

MNCEP Meeting Summary

April 3, 2012 Conference Call

MNCEP Representatives:

- ESP – Gwen Gmeinder & Kia Harries
- MAE4-HYDP – Curt Nyegaard & Nicole Pokorney
- MAEAP – Liz Stahl & Ryan Miller
- MANREP – John Bilotta & Gary Wyatt
- MACLEP – John Bennett & Bruce Schwartau
- NEAFCS, MN Affiliate – Mary Caskey & Jill May

Present: Kia Harries, Nicole Pokorney, Gary Wyatt, John Bilotta, Bruce Schwartau, Gwen Gmeinder, Jill May, Mary Caskey, Ryan Miller, Liz Stahl on the call

Section Updates

MANREP – Voting with membership – passed new bylaws, mission statement, new brochure and 2012 budget. Funds are transferred. Summer programs – professional development on 8/2-3 in Cloquet in process.

NEAFCS – Has treasury in place, also money in an endowment. Has updated Retirements and changes in bylaws, membership to include affiliates. Professional development in summer, committee hasn't met yet – looking at online offering.

MAE4-HYDP – Association president has resigned from Extension, annual meeting with bylaws passed for Financial Secretary and funds in the MN 4-H Foundation. National meeting in Orlando in October and hosting the National meeting in 2014

MAEAP – Summer meeting - annual meeting and professional development June 27-28 in Metro area, National meeting July 15-19 in Charleston, NC. Passed and update by-laws with treasurer and funds

MACLEP – Association established with bank accounts, National meeting 2-3 attending coming in April.

ESP – A few vacancies in board, strategies to fill those – looking ahead to Fall Program Conference and how to represent ESP and MNCEP.

Professional Development

Discussion on new and innovative ideas to offer professional development. Offering a professional development on a larger scale – cross capacity areas – not been identified as a need at this time.

Treasury

Discussion regarding the need to register with the Secretary of State – only for setting up a checking account? Will need an EIN number, or use a Federal number? Kia will ask someone in Extension or Secretary of State to get an overview and update. She will send an update to the MNCEP representatives.

Key Issues

- Morale seems to be a concern across Centers. How do we address this or bring this to the attention of administration? Is there a way to survey the staff? How do we bring these issues forward?
- A concern was expressed about communication from EFCC (and Center reps) and if a P&A Senate representative has been elected to fill the vacancy when Claudia Cody left Extension.
- If the budget as proposed by President Kahler includes a 2% raise – will it be a merit-based increase or equal throughout Extension?

Help with National Meetings/Conferences

- MAE4-HYDP hosting 2014 NAE4-HA Conference. What did other sections ask for help when they hosted National Conferences? Would other associations be willing to assist MAE4-HYDP? NACAA – they received volunteers that hosted tours, putting together newsletters each day. NACDEP had volunteers at the registration desk and leading tours.

Chair Report Follow-up since January call

- Kia has communicated with the Dean following January meeting via email regarding issues discussed including:
 - Length of adoption leave
 - Potential salary disparity among new hires and longer term staff
- Shared issues with EFCC for discussion
- Upcoming conversation regarding Extension Program Conference with Dick Senese

Steps identified at fall retreat to continue to review and work into our new working group:

- Communication
- Function structure
- Fall meeting/professional development
- Timeline/schedule
- Positively promote and market MNCEP

Next conference call date will go out on a Doodle poll for the committee.

Submitted by Nicole Pokorney