

MINUTES
AAFCS-TX AFFILIATE BOARD of DIRECTORS MEETING
Wednesday, March 5, 2014 7:00 – 10:00 p.m.
Hyatt Regency North Dallas Richardson, Texas

President Mary Olle called the AAFCS-TX Board of Directors Meeting to order at 7:25 p.m., March 5, 2014.

Ten voting members were present (quorum is six, 1/3 of voting members):

Mary Olle, President	Lisa Kennon, VP Academic Affairs
Nancy Shepherd, President Elect	Jaylie Beckenhauer, CFCS, Counselor
Frances Hare, CFCS, Ret., Secretary	Janice Moore, NE District Chair
Joyce Armstrong, CFCS, VP Professional Dev.	Sherry Price, Prof. Setting, Community Rep.
Janelle Walters, CFCS, VP Membership	Janet Rodriguez, CFCS, Ex. Dir., ex officio
Patti Rambo, CFCS, Finance Committee Chair sitting as Treasurer, due to resignation of Donna Pharr	

Also attending the meeting: Roxanne Gipe and Delicia Church, CFCS.

Members absent:

Tyler Smith, VP Member Relations; Linda Mock, CFCS, VP Marketing; Leisha Bridwell, VP Public Policy; Janis White, SE District Chair; Roxie Godfrey, NW District Chair; Angelina Bencomo, SW District Chair; Kim Kamin, CFCS, Subject Matter Community Representative; Lauren Peterson, Student Unit Co-Chair; Courtney Smith, Student Unit Co-Chair.

Secretary Hare electronically distributed minutes for members to read prior to the meeting. **Patti Rambo moved the minutes be accepted as submitted electronically. Second by Jaylie Beckenhauer. Motion carried.**

President Olle presented the agenda and made revisions. **Nancy Shepherd moved the agenda be accepted as edited. Second by Patti Rambo. Motion carried.**

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS (see appendices for complete reports)

Board member reports were previously emailed to Secretary Hare to compile into one document. That document was emailed to the Board of Directors to read prior to the meeting. **Jaylie Beckenhauer moved the officer reports be accepted as submitted electronically without giving the reports orally. Second by Patti Rambo. Motion carried.**

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Nominating Committee, Judy Warren, Chair – Executive Director Rodriguez reported results of the election:
 - President Elect 2014-2015 (3 yr commitment) – Joyce Armstrong, CFCS
 - Secretary 2014-2015 – Joice Jeffries
 - Treasurer 2014-2015 (2 yr commitment) – Linda Mock, CFCS
 - VP Elect Professional Development 2014-2015 (2 yr commitment) – Janis White
 - VP Marketing 2014-2016 – LaQuanna Sparkman
 - VP Membership 2014-2016 – Frances Hare, CFCS, Retired

Nominating Committee 2014-2016 (3 members) – Nancy Granovsky, CPFFE; Bernadette Webre; Betty Davenport

District Chairs 2014-2015:

Northeast Chair - Delicia Church, CFCS; Chair Elect – Roxanne Gipe

Northwest Chair– Roxie Godfrey

Southeast Chair – Angela McCorkle

Southwest Chair – Analine Guin (she is not AAFCS member - need to address this)

Community Representatives: Sherri Price and Kim Kamin

- Finance Committee Chair Patti Rambo reported the current balance in the checking account as \$16, 842.47, and current balance in the savings account as \$70, 815.80. The Proposed Budget for 2014-2015 will be voted on at the General Assembly of Members on Friday. Olle announced that Donna Pharris resigned as Treasurer earlier in the year and that Rambo is filling the position until June 1 when the incoming Treasurer Linda Mock will take office. Joyce Cavanagh, CPFFE, will be the Finance Committee Chair effective June 1, a position normally held by the outgoing Treasurer.

