

JCEP Minutes

April 30, 2024 | Zoom Meeting

Welcome

Meeting Attendees: Natalie Taul, Mindy McCulley, Dr. Jeff Young, David Fourqurean, David Gabbard, Christy Stears, Corinne Belton, Katie Alexander, Vicki Shadrick, Cabrina Buckman, Eric Comley

Call to order – Natalie Taul called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. CST / 2:00 p.m. EST

Minutes from last meeting – Natalie Taul called for review and motion to accept the minutes. M. McCulley called for motion to accept the minutes as presented. K. Alexander 2nd the motion. N. Taul called for vote by various sign. Motion carried.

Association Reports

KACAA – Presented by C. Belton. Few changes. Discussed January Legislative Breakfast formerly known as “Country Kitchen” in Frankfort, KY. Attendance and feedback indicated success. KACAA planning for annual conference in Shelbyville, KY for June, 2024. Deadlines have been met for Communicator Awards. Planning has also started for those attending NACAA in Texas.

KAE4-HA – Presented by D. Gabbard. Discussed recent statewide KAE4-HA Conference in Georgetown, KY. A new KAE4-HA Officer Team was installed.

- Deana Reed – Past-President
- David Gabbard – President
- Dora Centers – President-Elect
- Scott Darst – Vice-President
- Sharee Schoonover – Secretary

Meeting went well. Jeremiah Johnson is Chair of the committee to host in western Kentucky in 2025. Planning continues for NAE4-HYDP Conference attendees.

KEAFCS – Presented by C. Stearns. 130 members. 114 Award applications and 65 of those award applications have moved on to national level review. Virtual Town Hall in March regarding access to online FCS Resources. Professional development of members. Continuing to make plans for national meeting in September and state meeting in November. Planning is being considered for a year of celebration of 90 years at the national level and 100 years at the state level.

ESP – Presented by Dr. J. Young. Annual ESP Meeting was held March 15th, 2024 at KSU Farm. New Officers were installed.

- Dr. Jeff Young – President
- Tony Rose – President-Elect
- Lisa Hagman – Secretary
- Katie Alexander – Treasurer

Award winners have been announced. Annual Reports filed with National ESP. Annual Meeting will be held in Virginia Beach, VA in October.

KASEP – Presented by M. McCulley. Awards Program held at KSU Administration Building on KSU Campus. M.D. Whiteker Award went to Dr. Sam McNeill. Outstanding Program Award went to Cook WILD. Outstanding Project Award went to Poultry Team led by Dr. Pescatore. Outstanding Specialist Award went to Dr. Katherine VanValin in Princeton, KY. Elected new officers for this year, including:

- Leslie McCammish – President
- Dr. Mark Mains – President-Elect
- Janelle Hagar – Secretary
- Dr. Courtney Leucking – Treasurer
- Board Member – Janey Cline
- Board Member – Matt Compton
- Board Member – Katherine VanVylin
- Board Member – Lee Moser or Melissa Bond?

Meeting highlights included discussion related to Disaster Preparedness updates for UK and KSU. Fall meeting topic will most likely be focused on Distillery Programs.

Completed Association Reports.

N. Taul requested all new officers for our State Associations to make sure appropriate records and notifications are made regarding JCEP meetings and activities. This includes President, President-Elect, and Secretary.

Unfinished Business

PILD Report – Presented by Dr. J. Young. PILD Conference took place April 15 – 17, 2024. Speakers focused on developing relationships with legislators, developing resources, building capacity, and public engagement. Chris Crumrine put together some excellent summaries to share with Legislators and Legislative office representatives.

Presented by C. Stearns. Additional information about Hill visit in Washington, D.C. Spoke specifically about questions from C. Crumrine about how representatives are selected for the PILD Conference, namely the Hill visit. Increased numbers for legislative visits. Examining tenured, experienced attendees for those Hill visits.

Presented by N. Taul. Addressing criteria for selecting Hill visit attendees with Administration, if any exists, and, if not, working to develop those criteria. Suggested criteria for Hill visits would be maximum two representatives from each Association with those being funded by Dr. Stephenson's Office being the automatic qualifiers.

Presented by M. McCulley. Communicate with KSU Administration regarding considerations for PILD attendees from KSU for representation.

Presented by V. Shadrack. Spoke about Hill visit and need to keep number manageable for in-office visits. Some Hill visits were relegated to the hallway. Spoke about meeting with staff and legislators.

ELC Report – Presented by K. Alexander. ELC took place in February in Florida. Speakers and sessions were great. Opportunity to meet with program-specific attendees and Associations. 2025 ELC will be in Savannah, GA on February 18 – 19, 2025.

County Judges' Breakfast | September 19th, Holiday Inn Riverfront, Paducah, KY – Presented by N. Taul. Spoke to Nick Carter about the County Judges Breakfast. Early planning stages ***Current discussions about moving breakfast to lunch, not finalized.*** N. Taul will discuss with N. Carter before next meeting. Each Association sends a representative to bring greetings and speak about the business of the programmatic Associations.

PI Funding Increase Report – Presented by N. Taul. Drafted a resolution to Regional Extension Directors (RED) and Dr. Stephenson's office regarding the increase in Professional Improvement funds. Those funds were granted, but those budgetary considerations were being made prior to the resolution, following a conversation with RED Jeremy Teal.

State Extension Conference – Presented by N. Taul. M. McCulley discussed in the January meeting the possibility of JCEP leading a session or having a reception at the conference. This item needs to remain on the agenda to make sure a resolution is reached. The State Extension Conference is scheduled for March 3-5, 2025 at the Galt House in Louisville, KY.

Other unfinished business

New Business

Administrative Update | July 30, 2024 10amCT/11amET @ Grayson County Extension Office – Presented by N. Taul. Questions will be requested from Associations. Association Presidents will be responsible for collecting those questions and submitting for Dr. Stephenson and Dr. Novelo. Incoming questions will be vetted to maintain professionalism and courtesy to our Administrative guests.

\$1000 PD Fund | Dec/Jan Admin Update – Presented by N. Taul. A link can be found on the CAFÉ Business Center website to apply for those funds. This is available to ALL Extension staff.

[Staff Professional Development Fund | M-G CAFE Business Center \(uky.edu\)](#)

ESP Extension Professional Development Scholarship | Endowment – Presented by M. McCulley. \$6500.00 budgeted and those funds have been used. Continue to let people know those funds will be available next year (January 2025). Tyrone Gentry is continue to work on the link to those funds.

Other new business

Adjourn – 1:49 p.m. CST / 2:49 p.m. EST

Dates to Remember

July 30, 2024 | JCEP regular meeting, Administrative Update, Grayson County Extension Office

September 17-19, 2024 | County Judges Retreat

September 30, 2024 | JCEP regular meeting, time and location TBD

December 2024 | JCEP transition meeting, date, time, location TBD