

**Minutes  
State Extension Advisory Council  
February 20, 2006**

Kansas State Extension Advisory Council members met on Monday February 20, 2006 at the Kansas Bankers Association Conference Room.

**Call to Order**

The Kansas State Extension Advisory Council winter meeting was called to order at 12:45 p.m. by Chair Ramie Wasinger in the Conference room of the Kansas Bankers Association. Daryl Buchholz, Associate Director for Extension and Applied Research, thanked members for attending and ask members to introduce themselves and state in three words or less why they were here. Responses ranged from "Future of Extension" to "Family-Farm-Future" to "Knowledge for Life."

**Members Present:** Ramie Wasinger, John Ericson, Jo Ann Murray, Patric Conner, Judy Parsons, Jason King, Phil Sandelin, Steve Rome, Donita Sparks, Dwight McReynolds, Doug Wolters, Penny Donaldson, Bill Garrison, Michelle Janson, Kevin Journagan, Raymond Flickner, Stan Larson, Don Montgomery, Bob Gottlob.

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

Daryl Buchholz provided a welcome to new members and an overview of expectations for SEAC members. He stated that members are here to help make K-State Research and Extension better, he requested that we check out the web site and stated that the by-laws need to be corrected. As a member, we will gain the broadest understanding of extension, get involved in the community as some have no clue as to what extension is about, think critically how to strengthen extension. Talk to community leaders who don't have direct contact with extension for feedback. Ask tough questions to seek ways to make us better tomorrow than we are today. As you leave the Council, you will be a better advocate for extension.

**Approval of Minutes and Review of Financial Status**

Raymond Flickner moved to accept minutes with necessary corrections of previous minutes, Jason King seconded, motion passed. The financial report was reviewed with a balance of \$20,267.71; the cost for the PILD conference held in Washington D.C. comes from these funds. Steve Rome, Ramie Wasinger, Bob Gottlob and Penny Donaldson are the 2006 delegates who will be attending the conference. Seven counties haven't paid their assessment. Area Directors will contact the delinquent counties. The treasury is in good shape but should be increased by approximately \$1,000.00 if the delinquent payments are received.

**Dates and Location for Summer 2006 Meeting**

Location: Manhattan, K-State Campus, on August 31-September 1, 2006 was suggested. This date will correspond with a K-State football game for those wishing to attend.

**Partnership Meetings Review and Discussion**

**Board Issues-Administrative Priorities**

The Council divided into four groups for feedback from Area Partnership meetings on Training, Economic Development, Districts, Specialization of Agents or other issues.

**Reports:**

There was a lengthy discussion on districting. Some felt that with Districting, specialization information overload may happen, some agents fear loss of control. A concern for 4-H is county fairs. For some Commissioners, taxes are a concern. Members who are in districts expressed several benefits. Agents are working well together especially with the 4-H Program. It was noted that budgets and finance were not the main benefit from districting, specialization is a greater benefit from districting.

The question was asked, how do you deal with agents who are opposed to districting? It was also noted that Kansas Association of Counties needs to be informed. Jim Lindquist stated that we need to work with agents who don't want changes. Some are for it, some against it. People make it or break it. It is very complex. We need to keep lots of dedicated conversation going, keep talking. Extension can't afford to lose one county.

**Meeting Adjourned**

The Council was reminded about the changes for reimbursement. Jason King moved, Dwight McReynolds seconded to adjourn; motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 3 p.m.

Respectfully submitted  
Jo Ann Murray, Secretary

Special note:

Tuesday, February 21, was spent at the State Capitol making legislative visits and having an update and dialog with Duane Goossen, Governor's Budget Director; Adrian Polansky, Secretary, Department of Agriculture; Patricia Clark, Director of Ag Development and Community Development, Department of Commerce; Karl Mueldener, Director of the Bureau of Water, Department of Health and Environment; Chris Biggs, Commissioner, Securities Commission; and Bobbi Mariani, Director of Economic and Employment Support, Social and Rehabilitation Services.

**Minutes**  
**Kansas Citizens for Extension Education**  
**February 20, 2006**

The Kansas Citizens for Extension Education meeting was called to order on Monday, February 20, 2006 by President Ramie Wasinger at 3:30 p.m.

**Minutes and Financial Report**

Raymond Flickner moved, Penny Donaldson seconded to accept minutes from previous meeting, motion passed. Jason King moved, Phil Sandelin seconded to accept financial report, motion passed.

**Preparation for Legislative Visits**  
**Impression of Citizenship in Action 4-H event**  
**Budget Overview and Discussion**  
**Communicating Key Points to Legislators**

Members who attended the 4-H Citizenship in Action (CIA) event that was held at the State Capitol on Sunday evening, February 19, 2006, reported that 153 4-Hers attended and represented the 4-H Program very well. The Legislators related well to the 4-Hers. The Governor commented on her Mentoring Program, and the involvement of 4-Hers to be part of that task force. The CIA was planned and carried out by the 4-H Youth Council.

Fred Cholick shared four points :

- (1) Remember the Board of Regents educating concept; the strength of Extension is in research and extension.
- (2) Advocacy: never pass up an opportunity to tell what Extension has done for you.
- (3) Partnership: Teaching what we both benefit from.
- (4) Budgets, federal, state & local: we don't have a special request for the legislators, thank them for supporting the block grant that was funded this past year and the \$300,000 special appropriation that was reinstated.

Our key message is "thank you" and share how Extension has impacted our lives.

Dr. Sue Peterson, legislative assistant to the K-State President, and Steven Graham shared information for meeting with legislators.

A report was distributed listing programs that have an impact on Extension. This included: Good factual research information, Swine management, Master Garden Program, 4-H Program, Cross Cultural Education, Walk Across Kansas, Child Obesity Program (introducing healthy food), Operation Military Kids, Watershed Restoration and Protection Strategies, Environmental Education, Bio Terrorism. Fred Cholick stated that if you get a question for which you do not have the answer, be certain to get contact information so you can get the question to a key person. Daryl Buchholz asked members to use the letterhead stationery to thank those visited.

**Meeting adjourned**

KCEE meeting adjourned at 5 p.m.

Respectfully submitted  
Jo Ann Murray, Secretary