

WAFCS ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
March 30, 2012
Neenah, WI

The President, Diane Klemme, called the WAFCS Annual Membership Meeting to order at 3:55 p.m.

AGENDA: The agenda was accepted with one addition.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: The minutes of the April 1, 2011 Annual Meeting were reviewed and approved by readers Carol Anderson and Ginny Hall. The minutes were placed on file. The 2012 readers will be Mary Kennedy and Ginny Hall.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer, Susan Turgeson reported that the current association operating assets total \$26,353.26 and the current foundation assets are \$81,363.57. The report was placed on file for audit.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

2012 WAFCS Conference - Special thanks was given to Judy Knudsen who chaired the conference. Twenty-four participated in the pre-conference workshop. Seventy were registered for the conference.

2013 WAFCS Conference – The 2013 WAFCS Conference will be held on March 7-9, 2013 at the Radisson Hotel in Madison, WI.

Multi-organizational Conference – Janet Powell reported that she has been in contact with representatives of the several Family and Consumer Sciences professional organizations regarding collaboration on a state conference. There is minimal support for such an effort at this time.

NEW BUSINESS:

By-law Revision – A revision in the by-laws was mailed to all members in January, 2012. A motion was made and seconded to approve the following by-law change:

All elected officers, except the treasurer will assume responsibility for their office on July 1 following their election (previously listed as June 1) Treasurer will assume office August 1 to aid in the transition.

Motion carried.

Officer Nominations for 2012-2014 – The following slate of officers will be presented for membership vote: President Elect – Barbara George; Treasurer – Susan Turgeson; Vice President Public Policy – Carol Anderson; and Vice President Awards – Carolyn Barnhart.

Approval for Council to set 2012-2013 Operating Budget – A motion was made and seconded to authorize the WAFCS Council to approve the 2012-2013 Operating Budget. Motion carried.

AAFCS 2012 Annual Conference – Sue Buck announced the 2012 Annual Conference to be held in Indianapolis, Indiana June 24-27, 2012 and distributed registration packets.

AAFCS Updates – Sue Buck reported on the national collaborative effort on the branding initiative for Family and Consumer Sciences. She also shared that beginning in 2013; AAFCS will be sponsoring a National Leadership Academy focusing on professionals in their first five years of active membership. A class of 10 to 15 individuals will be selected nationally and they will receive partial scholarships their training.

Executive Director's Search – Three candidates have been interviewed for the position of Executive Director. References are currently being checked. The successful applicant will begin on July 1, 2012, following the retirement of our current Executive Director, Priscilla Bondhus.

OTHER:

In memoriam – A moment of respect was held for the following Family and Consumer Science professionals who have died in the past year: Diane Colby; Lois Klusmeyer; and E. Mae Reese.

Website Feedback – Tiffani Roltgen requested feedback on needs for the website. Feedback was very positive on the direction of the website. It was suggested that there might be a section that would provide an abstract of each of the funded projects that have been completed. It was also suggested that we continue to expand links to other similar organizations.

Collaboration – It was pointed out that common issues are needed if collaboration among professional groups is to move forward. It was suggested that support of the branding initiative might be something that could bring all groups together. Another suggestion was the crisis in Wisconsin Education as another issue of mutual interest.

All business being concluded, the meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted.

Mary Kaye Merwin, Secretary

Minutes read and approved by Ginny Hall and Mary Kennedy.