

**WISCONSIN ASSOCIATION OF FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCES  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
January 17, 2015**

The meeting of the WAFCS Board of Directors was convened by conference call at 9:03 a.m. by President, Jeanne Schwass-Long.

Attendance: Jeanne Schwass-Long, Barbara George, Mary Kennedy, Susan Turgeson, Mary Kaye Merwin, Janet Powell, Esther Fahm, Carolyn Barnhart, Jessica Monfils, Karen Dickerell, Vera Riley, Karen Goebel, Cathy Lader.

Agenda: The agenda was accepted as distributed.

Secretary's Report: Mary Kaye Merwin reported that the minutes of the October 25, 2014 Board of Directors Meeting had been read and approved by the two appointed readers. With no other revisions, the minutes were placed on file. Readers for this meeting will be Carolyn Barnhart and Mary Kennedy.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer, Susan Turgeson reported that primary income activity to date is from member dues. Current assets for the association are \$29,870.82. The current assets for the WAFCS Foundation are \$78,520.36. It was reported that the Foundation Board is still searching for additional options for safe investment of a portion of their funds.

Board of Directors Reports:

PRESIDENT: The president's report, outlining activities for WAFCS was received as submitted.

IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT: Barbara George indicated her recent activities and work on nominations for the 2015-16 slate of officers. The report was received as submitted.

PRESIDENT-ELECT: The report was received as submitted.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR: Janet Powell's report outlined her work on behalf of the association and indicated that the current WAFCS Directory contains a membership of 125, broken down as 58 professionals, 31 emeritus, 27 student, and 9 lifetime. The report was received as submitted.

VP PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT: Esther Fahm's report was received as submitted. She then deferred her time to the 2015 Conference Chairs.

2015 ANNUAL CONFERENCE REPORT: Conference co-chairs, Susan Turgeson and Karen Dickrell provided a committee update as well as a complete outline of the conference content. The co-chairs were thanked for their hard work and the exciting program. Registration materials are on the website and have been distributed. The report was received as submitted.

NEW PROFESSIONALS: Cathy Lader joined the meeting to report on her work in developing a new professional mentoring program called "Protégé Plus". This program is set up to include a coalition of FCS groups including UW-Stout, UW-Stevens Point, UWEX, FCCLA Foundation, DPI, WAFCS, and WAFCS Foundation. Since all board members had not received Cathy's report, it was suggested that action on moving this program forward occur at our March Council meeting. Cathy

was applauded for her wonderful work and asked to submit her recommendations for action in March. The report was received as submitted.

VP MEMBERSHIP: No report.

STUDENT UNIT: Dayleen Yoerger reported that the Student Service Project will assist Stepping Stones of Dunn County. A listing of items being requested from members and collected during the state conference was shared. The report was received as submitted.

VP AWARDS AND RECOGNITION: Carolyn Barnhart reminded all of upcoming deadlines for award nominations. The Awards will be presented at the Friday luncheon during the state conference. The AAFCS Leadership Academy also needs mentors. The report was received as submitted.

VP COMMUNICATIONS AND TECHNOLOGY: Kayla Correll's report was received as submitted.

VP PUBLIC POLICY: No report

VP EXTERNAL AFFAIRS: Jessica Monfils reported that 72 locations and 1133 people participated in the "FCS Dine-In Day" in Wisconsin. The report was received as submitted.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: It was reported that AAFCS has been requested to work with Michelle Obama's "Let's Move" program in submitting nutrition information and activities. Barbara George, Susan Turgeson, and Carolyn Barnhart will all be a part of the group working on this project.

OLD BUSINESS:

2016 CONFERENCE COORDINATORS – As reported in the President's report, Jeanne Schwass-Long and Janet Powell will coordinate 2016 conference.

WISCONSIN FAMILY CONSUMER SCIENCE TEACHER STATUS: No report

NEW BUSINESS:

TRAINING FOR APPOINTED AND ELECTED DIRECTORS: It was announced that the President and Executive Director are working on improved training and orientation for individuals accepting leadership roles as directors.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

\*March 21, 2015 is designated as World Home Economics Day

\*A listing of Wisconsin members planning to attend the AAFCS Meeting in Jacksonville will be compiled for planning and communication.

NEXT MEETING: The WAFCS Council will meet on March 26, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. at Three Bears Resort.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 9:58 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mary Kaye Merwin  
Secretary

Readers: Carolyn Barnhart  
Mary Kennedy