

Minutes
State Extension Advisory Council Meeting
February 22-23, 2011
Embassy Suites, Lexington, Kentucky

An orientation for new Council delegates was conducted from 10:30 to 11:30 on Tuesday morning, February 22nd.

The meeting of the State Extension Advisory Council was convened by President Carol Coplen at 11:30 a.m. She welcomed all those in attendance. Dean Scott Smith shared updates on the current status of the College of Agriculture and the Extension Service, in particular. He commended the leadership of the Extension Service for their insights and ability to determine the needs of the citizens of the state and their enthusiasm and innovation in developing programs to meet those needs. He expressed great concern about future Federal funding provided through USDA, which amounts to roughly \$10 million per year, plus other special program support. He offered to provide more detailed information to anyone who would like to contact their elected officials to urge continued financial support for Extension. Karen Ramage, Assistant Extension Director of Operations provided the thought for the day--ideas to reduce complaining and to focus on the positive aspects of any situation.

The afternoon session began with each delegate introducing themselves, telling something interesting about their county (which they identified on a map) and presenting a door prize from their area of the state.

President Carol Coplen called the business session to order. Jim Brown made a motion to approve the minutes, as distributed. Alice Brown seconded and the motion passed. President Coplen reported on the Summer Meeting activities and solicited input on whether to have a meeting in the summer of 2011. Possible meeting sites were also discussed.

Kyle Smith gave a report from the By-Laws Committee, suggesting that delegates serve a 4-year term and that a Summer Meeting become part of the By-laws. Following a discussion, Ann Porter made a motion to amend the By-laws to state that each delegate may be eligible for two consecutive three-year terms. Larry Davis seconded and the motion passed.

Larry Davis made a motion, seconded by Bob Osbourne, and passed to hold a Summer Meeting in 2011.

The Nominating Committee recommended the following slate of officers:
Rhonda Brashear-President
Jim Costigan-Vice President
Patsy Kinman-Secretary

Kyle Smith made a motion to close the nominations and to accept the slate of officers as presented. Jana Scott seconded the motion and it passed.

Karen Ramage explained that in future years the State Extension Program Councils will meet in connection with and immediately prior to the State Extension Council.

Following a break, Ken Jones, Director of Program and Staff Development, briefly explained the 4-year Plan of Work process and reviewed the timeline for development of the plan.

Each of the Assistant Directors gave reports on activities in their program areas and shared how responses are being developed and implemented to address critical issues. Those Assistant Directors reporting were Ann Vail, on Family and Consumer Science; Gary Palmer, Agriculture and Natural Resources; Charlene Jacobs, 4-H; and Chuck Stamper on Community and Economic Development.

Dr. Jimmy Henning, Director of the UK Cooperative Extension Service, addressed the group and reviewed the development and implementation of three new initiatives; Managing in Tough Times, The Community and Economic Development Initiative of Kentucky, and KyFarmStart. Jeanne Davis, Co-leader of the MITT Initiative then gave a more detailed report on the progress of the initiative. Alison Davis, Executive Director of the CEDIK explained how CEDIK is building Kentucky communities with a true sense of pride and place, rich natural and built amenities, and a strong economic base.

Door prizes were awarded.

Following the evening meal, "A Night of 4-H" was presented. State 4-H officers reported on their activities. Dr. Charlene Jacobs presented updates showing how several of the 4-H camps are being modernized and improved. Delegates then participated in two games that are used to help 4-H'ers learn business principles and to even develop their own businesses. Three young 4-H entrepreneurs were present to offer items for sale.

The Wednesday morning session began with the introduction of Jennifer Hunter, Assistant Extension Professor, to report on KyFarmStart. This program is a comprehensive beginning farmer effort launched by UK and Kentucky State University in collaboration with Kentucky Women in Agriculture and the Kentucky Beef Network.

Dr. Lori Garkovitch, professor and faculty member in the Community and Leadership Development Program addressed the group and shared thoughts and ideas on how to be more inclusive of all members of our community when developing the Plan of Work and searching for new program needs.

Delegates met in smaller groups with their District Directors. Discussion centered around ways that the delegates could help train, support, and become a resource to County Councils as they begin collecting information to develop their Plans of Work.

They also made plans for individual District Meetings between November and January to bring county issues to the District level and to discuss ideas for turning issues into programs.

The mid-day luncheon was followed by the introduction of Dr. Jimmy Henning and Dr. Harold Benson, Interim Dean of the College of Agriculture, Food Science and Sustainable Systems and Director of Land Grant Programs at Kentucky State University. Each gave updates on Extension Programs at their respective institutions and reported how citizens are benefitting from the joint efforts of the two extension programs working together.

Dr. Randall Barnett, retired Director of Extension at the University of Kentucky was introduced. He presented the Randall Barnett Outstanding Extension Council Award to Warren County. The Warren County Extension Council collected used denim to be recycled for use as insulation in a Habitat for Humanity home.

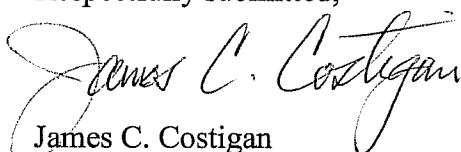
Carol Coplen and Dr. Jimmy Henning presented plaques of appreciation to those delegates who were completing their terms.

The Kentucky Cooperative Extension Diversity Awards were presented to recognize those individuals and teams who have made special efforts to reach new audiences not previously served by Extension. The Team Award was presented for Farm School for Women, a five-county effort to allow women to increase their knowledge of agricultural practices. The five participating counties were Fleming, Bracken, Robertson, Mason and Lewis. The individual award was presented to Tamera Thomas, Franklin County FCS Agent, for her Nurturing Behind Bars Program.

Rhonda Brashear, incoming Council President, presented a plaque to retiring President Carol Coplen and expressed the group's appreciation for Carol's hard work and miles of travel on behalf of Extension.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,


James C. Costigan
Secretary