Monday, March 26, 2012
Phone conference, 9 – 9:28 AM

Roll Call: Kia Harries, Holli Arp, Eric Vogel, Jerry Tesmer, Gwen Gmeinder, Kim Asche, Suzanne Driessen, Becky Harrington,

1. Kia Harries, President
   a. Meeting called to order at 9:02 AM
   b. Review of the agenda
   c. No additions to the agenda

2. Secretary’s Report
   a. January 30, 2012 minutes sent via email prior to this meeting.
   b. Action: Motion to accept minutes by Gwen Gmeinder, second by Holli Arp. Motion carried.
   c. Eric Vogel reported there is a provision in Robert Rules of Order regarding conducting meetings via technology like conference calls. Minutes, treasurer’s reports, etc do not need to be approved via a motion. The President can ask for if there is a common consensus amongst the group.

3. Treasurer’s report – Jerry Tesmer
   a. Report sent to board via email prior to meeting
   b. Gained 1 life member and 1 new member since last meeting
   c. Paid dues, paid ESP delegate expenses since last meeting
   d. As of 3-26-12: Checking account balance is $ 3,714.61
   e. Action: Common consensus; File and subject to audit, second by Holli Arp. Motion carried.

4. Old Business
   Committee Reports
   a. Awards & Recognition – Tamie Bremseth (via written report)
      i. The ESP-Pi chapter award winners from this past fall were submitted to ESP for consideration for regional awards.
      ii. Reviewing award applications categories and requirements from national ESP
      iii. A notice for awards applications will be sent to membership
   b. Fundraising – Becky Harrington
      i. Plan to continue silent auction fundraiser at Extension annual conference. Details yet to come about annual conference. A suggestion was made to have the silent auction open to all attendees.
      ii. Promote in retiree newsletter to engage retirees in items for the silent auction.
c. **Global Relations & Professional Improvement** – Chuck Schwartau & Toni Smith - No report

d. **History/Archives** – No chairperson
   i. Announcement made in last newsletter

e. **Legislative** – Jeanne Markell - No report

f. **Membership** – Eric Vogel
   i. 48 annual members
   ii. 147 life members

g. **Retirees** – Gwen Gmeinder
   i. 52 Retirees in 2011 and first month of 2012
   ii. May retiree eNewsletter; will send copy to ESP board meetings
   iii. Dean’s retiree luncheon – send Gwen ideas for program topics

h. **Scholarships** – Rosi Heins (via email)
   1. MEWS scholarship funds - $500 supported JCEP delegate

5. **New Business**

a. **JCEP Meeting** - Holli Arp
   ii. Lot of discussion around membership in states. Membership recruitment is a challenge across the nation due to budget cuts and retirements.

b. **PILD** (Public Issues Leadership Development conference)
   i. Jerry will be attending as Minnesota ESP delegate. Gwen is attending as Extension government relations representative.
      1. Gwen reported that seven delegates are going from Minnesota Extension
      2. The theme is ‘Relevance of Cooperative Extension in 2012 and Beyond’

c. **MNCEP Update** - Kia
   i. Kia reported the board meets in April
   ii. Board will work on ESP and the section’s annual meeting arrangements at Extension annual session
   iii. Recognition ideas: Suggestions included: recognition is important; support for public recognition at a larger event depending on scheduling
   iv. No ESP member is on the Extension annual session; Kia will follow-up with Extension Administration regarding scheduling annual meeting and recognition.

d. **ESP Newsletter & Membership Memo timelines**
   i. May – Membership memos
   ii. July – Membership memos
   iii. September – Newsletter – hard copy is sent to those that do not have email. About 62 retirees receive a hard copy of the newsletter.

e. **ESP national Meeting**: Oct 7-10, 2012; Mobile, AL
   i. RFP’s extended to April 1st for presentations & posters
   ii. $250 stipend if you present

f. **Conference call/meeting dates**
   i. Thursday, May 10 (9-11 am conference call)
   ii. Monday, July 30, 10-2, Coffey Hall

9:28 AM: Meeting Adjourned
Respectfully submitted by Suzanne Driessen, Secretary; Reviewed by Kia Harries, President