Thursday, May 10, 2012
Phone conference, 9:00 – 10:00 AM

Roll Call: Kia Harries, Tamie Bremseth, Eric Vogel, Jerry Tesmer, Gwen Gmeinder, Kim Asche, Suzanne Driessen, Becky Harrington, Chuck Schwartau, Tom Hovde, Rosi Heins, Jeanne Markell

1. Kia Harries, President
   a. Meeting called to order at 9:04 AM
   b. Rules to conduct meeting— we will move through the agenda by consensus of Board
   c. Review of the agenda
   d. No additions to the agenda

2. Secretary’s Report
   a. March 26, 2012 minutes sent via email prior to this meeting
   b. No corrections
   c. Action: Common consensus via board members present

3. Treasurer’s report – Jerry Tesmer
   a. Report sent to board via email prior to meeting
   b. As of 5-10-12: Checking account balance is $ 2,278.80
   c. Writes only 12 checks per year
   d. No new members since last meeting
   e. Action: Common consensus via board members present; file and subject to audit

4. Committee Reports
   a. Awards & Recognition – Tamie Bremseth
      i. 42 award nominations regionally (North central region) for 12 award categories
      ii. Action: Meet with Kia before May 15, 2012 to review applications and score the award applications; each state casts a vote which is a new process this year
   b. Fundraising – Becky Harrington
      i. Wrote and sent article for retiree newsletter to engage retirees with the silent auction fundraiser at Extension annual program conference
      ii. Gwen reported the retiree newsletter will go out in June
   c. Global Relations & Professional Improvement – Chuck Schwartau
      i. No report; no committee members
   d. History/Archives – No chairperson
i. Discussion about ‘marketing’ this position to members; what is the roles/duties—
discussion and ideas included review archives, should have guidelines what to add each
year; need inventory of archives; how much do we have? Is scanning an option —ESP
files are on the 5th floor of Coffey Hall; Rosi suggested checking with the University
libraries as part of the U’s history archives; Tom mentioned there may be plaques as well;
how do we report the history; Eric suggested someone sort through and rid of plaque;
electronic versions are now the normal;
ii. Actions:
   1. Gwen will check to see how many ESP boxes are in the 5th floor storage
   2. Conduct an inventory of what is stored; possibly at our July board meeting; Kia
      suggested review the storage files and bring to our next meeting
   3. Jeanne mentioned there was Extension files; Gwen will have a student call the U
      libraries of archives to find out if they have anything related to ESP

e. Legislative – Jeanne Markell
   i. Changes for current federal employees but does not affect us
   ii. No state legislation regarding higher education funding
   iii. Action: Write an article for the retirees to promote resources for federal employees
f. Membership – Eric Vogel
   i. National is sending out reminders to those members not renewing; only 1 from
      Minnesota did not renew

g. Retirees – Gwen Gmeinder
   i. Extension retiree lunch on July 17, 2012 at Midland Hills Country Club; invitation went
      out via mail to all retirees; announcement in email
   ii. Agenda—Master gardeners is celebrating 30 years and will present
       1. Suggestions to promote life membership and scholarship; Tom unable to attend
       2. Action: Kia will contact Toni and Holli to explore ideas and a strategy for ESP to
          be engaged at this event
h. Scholarships – Rosi Heins
   1. Scholarship funds approved since last meeting has supported Holli Arp to attend
      JCEP, Jerry Tesmer to attend PILD and Connie Burns to attend and present at
      nutrition conference from
   2. Usually 5 or 6 are given per year
   3. Summary of recipients are submitted in the ESP newsletter; Eric suggested
      including an article in Extension eNews and tie in to silent auction that
      nonmembers may participate

5. New Business

a. PILD (Public Issues Leadership Development conference) - Jerry Tesmer
   i. Jerry attended PILD as ESP delegate; third time he attended; Sarah and Gwen’s
      organization added a lot to the experience; very diverse group from around the state
   ii. Visited representative Klein’s office; lots of questions related to the farm bill due district
      lines changes which now includes much more agriculture communities
   iii. The ‘ask’ was to Support Smith Lever funding
   iv. Conversation around department of labor and working on the farm related to safety; how
      to make it safer

b. MNCEP Update - Kia
   i. Sent summary to board prior to call
ii. Sections are transitioning with finances and treasury
iii. Awards during program conferences; group did not want sections to hand out awards at the banquet but have handout of award recipients from each section during the Dean’s award luncheon
iv. Bring sections together for morale building and recognition; organized group events around the town or suite at hotels for gathering spot;
v. Probably no banquet—will people miss it; probably not
vi. Would need more time at ESP annual meeting if awards are presented. If no banquet; does it open up more time for section meetings; need to be strategic about scheduling a separate time to meet needs of members involved in sections;
vii. Action: Kia will continue to work with the program conference planning committee and advocate for ESP annual meeting time and opportunities for recognition

c. ESP Newsletter & Membership Memo timelines
   i. Action: Kia will work with Toni Smith for membership memo for June publication
   ii. Action: Submit articles for the newsletter for September publication

d. ESP National Meeting: October 7-10, 2012; Mobile, AL
   i. Call for voting delegates; Minnesota can have two delegates
   ii. Who usually goes? Current president and incoming president
   iii. It overlaps with our Minnesota program conference; retirees may want to attend as Minnesota’s voting delegates; voting delegates receive $200 from national; Jerry reported there is $300 stipend for voting delegates in our Minnesota budget; MEWS scholarship is an option
   iv. Action: Kia will send messages to retirees to see if there is interest in attending and review budget and funding opportunities

e. Conference call/meeting dates
   i. Monday, July 30, 10 AM -2 pm, Meeting at Coffey Hall
      1. Action: Kia will reserve a meeting room

10:00 AM: Meeting Adjourned
Respectfully submitted by Suzanne Driessen, Secretary
Reviewed by Kia Harries, President