President Jaylie Beckenhauer, CFCS called the AAFCS-TX Affiliate Board of Directors Meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. March 6, 2013.

Fourteen members were present (quorum is eight):
Jaylie Beckenhauer, CFCS, President
Janet Rodriguez, CFCS, Counselor
Mary Olle, President Elect & NE Dist Chr.
Patti Rambo, CFCS, Treasurer
Frances Hare, CFCS Ret., Secretary
Jeanette Willard, VP Professional Development
Joyce Armstrong, CFCS, VP Elect Professional Development
Linda Mock, CFCS, VP Marketing
Nancy Shepherd, VP Member Relations & NW Dist Chr.
Harriet Griggs, VP Academic Affairs
Joyce Cavanagh, CPFFE, Finance Committee Ch.
Sandra Fry, CFCS, SE Dist. Co-Chr.
Barbara Evans, CPFFE, SE Dist. Co-Chr.
Sherry Price, Communities Prof. Practice Settings Rep.
Natalie Knesek, CFCS, Exec. Director, ex officio

Members absent:
Jamie Cupit, VP Public Policy
Janelle Walter, CFCS, VP Membership
Angelina Bencomo, SW Dist Chr.
Kim Kamin, CFCS, Communities Subject Matter Rep.

Frances Hare, Secretary, electronically distributed minutes for members to read prior to the meeting. Correction: change references to TAFCF to AAFCS-TX and add CPFFE to Cavanagh and Evans. Hare made the motion to accept the minutes as electronically submitted and corrected. No second needed. Motion carried.

President Beckenhauer presented the agenda. One item added to New Business: AAFCS credentials. Harriet Griggs made the motion to accept the agenda as amended. Second by Barbara Evans. Motion carried.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS: (see appendices for complete reports)
Nancy Shepherd moved that the officer board reports be accepted as electronically submitted. Second by Linda Mock. Motion carried. President Beckenhauer requested that board reports not be given orally unless there is additional information to be given.
• President Beckenhauer reported that the Board Handbook update is completed and printed. Each officer will receive a copy tomorrow.
• VP Elect Professional Development, Joyce Armstrong reported that the 2014 State Conference, March 5-8, 2014, will be at the Hyatt Regency North Dallas in Richardson (Hwy 75 near Campbell Rd.). General Arrangements chair is Sherri Dragoo.
• VP Member Relations, Nancy Shepherd reported that Judge Peter Saiki is the speaker for the Awards Banquet. He is nationally recognized for his work with families and children. Shepherd requested that nominees for 2014 awards be made now. Cavanagh suggested that a list of university, college and school district chairs, department heads, and teacher educators in Career and Technology Education would be good contacts for seeking award nominees.
• VP Membership, Janelle Walter was absent and Beckenhauer reported for her.
o There are two new 50 year members to honor: Kathryn Bryan, CFCS and Jennie Kitching CFCS.

o How does the affiliate recognize deceased members? The Executive Committee recommended that when the Executive Director receives notification of a member’s death, she should send note of sympathy to the family (if address is known) and notify national. Acknowledgement of the death will be in the newsletter. At the Assembly of Members Business Meeting there will be a moment of silence to remember and honor members who have passed away this year. Knesek and Shepherd commented that national has problems with managing deaths of members on the membership database. Cavanagh recommended that the issue continue to be brought to national’s attention as this is a financial resource issue as well. Life members who are deceased will not show as lapsed members so national continues to send journals, etc.

• VP Marketing, Linda Mock
  o She is working to liaison with other organizations related to FCS to market our membership and find professional development opportunities. Mock wants to get a link to our Web site on the other organizations Web sites and vice versa. She asked the board to add organizations and contacts to her list.
  o There is a new webmaster secured on an hourly basis through Knesek. He has repaired the Web site to make it usable again. The new webmaster and Mock believe the Web site as it is now needs to be replaced with a “cleaner” site that looks similar to our current site. This will take more money than is allocated in the current budget.
  o A list of University Department Chairs was passed for Board Members to verify and update.

