

Kansas JCEP Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Friday August 27, 2021

Via Zoom

The Kansas JCEP Board of Directors meeting was called to order by Chairperson Candis Meerpohl at 9:00 a.m. via Zoom on Friday August 27, 2021.

Attendees included Chairperson Candis Meerpohl, Secretary/Treasurer David Key, Tara Markley, Marlin Bates, Chuck Otte, Teresa Hatfield, Jodi Drake, Christopher Long, Anastasia Meyer, Jill Martinson, Lisa Martin and Jan Steen

The December 7th, 2020 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes were approved as presented by Candis with no additions or corrections noted.

The Treasurers report effective July 30, 2021 was presented with no additions or corrections showing a checking account balance of \$3909.60, with the remainder of available funds in savings for total of \$11,420.81.

Presidents Report

Candis indicated she was asked to arrange a face to face meeting with administration due to frustrations and concerns about moving all of the Ask the Administrator sessions to virtual. It was reported there are frustrations from both agents/staff and the administration with the current format and it is felt that all are frustrated with how this information is being treated.

JCEP Directors felt that given the current work climate due to COVID-19 isolation etc. that would be difficult to go back to an entirely face to face Ask the Administrator sessions. It was recommended that a dedicated quarterly zoom be held for the Ask the Administrator sessions and to try to hold at least one face to face sessions with KSRE Administration. It was also recommended that we place the set dates for the sessions on the event calendar for all to see. It was also discussed that we need to encourage more understanding of the current process we are using and why we have these sessions and that when future sessions are held face to face that we encourage questions be given to the appropriate professional association representatives. Tara Markley volunteered to modify the current survey we use to gather questions for the Ask the Administrator session.

Candis shared a pressing need to locate a president elect for the slate of officers for Kansas JCEP and that the proposed slate of officers has to be sent out by October 1st to the membership as per our bylaws. She also mentioned that we do not have an association membership rotation in our current bylaws. She stated the following from the bylaws "Previous Kansas Joint Council of Extension Professionals Board of Directors experience required for President and President-elect positions."

Directors present discussed the current wording in the bylaws and Jill Martinson mentioned that this process was discussed when KSJCEP was still KEAA and it was decided to not have a rotation at that time and let candidates come forth if they are interested and have served on the KSJCEP board of directors previously. Directors present mentioned during discussion that the KEAFACS, KACAA and ESP have not had a member serve as KSJCEP President yet and those association KSJCEP Directors should actively recruit for the position.

Candis also mentioned that New Agent Orientation sessions are currently going on and that professional association representatives are needed to attend the September 29, 2021 luncheon in Manhattan.

Old Business

There was no old business

New Business

The 2021-2022 slate of officers was put on hold until a president elect can be found. The current slate of officers is as follows: President: Tara Markley, Sec/Treasurer: David Key, President Elect: needed

Candis announced that the KSRE Annual Conference planning committee is planning cash bar option this year but according to KSU policy it must be an open or sponsored bar and not a true cash bar. After some clarification and discussion, Jill Martinson made the motion that was seconded by Marlin Bates to offer \$600 (est. 1/3rd of the total cost) to help sponsor the bar. Motion approved.

Candis asked that a Bylaws review committee be appointed with the following members being asked/appointed/volunteering to be on the committee: Candis, Chuck Otte, Jill Martinson and David Key

The meeting was adjourned at 9:32 a.m.