

PAE4-HA BOARD MEETING
Conference Call
October 5, 2006

Reminders:

Upcoming Meeting Dates:

November 1-2, 2006 – PAE4-HA Fall Meeting – State College

March 27-28, 2007 – PAE4-HA Spring Meeting – Location TBD (Western PA)

Call To Order: The meeting was done by conference call and was called to order by President Pam Paletta at 9:00 a.m.

Members attending were: Katina Musser, Pam Paletta, Suzanne Ault-Boarts, Toni Stuetz, Darlene Resh, Christy Bartley, Martha Gregory, Deb Dietrich, Dwayne Hay, Becky Kaucher, Patreese Ingram, Nancy Stephenson.

Officer Reports:

Past President / Nominating Committee Chair - Suzanne reported that Becky Kaucher will run for Vice President again and she does have someone lined up for President-Elect (Deb Dietrich). They are still in need of someone for Secretary – any ideas? Pam suggested Cindy Arblaster. Dwayne noted that Vice President is only to be elected in an odd year, due to our by-laws change. Toni believes that it was agreed last year with Becky that she would serve a two-year term, so 2007 will be the second year of her term, and in fall of 2007 we will be electing a Treasurer and a Vice President.

Vice President - There is one new member – Barbara Aldrich, from the Capital Region. Additionally, there will be no dues increase from National for the coming year. Pam is working on recruiting Lisa in Greene County. Becky is sending information to Lisa in Fulton and Becky in Cumberland, who are also new.

Treasurer's Report - Toni emailed a current financial report, which was reviewed. She is looking for volunteers from the various committees to meet by conference call to help pull the 2007 proposed budget together.

Items of Business:

Fall Meeting – Pam reviewed the draft agenda for updates/changes. Suzanne reported that things seem to be in order. Members are needed to bring items for sale for the auction. There are volunteers to help coordinate details and money for the auction.

Christy noted that she will present a letter to PAE4-HA noting that the group does have permission to use the 4-H name and emblem (a charter approval). She and Pam made sure this was included on the agenda for the meeting

Some discussion was held on issues that have been coming up relating to low numbers, particularly in the FCS association. Will the fall meeting continue to be a joint effort? It does seem that this will be a trend, especially with Daney Jackson's encouragement. One particular question was regarding the breakfast with department heads. There are a number of people who would be helpful for 4-H to meet with, but they are not

department heads, so the ag. association did not wish to include them. It was noted that this needs to be discussed for future meetings if they will be held jointly. Additionally, the idea of joining the various associations into one group is still on the table. Pam will add this discussion to the meeting agenda as well. Suzanne noted that it's important that we determine how the PAE4-HA members feel about this, and she noted that if it seems like something we'd like to pursue, perhaps PAE4-HA needs to take the lead.

Suzanne noted that there is currently no way to sign up for specific workshops, so she is concerned that we need to know if people will be attending a workshop, so a presenter will have an audience. Darlene will follow up with members by email to ask them to note their choice. Martha also suggested that an email be sent to those who already registered asking them to note their choice, especially since the ESP also did not request this information. Darlene will follow up with Don Fretz, as he is collecting registration.

The question was raised about the timing of the fall meeting and Suzanne reported that it likely will not be earlier, because the McDowell lecture needs to be involved and it doesn't seem to suit the other associations to go earlier. It would be better for 4-H to have the state meeting before the national meeting.

Committee Reports

Awards and Recognition – Martha Gregory will follow-up on seeing that gifts, etc., are collected for national winners at the conference.

Diversity – Patreese reported that the committee is offering a workshop at the state fall meeting.

Policy and Resolution – Nancy noted that everything seems to be in order.

Professional Improvement – No report.

Program – The committee will be refocusing for next year to include UP staff and/or get feedback on the breakfast happening at the fall meeting this year. Becky noted that there is an expense for books included under the Programs committee that should be included under Professional Improvement. Toni will move this.

Historical – No report.

Membership – No report.

Newsletter – No report.

Nominating Chair – No report.

Fundraising – Deb Dietrich did pursue some things, but then was confused by whether she or Karen Hack is to be chairing this effort. Pam emailed some things out from Wendell August Forge that could be used by counties for awards, etc. Martha also suggested Bujno Pottery as an option, which is based in Lancaster County – Katina shared some information on this. Nancy also noted a ceramic bun warmer that has been popular in their county. Pam will follow-up on the Wendell August and asked that others bring samples of the other suggestions to the fall meeting. It was noted that we should pre-sell these, rather than buy a quantity and be left with a supply. Additionally, we should target this so that delivery would be late

summer/early fall and people could use if for fall recognition items. For fundraising at PA Farm Show, Deb asked whether there would be room for the association to sell something. Christy will check on this. There is a letter that will need to be sent to Farm Show in light of the fact that we will be selling something there – Deb will work with Christy on this. Deb also has a person willing to do pony rides at Farm Show, where we would get a portion of the proceeds, and we would ask Farm Show to forgive the exhibitor fee. Christy noted that there may be a liability issue with this if PAE4-HA is not involved. Deb noted that since it is a business, he should have some liability insurance.

Regional Director Reports:

Names of directors were reviewed for accuracy, but no reports were given.

NAE4-HA: Everyone should bring an auction item for the breakfast.

JCEP: Darlene noted from the meeting she attended that the focus is to get us on track and know what is going on. There was a lot of information. They did have some dialogue on the issue of combining associations and they are working on finding some examples of where this is being done.

Spring Meeting for 2007: March 27-28, 2007. It was noted that the meeting should be in the western part of the state.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 10:19 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Katina Musser, Secretary
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