

Minutes
State Extension Advisory Council Meeting
July 12, 2011
Crown Plaza Hotel, Lexington, Kentucky

The summer meeting of the State Extension Advisory Council was convened at shortly after 10:00 a.m. Dr. Jimmy Henning, Director of the UK Cooperative Extension Service, welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending. He reminded the delegates of the importance of local involvement in the development of the 4-year Plan of Work and encouraged them to be actively involved in the process.


Assistant Directors for each of the program areas hosted break-out sessions in separate rooms. Discussion primarily focused on connecting program councils to the State Extension Advisory Council. Strategies for involving people at the county level were discussed, as well as ways to enhance the flow of communication and information between those at the state, district, and county level.

Following a short break, Ken Jones, Director of Program and Staff Development, reviewed the process for developing the 4-year Plan of Work. As a practice exercise, each table reviewed newspapers for issues of importance for which Extension could develop a program.

Following lunch, Dr. Rick Mauer, led a session focusing on creating our future. Dr. Mauer is currently heading a committee charged with determining Extension's effectiveness, identifying strengths and weaknesses, and forming a plan for future progress, called "Creating our Future". Many in our communities, both those familiar with Extension and some that are not, will be contacted to provide their input. Delegates were allowed to electronically express their opinions on various facets of Extension and how Extension is perceived by them and others in their community.

President Rhonda Brashear called the business meeting to order. Minutes and copies of the revised by-laws had been distributed by mail. The primary changes in the by-laws were to make the summer meeting a regular event and to change the term of office for delegates to 3 years. President Brashear reminded everyone that the Winter Meeting will be February 28-March 1, with the individual program councils meeting on February 28. The meeting will conclude with a luncheon on March 1. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,


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Acting Secretary