OLD BUSINESS

- Proposed Bylaws Amendments were presented by Counselor Beckenhauer at the Summer Board of Directors Meeting and approved with revisions. She sent the revised proposed amendments in three column format to the Board several weeks ago. There are two major changes for the membership to consider: 1) Emeritus members can hold state office which is different than at national, but the deviation at the state level is allowed by AAFCS. 2) District chairs will be elected at District Meetings instead of on the state ballot. The other changes in the bylaws are formatting, grammar, clarified wording, and aligning with AAFCS. Copies of the Proposed Bylaws Amendments will be displayed on presentation boards at the entrances to the meeting room for the General Assembly of Members and on the tables.
- *Texas Family & Consumer Sciences Journal* – VP Academic Affairs, Lisa Kennon, reported she has received two years of *State Conference Proceedings* and *Research Issues*. She expressed several concerns with the Journal:
 - Naming of the Journal: Board of Directors Meeting, March 2013, the Journal name was changed to *Texas Family & Consumer Sciences Journal*. The Journal has two issues: *Research Issue* and *State Conference Proceedings Issue*. On the cover of the Journal, there needs to be reference to formerly *TAFCS Research Journal* and reference to affiliation with AAFCS.
 - Distribution of the Journal: In the past the *State Conference Proceedings* have been sold to members, but most organizations offer them to members for free. Who receives the *Research Issue*? The latest issue was mailed to Kennon by Harriet Griggs, past VP Academic Affairs, but she is not sure who else received it. In the past, all members received the *Research Issue*. The *Research Issue* is not widely available to the public. EBSCO has the Journal for sale, but that does not generate much attention. Most universities require digital copies. Beckenhauer said the *State Conference Proceedings* (oral reports and poster sessions submissions) should go to every member. Kennon suggested they be placed on the Web site. Walters has every issue of the Journal. Maybe these could be scanned and placed on Web site. Texas is unique in that most, if not all other states, do not publish research journals.

- Security of submissions received from authors. Kennon has learned that in the last few years some authors never received acknowledgment that their submissions were received and that some have been lost. Armstrong expressed concern about the lost submissions due to the effect on the author's careers and impact on our credibility. Armstrong emphasized that authors must be acknowledged that submissions have been received. Whoever is in the position of VP Academic Affairs must be accountable for receipt and acknowledgement of submissions.
- Kennon expressed concern regarding the *State Conference Proceedings* actually being part of the *Texas Family & Consumer Sciences Journal* in that abstracts are not usually included in a research journal.
- Financing of the Journal is through authors' fees. There was discussion about whether the fee was submission fee or acceptance fee. Consensus was to be consistent. On the Web site, it is stated that non-members pay \$20 for a copy of the Journal. In the past, the Journal has not been a money making venture. Advertising in the Journal was discussed and that if the Journal is published on the Web site, more people would see the ad and that could be a selling point. Shepherd said that in the budget, there is an entry for income generated from the Journal. Whatever is done, it must also be addressed in the budget.
- Other related discussion: Numbering of the issues is not consistent. Cavanagh and Walters met several years ago about the Journal and Kennon has contacted them regarding their work. Walter recommended activating the committee on publications to address these issues of availability, numbering, length of submissions, etc. Their recommendations must be in writing, approved by the board, and then be included in the Handbook.
- President Elect Shepherd will include the committee on publications in her survey.
- State Conference 2015 will be in San Antonio. Executive Director Rodriguez was the VP Professional Development for the conference before accepting the ED position. The VP position needs to be filled. Several names have been given to President Olle to contact for the position. Rodriguez is looking for hotels in different areas of San Antonio. Holiday Inn by the airport has free parking and good room rates. Contessa Hotel and Hotel Menger were also suggested.
- Fund raising was discussed with suggestions of offering a package to possible advertisers: be in the program and on the Web site - point is telling how many places and how long they will be seen. Then, we can ask for more money for the ads. Armstrong suggested the need for a marketing person to contact businesses and service agencies in addition to the universities to sponsor parts of the conference.

NEW BUSINESS

- Location for 2016 State Conference is Bryan/College Station. Janis White is the VP Elect Professional Development. Dates being considered include the last week in February. Discussion included conflicts for those dates and for other dates in February and March.
- Affiliate regulations for who may hold office was clarified by Hare. National Bylaws and Handbook allow states to set standards for who can hold office. Therefore, Texas can allow emeritus members to be officers. This is in the proposed bylaws amendments. President and President Elect must have served previously on the Board of Directors.