• Counselor, Janet Rodriguez added to her written report that she has worked on this State Conference and worked with Armstrong on the 2014 State Conference.

• District Chairs
  o Northwest District, Nancy Shepherd reported the chair for next year is Roxie Godfrey.
  o Southwest District - Beckenhauer reported that Angelina Bencomo agreed to serve as chair for next year since there was no write-in on the ballot for the position.

• Communities Representative, Sherry Price will meet with community members Friday afternoon about communities and get their contact information.

COMMITTEE REPORTS
• Nominating Committee Election Results - Knesek reported 39 ballots were cast. New officers elected for 2013-14:
  
  President Elect - Nancy Shepherd
  Secretary - Frances Hare, CFCS
  Treasurer - Donna Pharris
  VP Elect Professional Development - Janet Rodriguez, CFCS
  VP Member Relations - Tyler Smith
  VP Academic Affairs - Lisa Kennon
  VP Public Policy - Leisha Bridwell
  Nominating Committee - Carrie Brazeal, CFCS and Karen Alexander
  NE District Chair Elect - Delicia Church
SE District Chair Elect - Janis White, CFCS  
NW District Chair Elect - Roxie Godfrey  
SW District Chair Elect - Angelina Bencomo

- Finance Committee, Joyce Cavanagh clarified that the State Conference Budget is submitted in the spring before the Summer Board Meeting. President, VP Elect Professional Development (becomes VP Prof. Dev. June of the current year), Treasurer, Finance Committee, and Executive Director meet to develop the State Conference Budget (see State Conference Handbook). The current VP Professional Development who just finished their State Conference provides a report of their budget, expenses, etc. by around April 15 for the committee named above.

- Student Task Force, Joyce Armstrong reported that North Texas Business Section has awarded four Donna Culliton Scholarships/Stipends to two graduate students and two undergraduate students to attend this State Conference. The students will be good contacts for us. Community of Partners in Home and Community at the national level will sponsor a student first time attendee, preferably college junior, to the National Conference with the Betsy Norum Subsidy. The subsidy provides $500 for registration and winner is guest at the Community of Partners in Home and Community Luncheon and Pacesetter Dinner. Information is on the Communities page on the national Web site. Deadline for the application is March 15. Knesek has sent this information through e-blast. Additional information provided by Rodriguez that Elementary, Secondary, Adult Education Community (ESAE) has ten memberships available for five students and five new professionals who are first-or second-year teachers. Information is on the national Web site on the Communities page for ESAE. Deadline is March 31. Cavanagh asked if Extension agents would qualify for ESAE. Rodriguez will check on that.

OLD BUSINESS

- Bylaws Amendments - Counselor, Janet Rodriguez reported that the amendments have been done, but were not quite ready for voting at the State Conference this year. Most of the changes reflect alignment with national, including the affiliate name change, AAFCS-TX. Bylaws committee was Darlene Hicks, Natalie Knesek, Beckenhauer and Rodriguez. The Web site will remain www.tafcs.org because the length of time we have had that domain name makes it more valuable and recognizable. **Joyce Cavanagh moved to postpone working on Bylaws changes until the Summer Board Meeting when the Current Bylaws with proposed changes can be presented to the Board. Second by Janet Rodriguez. Motion carried.**

- Rename *TAFCS Research Journal* -VP Academic Affairs, Harriet Griggs met with the Editorial Advisory Committee. Several recommendations were made to improve the journal and make it more scholarly:
  - Change name to *Texas Family & Consumer Sciences Journal* with 2 issues: Research Issue and State Conference Proceedings Issue.
  - Remove the Brief Reports and increase the word length from 1200 words to 3000 words. This change gives the journal more credibility and moves from abstract publication to article publication.

