

WEAFCS Professional Development Committee Wisline Minutes

September 24, 2009 10:00 – 11:00 am

Present: Linda Olson, Peggy Nordgren, Teri Z. Halvorsen, Mary Geissler

Not present: Angela Flickenger, Donna Doll-Yogerst, Lori Zierl, Edie Felts-Podoll, Sue Allen and Jane Jensen, Pam Peterson.

1. Website Update

The website was updated by Molly to include links to the Family Living Professional Development page and to the Cooperative Extension Professional Development page. If there are any other links we want to add to the website page, please let Teri know.

2. Recruitment

Thus far we have not been able to recruit any new members or find anyone to co-chair with Linda Olson. We will all look for potential members and will recruit directly at the JCEP conference. Teri will call some possible candidates that were suggested and let the group know the results of those contacts.

2. Specialist Review

The next specialist recommendations in the Communiqué will be from Gay Eastman. Gay also said she will ask some of the others in that area like Dave Riley, Steve Small and Carol Ostergren for their recommendations and will forward them to Teri to put in the Communiqué. Teri contacted one of the members of WEAFCS who works for WNEP for suggestions on resources and specialists for that area. Also, there is a lot of information available in the area of aging from Mary Brintnall-Peterson and now Clif Barber. We will most likely break this area down into sections for the Communiqué so the amount of information is not overwhelming. We can break it down into areas like family caregiving, financial or even housing info. We will also contact the other specialists from the other teams to as the year progresses. The next program we will highlight is Rent Smart.

3. NEAFCS Professional Development Committee: Dianne Weber attended the conference and provide the following information on the national meeting.

This is a small group as only 14 members attended. They gathered information about the committees from around the country regarding when meetings are scheduled and if there have been challenged due to budgeting constraints. They asked overall how the NEAFCS Professional Development Committee is doing in planning the conferences. Those in attendance said they liked the sessions that were offered at the 09 conference. It was suggested that there should be webinars and the board passed a policy on that. Future topics suggested included session for new educators, a snapshot look at PILD, generational issues, and meeting planning. Apparently the submissions were down from last year from 147 to 63. They want more submissions next year. They also need more people to apply for the professional development committees (programs, exhibits, arrangements and registration) for the national conference. It was shared that our national conference is one of the least expensive. Some in attendance expressed the feeling that the conference is too long. Dianne said she was inspired at this meeting about the importance of sharing information about NEAFCS with new colleagues. A fellow colleague shared with Dianne that she had worked quite a few years for UWEX before anyone suggested that she attend the national conference.

Linda Olson also attended the national conference and shared that she felt there were plenty of sessions to choose from and that there were so many that interested her that she could not attend them all due to sessions being offered at the same time. She liked that they changed the way the poster sessions were run. In the past they would change out the materials around half way through and in the past she was unable to get through the first batch and would then miss out on the resource. At this conference they left the materials up throughout the conference which gave her more time to see everything. She felt the conference got off to a slow start but that

the last two days were jam packed. She also noted that the exhibit area was mainly food and food safety related so we may want to suggest that more of our WNEP personnel join the group and attend the conference.

5. Meetings

The last meeting for 2009 will be held 10:00 – 11:00 am December 10, 2009.

The first wisline for 2010 is scheduled for February 18, 2010, 10:00 – 11:00 am. We will schedule the rest of the meetings during that wisline for 2010. We will try to find a time at JCEP to have a face-to-face meeting but it will depend on what the JCEP planning committee does for the conference schedule.

Call in information will be sent out one week before the scheduled dates along with the agenda. Please send agenda items to Teri at teri.zuege-halvorsen@ces.uwex.edu. Also, if you are unable to be on the Wisline, please email Teri.