

Minutes of the JCEP Board of Directors Meeting – September 12, 2008

Members Present: Peggy Compton, Teri Zuege-Halvorsen , Mike Wildeck., Tim Jergenson., Jay Moynihan, Jean Berger, Jerry Clark, Kevin Jarek, Kathy Metzenbauer (taping), Mary Novak, Annette Bjorklund, and Chris Kniep
Members Absent: Diane Weber and Barb Barker

The September 12, 2008 meeting of JCEP Board of Directors was held via Wisline teleconference. Peggy Compton called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.

Jerry Clark moved to approve the Secretary's Report of the May 19, 2008 meeting as written by Barb Barker. The motion was seconded by Mike Wildeck. Motion passed on a voice vote.

The Treasurer's Report was presented by Mike Wildeck (sent out by Barb Barker). Mike requested that the Treasurer's Report be placed on file pending audit review. We have three accounts with the following balances: Checking - \$5345.76, Money Market - \$21,374.48, and Membership - \$5.00. The Board discussed the current balances and options for managing these funds. Mike has moved \$5000 of the money market fund into a 5-month CD and \$16, 397 into a 14-month CD in order to obtain higher interest yield on our funds.

The proposed 2008-09 budget was presented by Mike Wildeck as prepared by Barb Barker. The proposed budget calls for a net loss of \$4350. It was the consensus of the group that the JCEP Conference fee be set at an amount that will cover meals and room rental. Further discussion indicated that the JCEP conference budget should include funds to cover the cost of keynote speaker and buses for tours.

Jerry Clark moved to accept the 2008-09 budget as proposed. The motion was seconded by Jay Moynihan. The motion passed on a voice vote.

Conference Planning Committee

The Conference Planning Committee met via Wisline on September 11th. There are thirteen people on the committee at present. WACAA needs to add another member or two. We will use a similar committee structure to the one used for the 2008 conference. Each sub-committee has been set up. Jean Berger will chair the keynote speaker committee. The committees will be meeting via Wisline from mid-October through December. The conference planning committee will meet face-to-face at the conference site in January 2009. The theme of the conference will be sustainability.

Promotions and Marketing:

Pete Kling has talked with Donna. The committee members are: Mary Novak, Barb Barker, Kevin Jarek, Diane Weber

The responsibilities include:

- 1) Team Award
- 2) Updating the brochure (insert needs to be updated)
- 3) Display, Jerry Clark has this and mouse pads to be given away

Formal announcement last year was in January for the Team Award with Selection occurring in March

The brochure is on the state website, printing costs should be handled by the county office – it is about \$0.04 per copy for 100 copies or about \$4.00

Issues and Concerns:

Jay Moynihan indicated that there had not been a meeting but, there would be one set relatively soon.

Internal issues for associations/JCEP should be sent to Jay for the agenda.

PILD Report:

Coordinator for 2009 – Diane Weber volunteered to serve in that role

Unfinished Business:

Annette Bjorklund has volunteered to update the website. Jennifer Caravella was working on it, but has passed the codes on.

Once the conference committee has stuff it will be busy for her to get it all on the web

New Business:

Dan Malacara discussed the JCEP liability issue. This is in reference to how the state's ESP is affiliated w/national. The issue is about incorporation, risk management and liability. Workers actions are covered by the Board of Regents, but it is not clear if people are working on association business and something happens if the association is separate. You need to be an employee to be part of JCEP, but that needs to be looked at for worker's compensation issues.

The goal will be to establish a JCEP with a tighter tie to UW Cooperative Extension, not unions.

Individual Associations, ESP, and JCEP will all be affected by the ruling/judgment.

By-laws may need to have a more direct line of connection with UW/UWEX/Board of Regents

National JCEP group ties vs. UW ties (we want more UW ties)
-signing contracts for conferences
-state account instead of local agent/JCEP board

The WACAA Bylaws have a stronger tie to Coop Extension/CALS – Jerry will send a copy to Dan Malacara.

Association Announcements:

4-H Board meets at the end of the month, 9-10 went to Galaxy

WACAA – North Carolina was the AMPIC in July, ANRE Conference is Oct. 15-17

WEAFCS – Diane Weber was the Team Award winner for College Transition, Mary Novak indicated there were 28 people who reserved to attend state's night out

ESP – Mike Wildeck & Chris Kniep, August 19th Board meeting where there was a picnic. Awards were given out there. The picnic consisted of 90% retirees. Mike indicated that it has been hard to keep the retiree list up to date. The membership committee is working with Jennifer Lord on this.

WECDA – no report from Jay or Dave. Dave attended ANREP in May and there were a lot of presentations.

Motion to adjourn moved by Annette, seconded by Dianne.

Respectfully submitted by Kevin Jarek and Tim Jergenson