**Harriet Griggs made the motion to change *TAFCS Research Journal* name to *Texas Family & Consumer Sciences Journal*. Two issues a year should be published: Research**
**Issue and State Conference Proceedings Issue. Second by Joyce Cavanagh.** Discussion: The name of the journal has changed several times over the years. Issue numbers will continue the numbers used in *TAFCS Research Journal*. For the first few issues, the new name would be used with the notation, “Formerly *TAFCS Research Journal*”. Armstrong asked if the mission of the journal would change. The mission would not change - to serve the scholarly efforts of the affiliate’s membership; and to bring the scholarly efforts of their research to as public a view as is practical. There is also a section in the journal called Other for creative projects, best practices, and other articles. Credibility of the publication is increased with the 3000 word length and it is peer reviewed. The issues are sold, not given free. It is marketed through EBSCO. The journal is important for promotion and tenure. Other discussion involved change in cost of publication with the increased word length. Griggs thought it would be negligible since the articles are electronic, then copied on a copier for distribution. There could be increased income due to increased credibility of the publication. The peer reviewers will have to take more time for their work. **Motion carried.**

- **Distinguished Service Award (DSA) -** Joyce Cavanagh reported that Nancy Granovsky, CFCS is nominated for the DSA to be given at the Pacesetter Dinner during 2013 National Conference in Houston. Cavanagh and others are sending letters and email blasts to members and others for fundraising supporting Granovsky’s nomination. The goal is $10,000. Members are also asked to write letters or cards to Granovsky that will be placed in her notebook and given to her. A table will be available inside the ballroom at this conference for letters and contributions.

- **Financial Report -** Treasurer, Patti Rambo presented the financial report. Balance in checkbook is $10,432.50 and balance in savings is $71,984.43. Total assets: $82,416.93. There is money expected soon for underwriting from Texas State University and University of the Incarnate Word. Joyce Cavanagh asked that a column for Current Year Budget be added to the Financial Report. **Patti Rambo moved that the financial report be approved as presented. Second by Sandra Fry. Motion carried.**

**NEW BUSINESS**

- **Suggestions for location of 2016 State Conference:** Lubbock, College Station, Temple, Killeen, Abilene. Knesek will survey conference attendees for preferred locations with choices at bottom of Conference Evaluation. Cavanagh suggested as a student project using a map and locate with pins where members live to help with selecting conference locations. Maybe Knesek’s son could do for us? 2014 State Conference will be in Richardson; 2015 will be in San Antonio.

- **Regulations for holding office -** Frances Hare reviewed the current bylaws which state that active and emeritus members can vote and hold office.

- **2016 State Conference or later -** Joyce Armstrong suggested to consider partnering with an adjacent state, such as Louisiana, Oklahoma, Arkansas, New Mexico and have our conference in a city closer to the state line. We could draw members and resources from both states.

- **Increase line item for Web site management -** Linda Mock explained that $1,100 is needed for fiscal year 2014 to maintain the Web site as it is now. Knesek reported the documented expense of the Web site is over budget, but according to the Bylaws, expenses over a budget line item can be approved by the Executive Committee and President Beckenhauer has signed off on the expenses. No longer can we expect the Web site to cost only $750. Where
would the extra funds come from? Knesek stated that membership is increasing, now at 427 up from 365 when she was first hired. Dues from national averages about $1000 per month, which is more than is in the Income Membership Dues line item. The $1,100 would not be enough to re-vamp the Web site; it would just get us through the year. The new webmaster recommends a complete overhaul of the Web site to make it easier to update and maintain. The Board could decide to pull money from savings to completely overhaul the Web site. That would not be part of the budget, only from savings. It would be helpful to the Board to have some options presented regarding cost to re-vamp the Web site. Cavanagh will make a motion at the Assembly of Members Business Meeting to amend the 2014 Proposed Budget by increasing the funds for Web site management to $1,100 with the money coming from the increase we have in member dues from national. **Joyce Cavanagh made a motion that Mock and Kneseck investigate 2-3 options for revamping the Web site and present at the Summer Board of Directors Meeting. Second by Sandra Fry. Motion carried.**

