

Minutes
State Extension Advisory Council
Friday, August 26, 2005

Call to Order

The State Extension Advisory Council fall meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m. on Friday, August 26, 2005 by Chair Patric Conner in the Ellis County K-State Research and Extension Office, Hays, Kansas.

Attendance

Members: Jason King, Phil Sandelin, Steve Rome, Kent Ochsner, Dwight McReynolds, Doug Wolters, Ramie Wasinger, JoAnn Murray, Penny Donaldson, Bill Garrison, Sondra Tolle, Kevin Journagan, Rod George, Raymond Flickner, Stan Larson, Bob Gottlob, Mark Parker, John Ericson, Patric Conner, Marvin Beesley.

KSU Administrators: Fred Cholick, Daryl Buchholz, J. Patrick Murphy, Patricia McNally, Paula Peters, Jim Lindquist, Paul Hartman, Dan O'Brien, Dale Fjell, J.D. McNutt, Steven Graham.

Opening

Chair Patric Conner welcomed Council members and KSU administrators. Patric thanked Dan O'Brien for organizing the event.

Steve Rome moved and John Ericson seconded to accept the minutes of the last meeting. Motion carried.

An update of the 2005 PILD conference held in Washington DC was given by participants Doug Wolters, Ray Flickner, Sondra Tolle and Kent Ochsner.

Budget Overview and Discussion

Fred Cholick stated a decision is no better than the information you have to make the decision. He reported that the grassroots system for information gathering is excellent, and that he has received tremendous support this past year. Within the state budget for FY 06: 1) The requested block grant was funded at 68% of the original request; and 2) the \$300,000 special appropriation was reinstated into the budget. On the federal budget, he indicated that eXtension is funded for the first time. eXtension is a networking system for the entire knowledge base. Fred also spoke that advocacy is not lobbying; it's telling your story. We must become more proficient at telling our story. Steven Graham will assist with improving the telling of our story. Fred also discussed the K-State Research and Extension role and importance in community and economic development in Kansas. We are working towards an overall program of community and economic development.

Daryl Buchholz spoke of the questions raised as to what the community development initiative means for Extension role in communities. A task force is to map all aspects of community. Need to utilize research and development and pick it up by Extension to carry the program on for the big picture. The strategic plan has been published and has been sent out. We need a way to develop communication to board members and inform them of expectations. eXtension was emphasized in Washington, D.C. at the PILD conference. This is a national system of web-based experiential learning. This system will appear localized to the user. The official roll-out is scheduled for January 2007. It is taking so long to roll out because the first time the people use it they need to get "WOW"ed so they'll use it again.

Fred Cholick reminded us not to let boundaries become barriers. An example is a hiring a canola position to be shared by Oklahoma and K-State.

Daryl Buchholz addressed the newly-hired faculty listing page that was handed out. We don't want to just hire someone, we want to hire the right person so they grow into the position.

Kevin Journagan met with the Secretary of KDHE and wanted to know if we can combine services. After a lengthy discussion, we understood that we don't want to become regulatory. We want to remain educational. KDHE is regulatory and Extension is educational.

Area directors gave their updates. Paul Hartman from the SW; Dan O'Brien from the NW; Dale Fjell new to the NE; J.D. McNutt from the SE. Jim Lindquist from Field Operations has seven counties and two districts which account for one-quarter of the agent staff in Kansas. Districts are being formed all over Kansas.

Extension program updates were given by Paula Peters for Family and Consumer Sciences. We intend to have deeper training with multi-agent counties to have more specialists to work with the local people. We are also developing cultural appropriate materials for Hispanic Americans. She also spoke about programming including: Walk Kansas; FNP; advocacy of EFNEP in three counties; parenting classes; bullying classes; family resource management; caregiving of elderly; healthy relationships for parenting, marriage and inter-generational. There is a rapid response center for county and district agents to call into.

Pat Murphy updated us on agriculture including GPS (global positioning service). Field days are underway; water quality specialists are busy; horticulture and niche markets are growing.

Pat McNally, 4-H, let us know 80 volunteers, agents and staff have been invited to have lunch with the Governor Sebelius on Friday at the Kansas State Fair. 4-H will also help with the launching of the Kansas quarter. The remodeled building on the State Fair grounds is called 4-H Centennial Hall. The 4-H centennial will launch on Saturday, September 10. A grant was received for operation Military Kids. A new program is available "Character Counts" for character education to teach ethics and citizenship. She also had JoAnn Murray explain the background for the 4-H Family of the Year Award. The Ellsworth and Mary Baldrige Family, JoAnn's parents, received the award this year.

Jim Lindquist had a salary breakdown between bachelors and masters that will be explained in more detail at the partnership meetings in January. K-State students Kira Everhart-Valentin and Jennifer Swenson have been working with Jim on two specific projects. Kira gave a presentation on marketing plans for local extension units. Marketing is how to give the people of Kansas the tools to make their life better. Jennifer gave a presentation on the development of training for board members. The web sight will be available in January.

Daryl Buchholz spoke of agent staffing alternatives. A lengthy discussion was held exploring options to districting.

A motion was made by Doug Wolters to amend the SEAC by-laws related to membership to include four representatives from each of the four areas, and four at-large representatives from metropolitan counties or districts having populations of 100,000 and above, which includes the counties of Douglas, Johnson, Sedgwick, Shawnee, and Wyandotte. Seconded by Phil Sandelin. Motion carried

A motion was made by Steve Rome to amend the by-laws to read that a person who has been a county or district board chair within the past two years may be elected to the Kansas State Extension Advisory Council. Seconded by John Ericson. Motion passed.

Stan Larson moved that \$150 dues to SEAC be continued for the coming year, with an additional \$27.00 for each additional agent over two in each county or district. Bob Gottlob seconded. Motion carried.

Doug Wolters moved that the spring meeting will be held in Topeka on Monday, February 20 and Tuesday, February 21. Steve Rome seconded. Motion passed.

Doug Wolters moved that delegates for the 2006 PILD conference include five attending in 2006 and four the following year. Ray Flickner seconded. Motion carried. Delegates for 2006 are: Steve Rome, Ramie Wasinger, Mark Parker, Bob Gottlob, Penny Donaldson.

The nominating committee of Ramie Wasinger, John Ericson, Kent Ochsner, Stan Larson and Sondra Tolle reported these slates:

Chair-elect:

John Ericson, Kent Ochsner, Sondra Tolle

Secretary:

Bob Gottlob; JoAnn Murray

Treasurer:

Kevin Journagan, Steve Rome.

Phil Sandelin moved to accept the nominations, Ray Flickner seconded. Nominations ceased. Motion carried. John Ericson was elected chair-elect; JoAnn Murray, secretary; and Steve Rome Treasurer.

Patric Conner gave his farewell speech. Ramie Wasinger gave comments regarding his priorities and commitment as new chair of the SEAC. Marvin Beesley also gave his farewell speech. Marvin Beesley moved to adjourn, John Ericson seconded, motion carried. We adjourned at 1:28.

Respectfully submitted
Sondra Tolle, Secretary