

Kentucky Joint Council of Extension Professionals

June 19, 2014, Lync Meeting

Members in attendance: Becky Nash (KAEFCS), Natasha Lucas (ESP), Tom Miller (KACAA), Donna Frymann (??), Mary Hixson (KEAFCS), Susan Turner (KAE4HA), Jeffery Lehmkuhler (KACEP), Vicki Wynn (KAEFCS), Tommy Yankey (KACAA), Lyndall Harned (ESP), Dr. Samuels (KSU), Judi O'Bryan (KEAFCS)

Chair Becky Nash called the meeting to order.

Dr. Samuels reported from Kentucky State University. Dr. Raymond Burse will serve as interim president as June 30 will be the last official day for Dr. Mary Sias who has announced her retirement. Also, Dr. Beverly Downing is serving as interim provost. The College of Agriculture is currently searching for a 4-H program leader as well as EFNEP positions in Lexington and Louisville, as well as several other positions. 4-H members from the Virgin Islands will be visiting KSU campus in June. Dr. Samuels is part of a team that received a \$653,000 grant to address children, youth and families at risk. KSU has received national recognition for their 3rd Thursday program by earning national awards as well as the highest award from USDA.

PILD Report – Natasha Lucas

Natasha reported that the meeting went very well. The group was well received in all congressional offices and due to a 4-H conference happening at the same time, each group had a Kentucky 4-H member go to the congressional visits with them. The meeting was very well organized and the workshops were beneficial. Lyndall Harned and a group also presented a workshop on working with legislators.

Association Reports

ESP – Natasha Lucas

ESP has two national award winners; Sarah Fanning has won the mid-career award and Louie Rivers and team has won a national award for the 3rd Thursday program.

KACAA – Tom Miller

The KACAA state meeting will be held at Kentucky Dam Village July 9-11 and the national meeting will be held July 20-24 in Mobile, Alabama.

KAE4HA – Susan Turner

We have two members running for national board. Lena Mallory is running for national president and Susan Turner for southern region director. Agents are in camping season now and we just concluded a successful Kentucky 4-H Teen Conference with 695 delegates.

KACEP – Jeffery Lehmkuhler

There have been board member changes. Tony Pescatore has won the Whittaker Award. There is a new formalized committee for this award. Since membership dues have been eliminated there is now an issue of a revenue stream for awards. There will be a fall meeting scheduled.

KACFCS – Mary Hixson

We are hosting the national meeting in September in Lexington. The Agriculture Agents in D4 have set up the spouse tours. The welcome event will be held at the Kentucky Horse Park on Monday night. December 2-4 will be the state meeting with December 2 being the date for the culminating event for the centennial celebration.

Committee Reports

Career Ladder – Tom Miller

There are four recommendations:

1. Ease the requirements of obtaining a masters degree so quickly after employment
2. Add another level (level 5) after 20 years
3. Do away with the peer review
4. Make the career ladder more transparent

The recommendations will be shared with each association for input, and then a small group will take the recommendations to Dr. Henning.

Dress Code – Becky Nash

This committee work is finished.

Leadership Feedback on Agents – Becky Nash

Karen Ramage reported to Becky that the issue “is on hold for the moment. I expect there will be some version of this with Councils next spring but we really haven’t figured out a mechanism for input. If you can give us additional insight it would be very helpful.”

Dr. Samuels reported that this is a common practice in Tennessee and in other states both in hiring and evaluation.

JCEP Web Site – Becky Nash

There was a concern brought forth that the web site is only one page and that it is just links. Becky will try to find out who manages the page.

County Judges Breakfast – Becky Nash

The breakfast is set for October 10 at the Marriott Griffin Gate in Lexington. Becky will work with a committee to coordinate breakfast plans.

Next meeting date

Becky will send out a doodle poll of September meeting dates for a meeting in Lexington.

Motion to adjourn by Lyndall Harned.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Turner

JCEP Secretary