- Strategic Planning Annual Reports - Jaylie Beckenhauer asked for Board input for Outcomes and Modifications on the report which is due April 1. Barbara Evans will provide information within two weeks regarding Taking It to the Streets (TIS) - Financial Literacy. Cavanagh suggested that Beckenhauer ask members in the Assembly of Members Business Meeting to report to her their TIS activities. Joyce Armstrong will provide information in two weeks regarding leadership training for students. Goal for number of registrants for State Conference was 75; current registrations are 63 with more on-site registrations expected. Income from State Conference with the underwriting has exceeded projections, even without having income from exhibitors’ fees. Goal for communications was met. All awards will be given except Teacher of the Year. Knesek reported that this year we can report more than 75 new members with 19 new student members since the summer. Mock updates Facebook almost daily; Web site updated regularly. Four members signed up for the credentialing test offered during this State Conference. Rodriguez reported on two teachers she knows of giving the pre-professional tests. Board members provided additional information for completing the Strategic Planning Annual Report Outcomes.

- AAFCS Houston, June 26-29, 2013 - Janet Rodriguez and Jaylie Beckenhauer, Annual Conference Local Advisory Committee Co-chairs. Rodriguez is leading the volunteer meeting scheduled from 4:00-5:00 Thursday at the Civic Center. She will also report on Texas activities at the Assembly of Members Business Meeting. Cavanagh suggested we schedule soon a Texas Night during the National Conference so that we can let everyone know ahead of time.

- Use of credentials designations with member names in minutes and other written documents. After discussion, the recommendation is:
  - In Minutes of Executive Committee and Board of Directors Meetings, AAFCS credential designations of CFCS and CPFFE are used in the Roll Call, but not in the body of the Minutes since these are read by members only and not publicly distributed.
  - In programs and other official public documents, credential designations of CFCS and CPFFE will be used throughout the document.
ANNOUNCEMENTS

• Articles for inclusion in the *Spring Action* are due in Word document, Arial 12 point font via email to natalieknese@att.net by April 20. See Handbook under Newsletter Editor for list of articles to be included.

• AAFCS in Houston June 26-29, 2013, “Embracing and Managing Change through Family & Consumer Sciences”.

• Houston Volunteer Meetings:
  o Thursday, March 7, New Braunfels, 4:05 - 5:00 p.m.
  o Tuesday, June 25, Houston, 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. to stuff registration packets.
  o Wednesday, June 26, Houston, 9:00 - 10:00 p.m. for responsibilities.

• Leadership Workshop for all outgoing and incoming officers, Thursday, March 7, 10-12:00.

• Assembly of Members Business Meeting, Friday, March 8, 1:15 - 2:30 p.m. Beckenhauer reviewed Board responsibilities for this meeting. Paula Tripp, CFCS will recognize underwriters with certificates.

President Beckenhauer expressed her sincere thanks and appreciation for the work the Board has done this year.

Frances Hare moved that the Spring Board of Directors Meeting be adjourned. No second needed. Meeting adjourned at 10:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Frances Hare*

Frances Hare, CFCS, Retired
AAFCS-TX Secretary
March 6, 2013
Appendix I

Board Member Reports

March 2013
Accomplishments since July 21, 2012:

☑ Drafted Follow-up action list after July Board Meeting. Contacted Executive Director/officers regarding their completions of the list.
☑ Initiated monthly phone conferences with Executive Director to assist both of us staying abreast of activities, needs, and concerns.
☑ Conferring with VP Marketing & Executive Director in Web site decisions.
☑ Assisted Nominating Chair in researching nominees.
☑ Attended AAFCS—TX Southeast District Meeting in Conroe October 5, 2012 representing AAFCS—TX Affiliate.
   - Publicized State and National Conferences.
   - Asked Barbara Evans to be TIS Financial Literacy Rep for Texas.
☑ Attended AAFCS—TX Northeast District Meeting in Nacogdoches October 26, 2012 representing AAFCS—TX Affiliate.
   - Publicized State Conference and National Conference.
   - Solicited volunteers for state officer nominations.
☑ Completed AAFCS—Texas Board Handbook and distributed to officers.
☑ Consulted with Counselor regarding proposed Bylaws Amendments.
☑ Annual Conference Local Arrangements Committee (ACLAC) co-chair Janet Rodriguez and I have corresponded with Daila, Sara, and Sophy regarding AAFCS Conference responsibilities.
   - AAFCS in Houston June 26-29, 2013, with theme "Embracing and Managing Change through Family & Consumer Sciences."
   - ACLAC committee chairs include: Volunteers—Nancy Granovsky, CFCS; Local Info—Louise Hansen, CFCS; Acquisitions—Norma Dagley, CFCS; Exercise—Kathryn Bryan, CFCS; Family Tours—LaQuanna Parker and Duane Hansen.
☑ Submitted ACLAC online proposals for AAFCS National Conference:
   - Information Booth and Texas Products Table
   - Exercise: Walking and Viewing the Sights (Kathryn Bryan)
   - An Evening of Texas Swing and Bar-be-cue (Johnny Sue Reynolds)
   - ACLAC 2013 Volunteers Meeting
   - Special Event for Family Members