- Web site management was addressed by Hare who has been working with InLineBits on the redesign. A preview of the Web site was shown. Board agreed that the new site should be live as soon as possible. Hare will learn how to edit the site and will teach others.
- Strategic Planning Annual Report will be emailed to the Board by President Olle.
- AAFCS Academy Concepts PowerPoint presentation will be done by President Elect Shepherd at the Leadership Workshop Thursday. Members will be given time Friday at 8:15 to break into groups to discuss the proposed changes in AAFCS. The PowerPoint presentation will be given during the General Assembly of Members. Then Saturday morning, Gay Nell McGinnis, CFCS will provide more information through structured questions. Comments received at the State Conference will be given to national. Next week is the AAFCS Board Meeting where decisions will be made regarding what will be presented to members and in the Senate at the national conference.
- Task Force – President Elect Shepherd proposed creating a Task Force to look at on-going concerns and challenges the affiliate has experienced over the last several years. They will examine where we want to go with the organization and take feedback from board and committees. The Task Force would be three individuals who are not board members or current officers. Suggestions include: Nancy Granovsky (long time member with national and international experiences), Sharon Nichols (past national president, but new to Texas), and a third person who is a non-member. They would look at the challenges and issues and make recommendations to the board of specifics to examine and consider. Considering the changes at national, this is a good time to examine the affiliate's situation.
- Member Survey – President Elect Shepherd will collect information from all members about what they want the affiliate to be, their desires and concerns. She will develop questions to submit to all members to gather information about where the affiliate needs to be.
- Student Advisor – President Elect Shepherd reported that Student Advisors do not change annually in other organizations so that there is some consistency. Student Advisor mentors and guides the Student Unit. In our affiliate, the Student Advisor changes with the Student Unit Chair. Sometimes the Student Advisor is not the student's professor/advisor as when Natalie Knesek, CFCS and Micah Holcombe were the advisors. Currently, it is Barbara Allison, Texas Tech. Shepherd suggested that the Task Force could look into the challenges of Student Advisors in the affiliate. Other discussion included: Two years ago the University Showcase was well received and good for the students to see other schools and the broad spectrum of FCS. Discussion included cost of state conference for student members; pros/cons of student presenters being members/non-members, using HUGS to help pay some of the student cost of the conference. Rodriguez reported she remembers about \$200 donated to HUGS just from conference registration. Handbook requires presenters to be members. Kennon believes this was from a time where there were many more members, but now it has become a barrier. The affiliate has changed, but the rules have not. Maybe we should reconsider the membership requirement, especially for the student presenters. Money is too scarce for this requirement. This is another issue for the Task Force to research.
- Proper name for the Newsletter, both paper and e-blast – Counselor Beckenhauer asked for clarification on the official name of the newsletter. Some on the board thought it should be renamed as the name Action does not carry any meaning for us. Consensus was the official name is: *AAFCS-TX Action*. This should be included in the Handbook and used consistently. Beckenhauer suggested the Board reconsider the name at a later time. If any logo is used, it must be the official AAFCS logo.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Officers are to write articles for the spring/summer issue *AAFCS-TX Action* and submit to Executive Director Rodriguez by April 5. See pages 39-40 in the Handbook for what is to be included in each newsletter. A reminder will be sent March 10. Newsletter will be sent around May 5.
- Silent Auction will be in the hallway in front of the large meeting room. Items will be accepted Friday morning, 8:00 a.m. Auction will close at 5:00 p.m. Linda Francis, CFCS is in charge.
- VP Professional Development Armstrong thanked everyone for their contribution to making the conference successful.
- Leadership Workshop is tomorrow morning, Thursday, March 6, 10:00 a.m. for all incoming and outgoing officers. President Elect Shepherd is in charge.
- General Assembly of Members is Friday, March 7, 10:30 a.m. The proposed bylaws amendments will be presented for acceptance vote.
- Submit nominations for 2015 officers and awards before leaving the conference.

