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WISCONSIN ASSOCIATED COUNTY EXTENSION COMMITTEES, INC.

MINUTES

WACEC Board of Directors Meeting
Friday, June 22, 2007
Portage County UW-Extension Office
Stevens Point, WI

Call to Order: President Colleen Bates called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

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

Others present: Vice Chancellor Marv Van Kekerix, Dean Rick Klemme and Associate Dean Yvonne Horton.

Approval of the Agenda: Nass moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Costello. Motion approved.

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

Treasurer's Report: Moris gave the treasurer's report. The balance in the checking account is \$21,624.02 and \$17,542.00 is held in a CD. Moved by Pittman, seconded by Nass to approve the treasurer's report. Motion approved.

Vice Chancellor Report: Vice Chancellor Van Kekerix shared information on the UW Colleges and UW-Extension adult student initiative to encourage adults and other non-traditional students to pursue college. This is part of a request for new funding. The role of Cooperative Extension in this endeavor may be an opportunity to refer potential students to UW campuses. There was discussion about the budget process.

Dean's Report: Dean Rick Klemme shared an update on Cooperative Extension's strategic planning process that will be inclusive and hold opportunities for WACEC Board members to be involved. Progress on the federal budget was shared.

Role as County Board Members: Bates challenged us to explore communication strategies to impact county boards. She asked Board members to share ideas of what works so we can learn from each other. Board members will have an opportunity to discuss district issues during meetings. She encouraged Board members to reach out to those considering committee assignments and support Extension.



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Board Member Follow-up Legislative Visits: Moris, Pittman, Costello and Bates shared their local follow-up with legislators following the state conference. Klemme has also followed up with legislative visits at the capital and in Washington, D.C.

WACEC Newsletter: The Board reviewed a copy of the newsletter and considered the cost to duplicate and mail quarterly. A motion was made by Lato to send the newsletter electronically to counties to distribute to committee members and also post it on the WACEC web site. Pittman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

WACEC State Conference Workgroup: Pittman made a motion to accept the recommendations of the WACEC conference workgroup as edited, seconded by Rudolph. Motion carried. (Recommendations attached).

WACEC State Conferences: Costello made the motion to accept the state conference schedule of conference locations.

- June 14-16 2009 Eau Claire
- June 2010 Quad Counties
- March 2011 Madison

Lato seconded the motion. Motion carried

The Board approved the two-day conference format with the business meeting held on day 1. The motion was made by Rudolph and seconded by Browne. (Sample agenda attached).

Final Report on 2007 State WACEC Conference: The final report of the 2007 State Conference was shared. There was a profit of \$666.86 and the silent and live auction proceeds were \$4,130.50. A recommendation was made to check the Inn on the Park for a potential site when returning to Madison.

2007 WACEC Conference Refunds: No refunds requested.

Role of District Director Workgroup: Horton shared the work of the workgroup examining the role of the district director. She addressed the consequences of changing the district director model. A copy of the final report will be shared with Board members.

Overview of PILD Expenses: Horton shared the 2007 PILD expenses with the Board. Costs through out the years have escalated and the proceeds from the WACEC auction cover the WACEC members' airfare. It was suggested that participants be advised before they accept the opportunity that they will be assigned a roommate or they will need pay the difference in the cost.



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Strategic Planning Process: Annie Jones, Kenosha County CNRED Educator and the Cooperative Extension Strategic Planning Facilitator, spoke with the group about creating their WACEC Board plan addressing priorities. The Board will identify an organizational mission, values and goals. This will be scheduled for the near future.

CPAG Update and Outcomes: Deb Jones shared an update on the Community Partner Advisory Group development throughout the state. A thank you was extended to the Board for their continuation of \$100 support for each county that starts this type of advisory group.

New Business:

Criteria for teleconference meetings. The Board reviewed the policy and felt comfortable with the guidelines.

Future Board Meeting Dates:

- October 19, 2007 10:00am – 2:30pm
Stevens Point
- March 7, 2008
Stevens Point
- June 16, 2008 2:00 – 4:00pm
Holiday Inn, Stevens Point

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