Action Items
1. Approve 2012 AAFCS—Texas Affiliate Board Handbook
2. Determine hotel for 2014 (Grapevine) and 2015 (San Antonio) and location for 2016 State Conferences
3. Receive Strategic Planning Annual Reports from Board members

Executive Director
Natalie Knesek, CFCS

- Received and counted 39 ballots.
- Negotiated and secured the contract for the 2014 Annual State Conference to be held in Dallas March 5-8, 2014. Preliminary leg work completed by Joyce Armstrong and members in the North Texas area was greatly appreciated and saved time on my end!
• Finalized BEO’s and floor plans with NB Convention Center and Marriott
• Processed registrations for the State Conference including creating registration packets, marking paid receipts, creating and printing evaluation forms, PDU forms, proposed minutes and budget, meal tickets, and name tags.
• Retyped and printed Annual Conference Program.
• Sent reminder emails for early bird and onsite registrations.
• Submitted Non Profit Registration Renewal to the Secretary of the State updating contact information for current executive committee members.
• Maintained finances including receiving and processing deposits, paying bills, submitting tax exemption certificates to vendors, and reconciling accounts.
• Met with six members of the Student Unit. Assisted them in the election of officers! Three officers are at Tech and three at Sam Houston. The board student chair position will be shared by co-chairs – one from each campus.
• Issued scholarship checks to Lindley Mock and Angela Alvarez – both students at Sam Houston and incoming student officers.

Attachments: March bank statements, year to date budget overview, affiliate report, current membership list

Reminders:
• Please submit articles for the Spring/Summer Issue of the Action. I plan to send it late May and need several weeks to prepare. The Spring/Summer Issue is sent electronically to all members with email addresses. Only those without email addresses receive mailed copies. Please open the attached member directory and check your information and see if there are any who do not have an email listed that you can obtain. The newsletter costs just under $2/person to print and mail.
• I have copies of the 2011 TAFCS Research Journal available. $15 plus postage. Email me to order.

President Elect  TAFCS Spring Board Meeting, March 6, 2013
Mary Olle, Ph.D. Courtyard by Marriott, New Braunfels, TX

Accomplishments:
• Affiliate Presidents Unit Business Meeting
• 2013 & 2014 Annual Conference Local Advisory Committee Meeting
• Senate Meeting

Attended TAFCS Board of Directors Meeting, New Braunfels, TX July 20 – 21, 2012.

Attended AAFCS Affiliate Presidents Unit Fall Leadership Workshop, Arlington, VA, October 12 – 14, 2012.

Secretary  TAFCS Winter Board Meeting, March 6, 2013
Frances Hare, CFCS, Ret. Courtyard by Marriott, New Braunfels, TX

Accomplishments since June 1, 2012:
• Attended and recorded minutes of Summer Executive Board Meeting and Board of Directors Meeting July 12, 2012 in New Braunfels.
• Emailed Summer 2012 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 Arminta Jacobson, Nominating Committee Chair, to encourage her and the committee to meet deadline for nominations. Provided committee with several names for nominations.
• Recommended to Natalie Knesek, Executive Director, that a packet of needed resources be provided to future nominating committees. Resources include: names of members eligible for President-elect, current membership list, names of members attending recent district and state meetings, biographical form to give nominees to complete for ballot, Handbook and Bylaws with officer descriptions and duties if the Handbook and Bylaws are not on the website.
• Provided summary of Summer Board of Directors Minutes for the Fall Action.
• Kept records of electronic votes using Doodle poll regarding reduction of state student dues, and email summary regarding bylaws amendments.

