They are looking for everyone to attend and asked for every one’s help. That first chance to help was to complete the survey on what mobile workshops might interest you.

Alison then mentioned that the 2016 conference would be in the northeast (Vermont) and be done jointly with ANREP.

Joint Council of Extension Professionals (JCEP) reps, Jeff Myers and Dean Solomon, provided remarks regarding the JCEP mission and focus or the why, the what and the who. JCEP is a unified voice for advocacy. It promotes scholarship, fosters collaboration, and creates synergy. In the “what” area, it advances partnerships and promotes unity. Finally the “who” component includes professional development, recognition and engagement.

Michael Wilcox was then honored for his 3 years on JCEP board.

The JCEP NACDEP professional of the year, Melinda Grismer of Purdue, was recognized and received her award. She is the first recipient of this new award.

Meeting adjourned

Submitted

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Glenn Muske, Secretary