Nancy Shepherd made the motion to adjourn the Spring AAFCS-TX Board of Directors Meeting. Jaylie Beckenhauer made the second. Meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Frances Hare

Frances Hare, CFCS, Retired
Secretary

Appendixes

**AAFCS-TX
Board Member Reports**

March 2014

**President
Mary Olle**

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Accomplishments 2013 - 2014

March 2013

- Conducted Leadership Training for incoming officers

June 14 – 15, 2013 Waco, TX

- Conducted Executive Board meeting
- Conducted Board of Directors meeting

June 26 – 29, 2013 Houston, TX

- Attended AAFCS National Conference
- Attended Senate meeting

October 11, 2013

- Attended NE District meeting

November – December 2013

- Served as chair for search committee for Executive Director position

January 2014

- Worked with Executive Board in transition to new Executive Director
- Worked with Executive Board in transition to second new Executive Director

February 2014

- Served with Executive Board in search for Treasure position
- Served with Executive Board and Executive Director in search for VP of Professional Development

Goals for 2014 – 2015

- Serve as member of Executive Committee, Board of Directors, Strategic Planning Committee, and Finance Committee
 - Serve as parliamentarian of the Affiliate
 - Serve as chair of the Bylaws Committee
 - Serve as chair of the Resolutions Committee
 - Assist the President in transferring files and advising as necessary
 - Work with Historian in compiling historical materials of the Affiliate
 - Review AAFCS- Texas Affiliate website
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President Elect Board Report
Nancy Shepherd, PhD

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Summary

June 2013 - Present

- Attended the board meeting in Waco
- Attended conference of American Association Family Consumer Science in Houston, TX
 - Served on the Senate with President, Mary Olle, PhD
 - Attended the presentation concerning the New Academy proposal

- August 2013 – FCSTAT Professional conference in Dallas, Texas
- October 2013 – Fall Leadership Conference, Baltimore, Maryland

This has been a busy year with a focus on change and transition requiring flexibility and adaptation from the officers. I have worked closely with the executive board to facilitate the selection of a new executive director. Participation in numerous and timely conference calls with the board to discuss pressing issues such as the website changes, review of the by-laws, ED transition have taken place. Planning and implementation of a leadership session for officers at conference in Richardson will be very important this year to discuss the proposed new Academy model.

I have worked on a local basis to jump start the student organization at SFA and encourage membership, participation in district, state and national meetings along with scholarship applications.

I also represent Texas on the national membership committee and was selected by Affiliate leaders at the Leadership workshop in October to serve on a committee of six to be first reviewers of the academy model as the discussion evolves.

Goals for President-Elect 2013-2014

Full fill the duties as outlined in the by-laws including:

- Participate in the board meetings and strategic planning.
 - Attend the AAFCS Leadership Workshop in October
 - Attend AAFCS and serve as a senator in Houston
 - Advise the District Chairs to promote collaboration and membership growth
 - Review and update the Handbook as necessary and desired
 - Review the website and encourage assertive communication with members and stakeholders
 - Plan the Leadership workshop at the annual conference
 - Communicate with and support all officers to advance membership growth, professionalism and promote the goals of the organization to advance the mission of AAFCS
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Counselor Board Report
Jaylie Beckenhauer, Ph.D., CFCS

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Accomplishments from June 2013 to February 2014

- Bylaws Amendments
 - Presented overview of Bylaws Amendments to Executive Committee and Board of Directors.
 - Incorporated comments into Bylaws Amendments and received BOD approval.
 - Compiled Amendments into 3-column format containing the old, proposed, and rationale for the proposed changes.
 - Requested Executive Director to send an E-Blast containing the Proposed Amendments to the entire membership in preparation for a vote at the Assembly of Members on March 7, 2014.
 - If Amendments are approved, I will send the updated document to President Elect to include in Board Handbook and VP Marketing to post on the Web site.
- Acted with Executive Committee to
 - post job description for Executive Director
 - interview and hire new Executive Director, Mallory Batch
 - work with Wells-Fargo Bank to remove previous ED Natalie Knesek from checking and savings accounts and tried to add new ED Malory Batch to accounts. But she resigned before being added.
 - Recommend Janet Rodriguez, CFCS be offered the ED position, since she had also applied for the job.
 - I will work with bank to add Janet to the accounts.
- Worked with Executive Committee to recommend interim Treasurer and VP Elect Professional Development.
- Acted with Executive Committee to assist VP Professional Development Joyce Armstrong, CFCS, General Arrangements Chair Sheri Dragoo, and newest Executive Director Janet Rodriguez, CFCS to finalize State Conference during the transition of Executive Directors and Treasurers.
- Helped proof TAFCS Web site. -

Treasurer Board Report
Donna Pharris

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No report. Treasurer resigned February 2014.