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Treasurer
Patti Rambo, CFCS

TAFCS Spring Board Meeting, March 6, 2013
Courtyard by Marriott, New Braunfels, TX

Activities since AAFCS-TX summer board meeting:
• Formed silent auction committee to help for silent auction, 2013
  o Current members of the committee are Dr. Barbara Alison
  o Created and placed request for silent auction items in the TAFCS Newsletter to members
  o Have asked for and received donations for the silent auction including a basket donation from the Texas Tech AAFCS student association
• Received and filed monthly membership lists from AAFCS – sent copies to Natalie
• Created a visual for the Fund Development and HUGS donors to be displayed at the AAFCS-TX conference, February 2013

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VP Professional Development
Jeanette Willard, CFCS

TAFCS Spring Board Meeting, March 6, 2013
Courtyard by Marriott, New Braunfels, TX

No written report submitted.

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VP-Elect Professional Development
Joyce Armstrong, Ph.D., CFCS, CFLE

TAFCS Spring Board Meeting, March 6, 2013
Courtyard by Marriott, New Braunfels, TX

Accomplishments:
Attended the 4 affiliated events:
- AAFCS National Conference and Exposition
- AAFCS-Texas Affiliate Summer Board Meeting
- Northeast District Meeting at SFASU
- North Texas Business Section (NTBS) of AAFCS-Texas Affiliate – Q &A on the 2014 State Conference and recruited volunteers
Explored and made site visits of conference properties for the 2014 State Conference

Worked with Natalie Knesek, Executive Director, in fact finding information in drafting site proposals
- Proposed 2014 Site Location:
  - Hyatt Regency North Dallas, Richardson
- Date:
  - Wednesday, March 5, 2014 – Saturday, March 8, 2014

Made recommendations for the 2014 General Arrangement Chair with Sheri Dragoo accepting the appointment.

VP Member Relations  TAFCS Spring Board Meeting, March 6, 2013
Nancy Shepherd  Courtyard by Marriott, New Braunfels, TX

The edited forms from last year seem to have eliminated a good deal of the confusion regarding the award criteria as individuals did submit nominees this year for all but Teacher of the Year. The greatest challenge remains getting individuals to nominate and read the forms on the website. Those receiving awards will be honored at the annual conference banquet.

I would encourage members to nominate individuals as soon as possible after our annual conference so there is plenty of time to promote those who deserving members and stakeholders. I would like to encourage members to visit the TAFCS website for information on the awards and promote recognition in local districts. There are members and friends of TAFCS all over the state who deserve to be recognized. I would also recommend that the new VP Member Relations recruit newer members to serve on the awards committee in an effort to further reach members and grow our outreach for potential awardees. I attended TAFCS spring meeting in Waco and AAFCS in Indianapolis.

VP Membership  TAFCS Spring Board Meeting, March 6, 2013
Janelle Walters, CFCS  Courtyard by Marriott, New Braunfels, TX

I contacted all members who were reported as not renewing their membership. I either emailed them or wrote letters for those without email. Virginia Anderson was discovered to have died in April 2012. I posted messages on Facebook pages for various universities in Texas encouraging AAFCS membership. Two members will be recognized with 50 yr membership;

1/23/2013  Jennie C. Kitching, CFCS, Ret  TEXAS
1/23/2013  Kathryn T. Bryan, CFCS  TEXAS

VP Marketing  TAFCS Spring Board Meeting, March 6, 2013
Linda Mock, CFCS  Courtyard by Marriott, New Braunfels, TX

The VICE PRESIDENT-MARKETING completed the following tasks during the year in support of the duties of the office.
• 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.
• On a continual basis, conferenced by email, telephone, and in person with the Executive Director and other board members to monitor the overhaul of the AAFCS-TX website with new webmaster Scott
Baer. To be budget-minded, this is an ongoing process that will continue throughout 2013.

