

Kansas State Extension Advisory Council (SEAC)

February 18, 2014

The SEAC meeting was called to order by Dean Fitzsimmons, Chair, at the Shawnee County Extension Office at 10:30 am.

Members present: Dean Fitzsimmons-Chair (SW Area), Wally Wolfe-Chair elect (NE Area), Loren Snell-Secretary (Metro Counties), Rich Barr-Treasurer (Metro Counties), Carolyn Harms-Ex Officio (Metro Counties), Richard Poland (SW Area), Randy Lucas (SW Area), Kyle Fulton (SW Area), Alane Radke (NW Area), Rhonda Gaede (NW Area), Tatum Kimzey (NW Area), Bob Standage (NW Area), Diana Gauntt (NE Area), Ray Bartholomew (NE Area), Lisa Pfannenstiel-Garrison (Metro Counties), Ken Moldenhauer (Metro Counties), Brad Carter (SE Area), Jodie Bartelson (SE Area), and Gary Thompson (SE Area).

Kansas State University Administrators Present: Daryl Buchholz-Associate Director for Extension and Applied Research, Gregg Hadley-Ag Asst Director, Paula Peters-FCS Asst Director, Jim Lindquist FO Asst Director, Phil Sloderbeck-SW Area Administrator, Chris Onstad-NW Area Administrator, Dale Fjell-NE Area Administrator, J. D. McNutt-SE Area Administrator, Steven Graham-Asst to the Director, and Laurie Chandler.

Daryl Buchholz welcomed everyone and everyone present introduced themselves. Daryl Buchholz then briefly went over the agenda, as well as the information contained in the packets distributed to everyone.

The opportunities, roles, and expectations of the State Extension Advisory Council were explained by Daryl Buchholz.

Minutes from the August 14, 2013 meeting in Parsons were reviewed. Tatum Kimzey moved to accept the minutes, Gary Thompson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Daryl Buchholz, on behalf of Rich Barr-Treasurer, went over the financial report. Carolyn Harms raised a question concerning deposits in to the account. Rhonda Gaede moved to accept the financial report, Randy Lucas seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Daryl initiated a group discussion, seeking input on the partnership meetings. Daryl Buchholz did note that attendance was up this year from last year. Overall the response to the meetings and the format was positive. Comments/suggestions included:

- It was recommended that bios of candidates to serve on SEAC be provided at the partnership meetings to those eligible to vote.
- The co-mingling of agents and board members was viewed as positive.
- Felt as if needed to encourage more board members to attend – there were more agents in attendance than board members.
- It was suggested that PDC members be invited to attend the meetings.

Jim Lindquist and Laurie Chandler discussed the Excellence in Board Leadership assessments. Jim Lindquist distributed a summary of the responses based upon units that submitted them. 43 out of 78 units submitted responses. Laurie Chandler proposed changes

to be made to the assessments for the upcoming year. Changes would place more emphasis on volunteerism. A new section was added and the recognition level was changed, requiring a score of 60 to be recognized (had been 55).

After a catered lunch break, Gregg Hadley reviewed the comments from Partnership meeting regarding strengthening PDCs.

- Report/Feedback/Next Steps for Program Development Committees
 - PDCS are underutilized
 - Role confusion
 - Do not understand programming
 - Statute concerns
 - Policy concerns
 - Agent facilitation (some agents don't feel comfortable)
 - Recruitment issues
 - Oversight issues (how do we make sure all local units are working towards quality PDC meetings)

- PDC Task Force Potential Solutions
 - PDC description and charge
 - PDC members position description
 - Recruitment tools
 - Facilitation tools and training
 - Statute clarifications
 - PDC technical advisory teams
 - PDC training programs
 - Changes in policy

Discussion followed about membership of PDCs, how to obtain feedback, and potentially removing the requirement on the Excellence in Board Leadership surveys that PDCs have to meet 4 times per year. Rich Barr made the suggestion that we create an assessment to be utilized for PDCs that is similar to the Excellence in Board Leadership assessment. Was also recommended that do something to encourage interaction between PDCs – example was to encourage sharing of successes. Bob Standage moved to adopt the new Excellence in Board Leadership assessment, Rich Barr seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Daryl Buchholz led a brainstorming session on state and federal investment in local extension units. Daryl Buchholz reviewed the strategic planning and discussion from the August 2013 SEAC meeting. A chart was discussed showing the distribution of funds to the local extension units. Also, we discussed the contribution by Kansas State to agent salaries, with much discussion on the incentives to district.

Group was divided into small groups to brainstorm incentives to encourage extension boards to work towards improvement. Two questions were presented: What are we encouraging today? What alternatives are there to what's being done today?

After a short break Sue Peterson joined us for discussion on visits to legislators. Broke into small groups to identify key points to be raised to legislators.

Daryl Buchholz went over the schedule of presentations, but stated these were not mandatory and to make/keep appointments with legislators.

The next meeting will be August 21st & 22nd, location to be announced later.

With no further business, Bob Standage moved to adjourn the meeting, Rhonda Gaede seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Submitted by:
Loren Snell, Secretary