Secretary Board Report
Frances Hare, CFCS, Ret.

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Accomplishments since June 1, 2013:

- Attended and recorded minutes of Summer Executive Board Meeting and Board of Directors Meeting June 15, 2013, Baylor University, Waco.
- Emailed Summer 2013 Board of Directors Minutes with Appendix of Board Members Reports to President, President-Elect and several board members for proof-reading. Emailed Executive Board Minutes to Executive Board for proof-reading.

- Emailed corrected Board of Directors Minutes with Appendix of Board Members Reports to Linda Mock, VP Marketing, for placement on website.
- Communicated with Judy Warren, Nominating Committee Chair, to encourage her and the committee to meet deadline for nominations. Provided committee with several names for nominations.
- Provided summary of Summer Board of Directors Minutes for the Fall *Action*.
- Reviewed the proposed new Web site and listed corrections, additions, etc. that were needed. I am continuing to work with the designer on the new Web site.
- Participated in the interview process for Executive Director.

Executive Director
Janet Rodriguez, CFCS

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Since becoming Executive Director on February 3, 2014 I have been working to get information and material needed to perform the job.

In the next week my goal is:

- get the 2014-21015 ballot to the membership
- get the program printed for the state conference
- receive registrations for the conference and make deposits
- prepare packets for the state conference

Future Goals:

- Find sites for 2015 and 2016 state conference
- Work as directed by the AAFCS-Texas President, the Board and Bylaws
- Attend the AAFCS National conference in St. Louis

VP Professional Development
Joyce Armstrong, PhD

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Worked with the general arrangement chair in planning the 2014 American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences-Texas Affiliate 96th State Conference in North Texas on March 5-8, 2014.

Address: Hyatt Regency North Dallas, 701 E. Campbell Road, Richardson, TX 75081

Meeting at a Glance

Wednesday, March 5, 2014

2:30p.m. to 3:00p.m. General Arrangements meeting with Hyatt Regency North Dallas

3:00p.m. to 5:00p.m. Executive Committee at Hyatt Regency North Dallas

7:00p.m. to 10:00p.m. Board meeting at Hyatt Regency North Dallas

Thursday, March 6, 2014

10:00a.m. to 12:00p.m. Leadership Development Workshop (mandatory incoming and outgoing officers)

1:00p.m. to 5:00p.m. Registration

12:00p.m. to 5:00p.m. - Tours

7:00p.m. to 9:00p.m. **96th Annual Opening General Session:**

Visioning Our Pathway for the Future – Dianne Costa

Friday, March 7, 2014

- 7:00a.m. to 7:30a.m. Exercise at Hyatt Regency North Dallas
- 7:30a.m. to 8:15a.m. Continental Breakfast
- 8:15a.m. to 9:00a.m. Subject Matter, Communities of Interest Group Meetings
- 8:00a.m. to 1:00p.m. Registration
- 9:00a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Silent Auction
- 9:00a.m. to 10:00a.m. Concurrent Sessions
 - A. Oral Research Presentations
 - B. Special Topics Presentations
- 10:00a.m. to 10:30a.m. Break and Silent Auction Preview
- 10:30a.m. to 11:30a.m. Business Meeting
- 11:45a.m. to 1:00p.m. Networking Luncheon and Visioning Fashion Show
- 1:00p.m. to 2:00p.m. Second General Session Keynote Speaker
- 2:00p.m. to 3:00p.m. Exhibitor Session Exclusive (Session runs 2:00 to 5:00p.m.)
- 3:00p.m. to 4:00p.m. Concurrent Sessions
 - A. Oral Research Presentations
 - B. Special Topics Presentations
- 4:00p.m. to 5:00p.m. Hot Topics Sessions – Visioning Financial Stability
- 5:00p.m. to 5:45p.m. Communities Meetings - Student Unit Meeting
- 7:00p.m. to 9:15p.m. **BEST of TAFCS Awards Banquet**