- On a weekly basis, posted items from the AAFCS website and those received through emails from other board members on the AAFCS-TX Facebook page. Monitored this page daily to insure updates and notifications were being handled.
- Responded to all requests from board members to publicize various events on Facebook and on AAFCS-TX website.
- Promoted AAFCS membership through booths and displays at annual conferences of Texas Extension Association of Family & Consumer Sciences and the Family and Consumer Sciences Teachers Association of Texas.
- Sent out emails to all A&M AgriLife Extension FCS agents regarding membership (July 2012). In addition, one email was sent to a group of retired Extension FCS Agents in February, 2013.
- Requested emails via Dr. Judy Warren be sent to all A&M AgriLife Extension FCS agents regarding state and national meetings (January 2013).

**Action Item:** Review of list of other state/national organizations and ask board assistance in making corrections so that it may be included on website in the future. Would like to send marketing correspondence to these organizations to ask them to help in publicizing AAFCS-TX.

**Action Item:** Consideration of future website management; Increase line item for website to $1100 for FY2014.

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**VP Public Policy**

Jamie Cupit

Courtyard by Marriott, New Braunfels, TX

No written report submitted.

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**VP Academic Affairs**

Harriet Griggs

Courtyard by Marriott, New Braunfels, TX

**TO DATE:**

Annual Meeting 2013

There are three Oral Research presentations and two Best Practices presentations under review at this writing for the 2013 Annual Meeting.

The 2013 Edition of the *TAFCS Research Journal*

The Review Board for this edition consisted of twelve reviewers: four from Clothing, Textiles, Fashion; four from Foods and Nutrition; two from Child Development and Family Relations; and two from Housing and Art. Eight papers have been submitted and are under review at this time.

**Student Achievement Award** (Formerly the TAFCS Scholarship) is being awarded to one student and I am anticipating making that award at the 2013 Awards Banquet.

**The VPAA Editorial Board**

A four member board was selected and met to advise the VPAA. At that meeting it was decided that in order to enhance credibility of the publication the name should be changed to *Texas Family and Consumer Sciences Journal* from the *TAFCS Research Journal* and that two issues a year should be published: the *Research Issue* and the *Annual Meeting Issue*. The rational is that these changes would help remove the stigma of being a one issue publication when in fact we have two opportunities for
scholarly activity. A motion has been sent forward to the President for Board consideration and then a vote by the general membership at the annual meeting.

**ACTION ITEMS:**
1. Print the 2012 issue of the *TAFCS Research Journal*
2. Finalize, print, and distribute the 2013 Annual of Refereed Papers from the Annual Meeting
4. Prepare records for exchange to the incoming VPAA

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**Counselor’s**

Janet Rodriguez, CFCS  
*TAFCS Spring Board Meeting, March 6, 2013*  
*Courtyard by Marriott, New Braunfels, TX*

I have been working on Bylaw changes with Jaylie Beckenhauer.

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**NE District Chair**

Mary Olle, Ph.D.  
*TAFCS Spring Board Meeting, March 6, 2013*  
*Courtyard by Marriott, New Braunfels, TX*

**Accomplishments:**

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**SE District Co-Chairs**

Sandra Fry and Barbara Evans  
*TAFCS Spring Board Meeting, March 6, 2013*  
*Courtyard by Marriott, New Braunfels, TX*

Regional meeting was held on Friday, October 5, 2012 at the Montgomery County Extension office. Program included herb gardening, cooking with herbs and an herb seasoned luncheon.

