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WISCONSIN ASSOCIATED COUNTY EXTENSION COMMITTEES, INC.

MINUTES

WACEC Board of Directors Meeting
March 13, 2009
10:00am – 3:00pm
Portage County Annex Building
Stevens Point WI

Call to Order: President Colleen Bates called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

Roll Call: Lynn Moris, Bill Nass, Fran Dehmlow, Bob Krause, Colleen Bates, Bob Browne, Mel Pittman, Tom Rudolph (on line), Patrick Laughrin, and Guy Gooding.

Others Present: Rick Klemme, Yvonne Horton and Christine Quinn.

Additions to the Agenda: Moved by Browne, seconded by Nass to approve the agenda. Motion approved. The agenda was adjusted to accommodate Vice Chancellor Quinn's arrival at Noon. The UW-Extension report and Cooperative Extension report were moved after lunch.

Approval of the Minutes: Moved by Pittman, seconded by Laughrin to approve the minutes. Motion approved.

Treasurer's Report: Moris gave the treasurer's report. Moved by Gooding, seconded by Krause to approve the treasurer's report. Motion approved. The current balance is \$23,674.86 in the WACEC checking account. The CD balance is \$18,716.86 at 2% interest. The Board approved CD for renewal for one year. Discussion occurred on retaining such a high balance on our checking account. At the June meeting we will explore the history of our checking account balance. Lynn will explore interest generating accounts at her bank. Report is attached.

District Minute – Update on District/County Activities: Board members shared county board activities impacting Cooperative Extension, budget situations and program highlights.

CARET Report: Bates shared the CARET conference highlights and legislative visit experiences.

Update on 2009 Annual WACEC State Conference: Bates and Pittman provided an update on the conference tours and workshops. Discussion on the registration fee ensued. A suggestion was made to have a conference greeter to direct board members to meeting rooms. Suggestion was made to be sure the conference fee was less than \$100. Pittman moved, seconded by Nass that the conference registration fee be set at \$95 with WACEC subsidizing any loss up to \$2,000 out of the checking account. Motion carried.



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Budgeting Strategies and Discussion About My Experiences in Oneida County: Rudolph shared experiences from threats to county Cooperative Extension budget in Oneida County. A 13-7 county board vote opposed reducing the Cooperative Extension budget by 50%. It is important to continue working with county offices to communicate the value of their Cooperative Extension programs.

UW-Extension Report: Vice Chancellor Quinn shared the UW System budget report.

Cooperative Extension Report: Interim Dean Richard Klemme shared the potential of budget cuts on Cooperative Extension. Klemme shared highlights of the statewide CPAG survey and evaluation and slides from Penn State's Cooperative Extension Advisory Council.

New Business:

- 2010 State Conference – Pittman moved to permit flexibility of dates for June 21 -23 (Monday-Wednesday), seconded by Laughrin for the 2010 conference in the Milwaukee area. Motion carried.
- Compensation for Board Members Serving on Search and Screen Committees – Moved to sub-committee to discuss reimbursement of board members for Cooperative Extension functions. Sub-committee is Pittman, Rudolph, Browne, and Horton.
- 2011 WACEC State Conference. This conference will be held in Madison, March 2011. Dates are pending.
- Other Items –
 - Subsidize state conference lodging – Vote delayed to June meeting when room rates have been confirmed.
 - Laughrin suggested the pledge of allegiance should open each board meeting. The board agreed.
 - Motion made by Browne, seconded by Pittman to pay for a tax accountant to handle filing 2009 tax report. The Executive board will meet to discuss.

Future Meeting Dates:

- June 14, 2009 2:00-4:00 p.m. & June 15, 2009 8:00 – 9:30am Radisson Hotel, LaCrosse
- June 15-16, 2009 WACEC State Conference, Radisson Hotel, LaCrosse

Adjourn: Pittman moved to adjourn, seconded by Browne. Motion approved. Meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

Future Meeting Topics:

- ✓ Spending down/investing checking account resources
- ✓ 2010 state conference subsidy for WACEC member sleeping rooms
- ✓ 2011 Madison conference subsidy for WACEC member sleeping rooms
- ✓ Board member compensation workgroup
- ✓ Statewide CPAG/Advisory Council
- ✓ Tax accountant exploration – cost? (to be done by May 31, 2009)