Saturday, March 8, 2014

- 7:00a.m. to 7:30a.m. Zumba Exercise at Hyatt Regency North Dallas
- 8:00a.m. to 9:15a.m. Concurrent Sessions & Poster Presentations
- 9:30a.m. to 10:00a.m. **VISIONING AAFCS with Gay Nell McGinnis**
- 10:00a.m. to 10:30a.m. Hotel Check out
- 10:30a.m. to 12:00p.m. **Closing General Session and Brunch – BUILDING ON THE VISION**
- 12:00p.m. to 2:30p.m. – Post Conference Silk Scarf Design Workshop

VP Elect Professional Development
Janet Rodriguez, CFCS

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Since the summer board meeting I have been waiting to work with the Executive Director to find a location for the 2015 State Conference in San Antonio.

Goal: Help find someone to take my place to plan the 2015 state conference.

VP Member Relations
Tyler L. Smith

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These are the award recipients and nominators for this year's awards.

- 1) Frances Hare (Leader of the Year) nominated by Jaylie Beckenhauer
- 2) Patti Rambo (Professional of the Year) nominated by Nancy Shephard
- 3) Jay Yoo (Professional of the Year) nominated by Tyler Smith
- 4) Lyn Berman (Light for Families) nominated by Carol Canada

We did have another nomination (Teacher of the Year) but the nominator decided to defer until next year.

PowerPoint (including bio, pics) is almost complete—thanks to help from Nancy. Tyler will finish Tuesday. Tyler will print/frame certificates by Tuesday now that all have been identified (thanks Jaylie and Nancy). Appreciate all of those who made time to nominate someone.

For next year: Two important things come to mind.

1. Stick with Jan. 15 deadline, as it is too much to squeeze in with a Feb. 15 deadline and March 5-8 conference.
2. It's my first year coordinating, I'm a new member, and it will be my first TAFCS conference. Big learning curve, some mistakes made, technology snafu (key documents unknowingly put in archive email. (: However, I now better understand the process, and will start the process earlier next year. I've coordinated many conferences, with more logistics, and by myself throughout my career. However, there are some things I now better understand so next year will be smoother.

VP Membership Board Report
Janelle Walter, Ph.D., CFCS

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- Membership List and Nonrenewed Members List received February 14, 2014 from Sophie Mott, AAFCS.
 - 121 non-renewals between Jan 2013 and February 2014 including 40 needing to renew between Oct 2013 and Feb 2014.
 - Including those 40 recent nonrenewals, we have 340 members.
- (These lists are available to anyone who wants to see them. Contact Frances Hare, Secretary.)

VP-Marketing Board Report
Linda L. Mock, CFCS

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The Vice President Marketing completed the following tasks during the year in support of the duties of the office.

On a continual basis, conferenced by email, telephone, and in person with former Executive Director Knesek and other board members to monitor the overhaul of the AAFCS-TX website. This is an ongoing process that will continue throughout 2014.

On a regular basis, posted items from the AAFCS website and those received through emails from other board members on the AAFCS-TX Facebook page. Monitored page weekly to insure updates and notifications were being posted and comments were being addressed as needed.

Responded to requests from board members to publicize various events on Facebook and forwarded to former Executive Director Knesek.

Requested emails via AgriLife Extension be sent to all Family & Consumer Sciences Agents encouraging their participation in the National Conference in Houston in March 2013.

Promoted AAFCS membership through marketing information sent to Texas Extension Association of Family & Consumer Sciences annual conference and sent email to all A&M AgriLife Extension FCS agents regarding membership opportunities in July 2013.

Made recommendations to President and Executive Director regarding publicizing AAFCS-TX to other professionals, agencies and commercial organizations. There were no requests from

outside agencies seeking more information about AAFCS – TX.

Action Item: Consideration of future website management with updates completed by one person on a timely basis.

VP Public Policy Board Report
Leisha Bridwell

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Attended the Summer Board Meeting June 15, 2013 in Waco, TX

Submitted several of public policy announcements regarding legislation effecting home and family life for the web page.

Unable to attend the Spring Board Meeting because of an accepted presentation for a national meeting.

VP-Academic Affairs Board Report
Lisa Kennon, PhD

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Goals for 2013-2014.

