Opportunities, Roles, and Expectations for the State Extension Advisory Council

The State Extension Advisory Council is a "consultative group to the Director of Extension on concerns relating to Extension". The group meets face to face 2 times each year, once in mid-February and again in late-August. Both are meetings that run from roughly noon on day 1 to early afternoon on day 2 to include a business meeting dialog and discussion on relevant issues and opportunities facing Extension. The February meeting is held in conjunction with SEAC members making personal visits to Kansas legislators in an advocacy role for Research and Extension. The August meeting is moved around the state to provide a learning opportunity on Extension programming along with conducting the business and dialog with Extension administration. Expectations of the elected membership:

- Gain broadest understanding of the overall mission, delivery methods, and impacts.
- Think critically of how to strengthen our future.
    - Reaching community leadership and asking them for perceptions and ideas
        - Are we valuable to the community?
        - Are we missing critical opportunities?
        - Are we involved in the vital needs of the community?
        - Are we important to the future of Kansas communities?
- Give us your feedback.
- Ask us tough, critical questions.
- Point out problems, opportunities, and our greatest assets.
- Strive to always be present and engaged.

When these expectations are met, the State Extension Advisory will help Research and Extension to be better tomorrow than we are today! And, if SEAC will do all that, then Extension administration will have achieved its goal of making these members some of our most outspoken advocates for Research and Extension, Kansas State University, and the Board of Regents system in Kansas.

State Extension Advisory Council (from By-Laws)

The State Extension Advisory Council will serve as a consultative group to the Director of Extension on concerns relating to Extension.

Membership of the State Extension Advisory Council

The members of the State Extension Advisory Council will be 20 in number, four from each of the four Extension Areas and four at-large representatives from counties or districts having populations of 100,000 and above. *(Those eligible in 2006 for at-large members are Johnson, Sedgwick, Shawnee, Wyandotte, and Douglas counties)*

Each elected member shall currently or within the past two years be chair of a County Executive Board or District Governing Body at the time of election. Elections are conducted at the annual meetings of the Area Extension Advisory Councils. The Board Chair or an appointed Board member representative from each local unit is eligible to vote.

The term of office of elected members shall be four years. Members shall not succeed themselves.

The immediate past chair shall be an ex officio member of the State Extension Advisory Council for one year after expiration of their regular term on the Council.

Members and officers of CARET (Council on Agricultural Research, Extension and Teaching) will continue to serve as ex officio members of the State Extension Advisory Council until such term of office expires.

If vacancies occur, the Director of Extension (or the Director's representative), in consultation with the remaining members serving from the Area, will appoint a member to fill the vacancy until an election is held in the Area, at which time a member will be elected to fill the unexpired term.

Officers and Elections

The State Extension Advisory Council will be organized each year by the election of the following officers from among its members:

Chair-elect
Secretary
Treasurer

The term of office for elected officers will begin immediately following the election held at the summer meeting of the State Extension Advisory Council.

A nominating committee composed of senior members of the Council will be appointed by the chair for the purpose of nominating new officers.

Meetings

Meetings will be called by the Director of Extension as needed; the usual schedule shall be a winter meeting and a summer meeting.

Travel Expenses

Travel expenses incurred, if any, by members of the State Extension Advisory Council in attending called meetings of the State Extension Advisory Council shall be paid from the State Extension Advisory Council fund.

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