Ohio JCEP Board Meeting Minutes  
May 11, 2015  

Attending the 10:00 am Carmen Connect meeting were: David Marrison, Joy Sharp, Laryssa Hook, Marilyn Rabe, Myra Wilson, Nate Arnett, Chris Kendle, Pam Montgomery, Patty House, Tim Tanner, Kirk Bloir, Jerry Iles, Lisa Barlage, Travis West, Janet Myers, Amy Stone, Brad Bergefurd, Lisa Bradley  

Call to Order – David Marrison, President called the meeting to order. 

Membership Update – Nate Arnett & Patti House, the updated membership roster will be posted as soon as possible. 

Officer Reports  
- President: David Marrison – no updates to report.  
- President Elect: Pam Montgomery – nothing other than continuing to learn her responsibilities.  
- Past-President: Kirk Bloir – Kirk installed Amy Stone as the ANREP representative, accepted by Amy.  
- Secretary Report: Lisa Bradley – It was noted that several reports were not included in last meeting’s minutes. Several will share updates with their reports for this meeting to be included in the minutes. The minutes were approved.  
- Treasurer’s Report: Nate Arnett – Nate shared that many reimbursements for organizational trips are caught up to date. The printed Treasurer’s Report showed 283 members, income of $36,974.41, expenses of $21,788.19, checking account balance of $92,886.05, available checking account funds of $108,192.16. Endowment account earnings bring the total available JCEP Funds to $142,986.79. Pam moved, Kirk seconded to approve the Treasurer’s report. Motion passed.  

Retiree/Life Member Report – Donna Brown & Deanna Tribe – unable to attend today. 

Committee Reports  
- Global Relations – Brad Bergefurd reported he purchased a large mechanical onion transplanter and it is now on a boat between the US and Senegal that he will be using to educate and train the village farmers in the sub-Sahara desert region of Saint Louis, Senegal to assist that country with adopting mechanization to increase their commercial fruit and vegetable production capacity. It will take about a month to get there then he will go there in May to conduct trainings for the village farmers and their area NGO Ag. Specialists. They are like our Extension Field Specialists that we have. Steve Brady will chair the committee for 2016.  
- Marketing – Janet Myers – nothing new but she will be working with Patty House on marketing/membership items.  
- Membership Recruitment & Retention – Patty House – Patty reported she met with the committee and they propose that new hires be automatically enrolled as members for their 1st year of employment and receive and their 1st year of membership free. Penalties for joining mid-year were discussed. This was discussed further under New Business.  
- Personnel – Ed Lentz – Ed shared that he would like to know if the board has any topics that they would like the Personnel Committee to discuss at their June meeting. Normally the committee would focus on general salary comparison issues; however HR probably would be unable to provide any information this year with HR no longer in
Extension and the college HR still building its organizational structure.

- **Professional Development** – Pam Montgomery – The committee met face to face on March 23rd and via Carmen connect on May 5th. The committee has a lot of great ideas and not enough time or energy to work on all of them. Members were asked at the March 23rd meeting to narrow their focus and they decided to explore two areas of interest: a survey titled, “Who does that?” a tool for Extension Staff to be able to share more of their expertise and interest; and a second interest of updating an old project New Educator Orientation files.

- **Public Issues** – Cynthia Bond

- **Resource Development & Management** – Tim Tanner

- **Scholarships, Grants and Recognition** – Laryssa Hook shared that at the March meeting the changes that were approved to the guidelines were to add a Service Awards sub-committee to the existing committee structure. The function of the Service Awards subcommittee is to promote and administer the awards for JCEP and each program area national association. May meeting report: Laryssa reported that most of sub-committees have finalized their awards rules and application. All information will be added to the website and then we’ll begin to advertise for submissions this summer for the fall deadline.

**State Presidents Reports**

- **FCS** –Kate Shumaker & Chris Kendle – Kate reported that Ohio has had 8 Concurrent and 4 Poster presentations accepted for the 2015 NEAFCS Conference. They are still waiting to hear about awards. Hotel reservations for the conference are now open. Concurrent (8): Patrice Powers-Barker, Margaret Jenkins, Melinda Hill, Christine Kendle, Cynthia Shuster, Terri Worthington, Kristen Corry, Jamie Seger; Showcase (4): Katharine Shumaker, James Bates, Margaret Jenkins, Cynthia Shuster. They are also excited to have several new FCS Educators being hired across the state: Scioto, Pike, Carroll, Cuyahoga, and 1-2 more.

- **4-H** – Travis West & Joy Sharp - Travis reported that Joy attended PILD and they are working on State’s Night Out for the NAE4HA Conference (Oregon-October 25-29, 2015). Accepted are 26 different presentations, including posters, workshops, seminars, etc. (that we know about) from Ohio professionals (team and individual). Twelve awards have been submitted to regional competition. National Board accepted Ohio’s Letter of Intent for hosting the 2018 conference in Columbus in October. Registration for the Portland conference opens June 1. Hotel reservations are open now.

- **ANR** – Curtis Young & Tony Nye

- **ANREP** – Jerry Iles & Amy Stone


- **ESP** – Joe Lucente & Lisa Barlage – Joe shared the Ohio ESP report. Applied for both chapter of merit and achievement in membership to national ESP for Ohio Eta Chapter. National conference in Couer d’Alene, Idaho October 4-7, 2015 - more updates will be coming via email communication. Sent in votes for Ohio Eta Chapter for national ESP awards and offices.

**Old Business**

- **Annual Conference Update** – no new information from last meeting. Dates are Dec. 8 &
9, Julie Fox and Greg Davis are working with the planning committee.

New Business
• Discussion on giving new educators free memberships for their 1st year in Extension. The challenge would be the confusion this would cause when paying National dues and how to handle this when people are hired at different times in the membership year. Also, National Association dues deadlines vary. It would be possible to re-open the membership window for new employees coming on board.

Announcements
• Board members were reminded of 1st Timer Scholarships for National Meetings and to promote the application of these.

Adjournment - The meeting adjourned shortly after 11:00 am.
• Upcoming Meeting Dates:
  June 22 - Ag. Admin. Auditorium
  September 14 - Carmen Connect; if needed
  October 19 - Ag. Admin. Auditorium
  December - Ohio Union