

**WAFCS COUNCIL MEETING**  
**March 26, 2015**

The WAFCS Council Meeting was held at Three Bears Lodge, Warrens, WI and called to order at 7:05 p.m. by the President, Jeanne Schwass-Long.

**ATTENDANCE:** Jeanne Schwass-Long, Janet Powell, Mary Kaye Merwin, Barbara George, Mary Kennedy, Jessica Monfils, Glenda McCracken, Marsha Larson, Karen Goebel, Vera Riley, Carol Subera, Stephanie Love, Katie Ladsten, Molly Hundt, Dayleen Yoerger, Esther Fahm, Karen Dickrell, Susan Turgeson, Carolyn Barnhart, Alissa Uttech, and Danielle Graser.

**AGENDA:** The agenda was accepted as distributed.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT:** The minutes of the March 2014 Council Minutes were approved by the Board of Directors. The January 17, 2015 Board of Directors Minutes were read and approved by Carolyn Barnhart and Mary Kennedy. With no additions or corrections, they were placed on file. Reader's for this meeting will be Janet Powell and Barbara George.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Treasurer, Susan Turgeson, reported that as of March 20, 2015 the total assets of the association were \$35,184.16. Total assets of the foundation on that same date were \$80,837.14. The report was placed on file for audit.

**COUNCIL REPORTS:**

President: The report, outlining activities was received as submitted.

Immediate Past President: The report was received as submitted with the additional of Stephanie Love for the ballot as VP Membership.

President Elect: The report was received as submitted.

Executive Director: The report, outlining activities was received as submitted.

VP Professional Development: The report was received as submitted. It was noted that the Certification in Nutrition and Wellness is in final testing and will be available soon.

2015 Annual Conference: Co-chairs Karen Dickrell and Susan Turgeson reported that there are 97 registrants for the conference of which 28 are students. In addition there are 13 exhibitors and 21 presenters.

2016 Annual Conference: Co-chairs Janet Powell and Jeanne Schwass-Long reported that the conference would be held at the Radisson Hotel in Madison, WI March 31, April 1-2, 2016. They are in the process of forming the planning committee.

Regional Presidents: Of the four regions represented at the meeting, the only update was regarding the regional meeting at Madison College.

VP Public Policy: Glenda McCracken indicated that she is in the process of learning more about her position and gearing up for action.

VP Membership: The report was received as submitted with 143 members currently.

Retirees: Carol Subera reported no activity with this group. It was suggested that perhaps a survey needs to be done to document some of the good volunteer activities that retirees are doing.

Student Unit Advisor: The report was received as submitted with a reminder of the current student project request for contributions.

New Professionals: Director-at-large, Cathy Lader, provided a comprehensive report and a summary update of the work done on establishing a mentoring program titled Protégé Plus. **A motion was made and seconded to form a committee to guide the expansion of the Protégé Plus program and make recommendations on funding needed. Motion carried.**

VP Awards and Recognition: The report was received as submitted with a special note of the November 1<sup>st</sup> deadline for award applications.

VP Communications and Technology: The report was received as submitted.

VP External Affairs: Jessica Monfils reported that we had a successful Dine-In Day.

Foundation Report: Karen Goebel presented revisions to the Foundation's By-Laws, providing compatible language to the Association By-Laws. **A motion was made and seconded to approve the WAFCS Foundation By-Law revisions. Motion carried. A motion was made and seconded to approve the WAFCS Foundation Policies and Procedures revisions. Motion carried.**

## NEW BUSINESS

Wisconsin Representatives to AAFCS and Fall Leadership Events: It was agreed that the representatives to the June Leadership event at AAFCS should be the current President and President-Elect, being Jeanne Schwass-Long and Mary Kennedy for 2015. It was then agreed that the representatives to the Fall Leadership Event should be the new President and President-Elect, being Mary Kennedy and the newly elected President-Elect. **A motion was made and seconded to support two representatives to the AAFCS Fall Leadership Event at \$300 per person. Motion carried.** It was also suggested that the WAFCS Foundation consider a contribution to the expenses for these representatives.

WAFCS 2016 Conference Format: The planning committee is seeking additional feedback from the membership on programming and partnering opportunities provided in a state conference. Our association is still interested in trying to expand a statewide conference to include several other organizational partners.

AAFCS Conference: The Annual AAFCS Conference will be held in Jacksonville, FL June 24-27, 2015. Those members planning to attend should provide information to Jeanne Schwass-Long or Janet Powell so that coordination of travel and Wisconsin events at the conference can be accomplished.

ESAE Request: The ESAE Community is requesting a basket from Wisconsin for their silent auction at AAFCS in Jacksonville. It was agreed that Jeanne Schwass-Long would coordinate that effort.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** It was suggested that all members contact their state elected officials to give feedback and suggestions concerning the State of Wisconsin budget and proposed cuts in education at all levels.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Kaye Merwin  
Secretary

Readers: Barbara George  
Janet Powell