1. Increase submission and presentation of undergraduate and graduate student research and academic projects at annual conference.
This was not successful this year. Future goal is to utilize the new website and to also make more directed email contact with College and University faculty who mentor these undergraduate and graduate students.
2. Review format and set deadlines for publication of research journal(s).
This is ongoing and a call for manuscripts will be sent to membership following the conference.
3. Review indexing opportunities for the research journal along with other options for access.
The proceeding and journal format and publication needs to be reviewed in terms of cost, availability to membership, and availability to the larger FCS profession. This includes housing it on the Affiliate website.

Additional Goal:

Review how the scholarship information is updated and disseminated so that it reaches the targeted students.

NE District Chair Board Report
Janice F. Moore, Ph.D., CFLE

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The Northeast District Meeting was held October 11, 2013 at Texas Woman's University T. Boone Pickens Institute of Health Science Center at Dallas. The theme was "Linking Families and Communities: Helping Families Manage Change." Speaker presentations included Experiential Learning, The Power of Pork, Palliative Care, The Phenomenon of Grandparents

Raising Grandchildren, Communities of Interest Session, and a networking session led by a TWU undergraduate student. The meeting ended with Business and Student Section meetings. Forty participants attended the meeting. University of North Texas and Texas Woman's University students were well represented at the meeting. TWU Family Science Association members were instrumental in planning the meeting, introducing speakers, and securing door prizes.

Janice F. Moore, Ph.D., CFLE and Jaylie Beckenhauer, Ph.D., CFCS, CFLE discussed exploring the development of an AAFCS Gerontology community. More discussion and implementation is needed. This community will provide professionals and students with an avenue to share information about aging trends and studies.

SE District Chair Board Report
Janis White, CFCS

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The Southeast District Meeting was held on October 18, 2013 in the Mattie Bea Medford Living Center of the Margaret Lea Houston Building on the campus of Sam Houston State University. Morning speakers included Dr. John de Castro, Professor of Psychology at Sam Houston State University. He spoke on his research on eating behavior which he developed as a potential behavioral model that could be applied to many other aspects of human conduct. Following his discussion, Dr. Valencia Browning-Keen spoke on Mindful Eating, the Slow Food Movement, and Health at Every Size. Her talk was followed by a discussion of Megatrends which she also led. It was a lively discussion, and most of those attending thoughtfully contributed to the discussion, applying the Megatrends to many aspects of Family and Consumer Sciences.

Lunch was served, with a fall theme featuring black bean burritos, guacamole and baked sweet potato sticks, followed by pumpkin flan for dessert. The luncheon was prepared by students from the FACS 1441 course (Food Preparation and Selection), led by Stacey Johnson, Graduate Teaching Assistant for this course.

Following lunch, the group boarded a university van and toured houses built by the Phoenix Commotion, lead by Dan Phillips, the driving force behind and owner of the Phoenix Commotion. Dan lectured and used examples from the houses that were visited to illustrate the philosophy of building espoused by Phoenix Commotion. The company uses recycled materials to build affordable housing for low-income residents of Huntsville.

There was a total of 14 people in attendance, although not every person attending was able to participate in every aspect of the meeting. Feedback from those attending indicated that the meeting was a success. (I know I had a great time, and it was a very rewarding day!)

Other than attending the meeting in Waco, this is my contribution as Southeast District Chair!

NW District Chair Board Report
Roxie V. Godfrey Ed.D.

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The NW TX AFFCS meeting was planned and scheduled early November at the Texas Tech Club but response was low so meeting was cancelled with plans to have a mid-winter meeting.

Potential Nominees for 2015 were identified in the process:

This list of members/leaders was contacted about running in 2014 but declined. All indicated that they would be interested in serving as an officer in the future.

Member (current obstacle)

Angela Bencomo (she was willing to serve but we didn't tie down a position...and then missed getting her on the ballot...definitely next year!)

Jymann Davis (new job)

Becky Greer

Mary Karlick

Kim Davis -(after tenure)

Barbara Evans

Karol Blaylock (family care and heavy workload)

Louise Hanson

Harriet Griggs -(work on Journal)

Letitia Killman

Sandra Duke -(not eligible-she is a grad student)

Student Section Co-Chairs

Lauren Peterson, Courtney Smith

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No report.
