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WISCONSIN ASSOCIATED COUNTY EXTENSION COMMITTEES, INC.

MINUTES

WACEC Board of Directors Meeting
Friday, March 7, 2008
Holiday Inn Hotel and Convention Center
Stevens Point WI

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Call to Order: President Colleen Bates called the meeting to order at 10am.

Roll Call: Lynn Moris, Wayne Lato, Wayne Plant, Colleen Bates, Bob Browne, Mel Pittman, James Costello, Tom Rudolph (on line)
Absent: William Nass, Jim Schroeder

Others Present: Dean Rick Klemme and Associate Dean Yvonne Horton.

Additions to the Agenda: Moved by Costello, seconded by Browne to approve the agenda.
Motion approved.

Approval of the Minutes: Moved by Lato, seconded by Plant to approve the minutes. Motion approved.

Treasurer's Report: Moris gave the treasurer's report. She reported that 100% of the dues have been paid. The current balance in the checking account is \$23,931.78. As of January 1, 2008, the CD balance is \$18,177.43. The current rate is 4.75% and comes due on April 23, 2008 for renewal. The renewal rate is 3.75%. The board will leave the money invested in current CD for one year renewal unless a better rate appears. Moved by Browne, seconded by Costello to approve the treasurer's report. Motion approved.

CARET Report: Colleen Bates recommended meeting with UW System President on the importance of Cooperative Extension relationships. Colleen gave highlights of the CARET visit and the opportunity to visit with Senator Kohl. Colleen recommends inviting President Kevin Reilly to the next WACEC Board meeting.

Cooperative Extension Report: Dean Rick Klemme shared with the Board the new "Cooperative Extension – Working for Wisconsin" publication. Dean Klemme shared UW-Extension staffing updates: Marv Van Kekerix was appointed interim vice provost for lifelong learning and dean of UW-Madison's Division of Continuing Studies (DCS), effective February 1, 2008. Robin Shepard was appointed provost and vice chancellor of UW-Extension, effective February 1, 2008. In response to Chancellor Wilson's February 5 memo, Dean Klemme has imposed travel limits and a hiring slowdown by conducting internal searches first for vacant positions.



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Update on 2008 Annual Conference: Wayne Lato walked through the agenda for the 2008 annual state conference.

New Business:

WACEC President Attendance at District WACEC Meetings: Bob Browne moved to support the WACEC Board President to attend all WACEC district meetings at the current state reimbursement rate. Wayne Lato seconded. Motion approved.

District 2 Proposal for District Meetings and Eastern District Pilot: Lynn Moris shared the idea of a summer meeting for WACEC District 2. Each district determines what works best for them.

The Eastern District hopes to pilot is a professional development opportunity for district-wide county board members, administrators, etc.

- Use the WACEC meeting opportunity to do this
- Hold district business meeting prior to the state meeting (consideration)

Resolution: Motion was made to support a resolution recognizing George Nettum, Vernon County, with a \$25 donation to the county 4H program.

Board Training Brainstorming:

- Board strategic planning (Mission/Issues).
- Professional development as a board sponsored event
 - Bio-fuel/economy
 - Criminal justice/youth-juvenile placements
 - Cutting edge of state issues
 - Shared at local level
 - Share team plans

Future Meeting Dates:

- June 16, 2008 2:00 – 4:00pm
 WACEC State Conference
 Holiday Inn Hotel and Convention Center, Stevens Point
- October 24, 2008
- March 13, 2009
- June 15, 2009
 WACEC State Conference
 TBA, LaCrosse

Adjourn: Browne moved to adjourn, seconded by Costello. Motion approved. Meeting adjourned at 1:35pm.