**Business meeting:**
New chair position was discussed. Upcoming national meeting in Houston was discussed. Meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

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**SW District Chair**

Angelina Bencomo  
*TAFCS Spring Board Meeting, March 6, 2013*  
*Courtyard by Marriott, New Braunfels, TX*

**Accomplishments and activities 2012-2013:**
Organized and led the Southwest District Meeting at the Center for Career and Technical Education (El Paso Independent School District), Saturday, November 3, 2012. Program attached - see Appendix II. Presenter: Dr. Merrilyn N. Cummings, CFCS
Topic: *Building the Bridge to the Future of Family and Consumer Sciences: How Are We Doing?*

Serve as AAFCS advocate for the El Paso area at our monthly dinner meetings.

Preparation/planning for upcoming presentation at AAFCS National Conference in Houston 2013.

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**Nominating Committee Chair**

Arminta Jacobson, Ph.D., CFCS  
TAFCS Spring Board Meeting, March 6, 2013  
Courtyard by Marriott, New Braunfels, TX

The TAFCS Nominating Committee was made up of Arminta Jacobson (chair), Michelle Jones, Judy Warren, Ann Anderson, and Paula Tripp. Frances Hare was the BOD liaison. The committee met by telephone conference call and communicated by email. Committee members compiled a possible slate and solicited information from other TAFCS board members. Committee members called prospects and communicated with the chair for the final slate. The slate for 2012-13 officers is as follows.

President Elect - Nancy Shepherd  
Secretary - Frances Hare, CFCS  
Vice President Elect Professional Development - Janet Rodriguez, CFCS  
Vice President Member Relations - Tyler Smith  
Vice President Public Policy - Leisha Bridwell  
Vice President Academic Affairs - Lisa Kennon  
Nominating Committee - Karen Alexander and Carrie Brazeal, CFCS  
NE Dist. Chair Elect - Delicia Church; NW Dist. Chair Elect - Roxi Godfrey; SE Dist. Chair Elect - Janice White, CFCS

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**Communities of Interest Subj. Matter**

Kim Kamin, Ph.D., CFCS  
TAFCS Spring Board Meeting, March 6, 2013  
Courtyard by Marriott, New Braunfels, TX

Activities since AAFCS-TX summer board meeting:
Attended Northeast District Meeting in Nacogdoches in October. Discussed Communities of Interest with the group in attendance.

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**Communities of Interest Prof. Practice**

Sherrie Price, CFCS  
TAFCS Spring Board Meeting, March 6, 2013  
Courtyard by Marriott, New Braunfels, TX

- Presented the Communities of Interest to the Dallas Metropolitan Home and Community Partners on September 10.
- Thru email, I sent information to each of the Home and Community Partners in Texas about the Communities of Interest and how to join a Community.( San Antonio, Ft. Worth and Houston)
- Presented the Communities of Interest to those in attendance at the Northeast District Meeting on October 26.

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**Finance Committee**

Joyce Cavanagh  
TAFCS Spring Board Meeting, March 6, 2013  
Courtyard by Marriott, New Braunfels, TX

No written report submitted.
Appendix II

Attachments to Board Reports

March 2013
American Association of Family & Consumer Sciences- TX Affiliate
Southwest District Meeting
November 3, 2012
Center for Career & Technical Education (EPISD)

9:00  Registration and Continental Breakfast

9:15  Welcome and Introductions

9:30  Business Meeting

9:45  Building the Bridge to the Future of Family & Consumer Sciences: How Are We Doing?

                      Presented by Dr. Merrilyn N. Cummings, CFCS

11:15  Question & Answer Session

11:45  Program wrap-up.

12:00  Adjourn
Dear FCS Professional,

Please join us for the **American Association of Family & Consumer Sciences (AAFCS)-TX Affiliate Southwest District Meeting**

**Saturday, November 3, 2012**  
**9:00 a.m. – 12 noon**  

**Center for Career and Technical Education (Auditorium)**  
1170 Walnut Street  
El Paso, Texas  
79930

**Building the Bridge to the Future of Family & Consumer Sciences: How are We Doing?**

Our keynote speaker will be **Dr. Merrilyn N. Cummings, CFCS**. Many of you know Dr. Cummings, a highly respected Family and Consumer Sciences leader. Dr. Cummings is a 44 year member of AHEA and AAFCS. She will be addressing our role in promoting and sustaining the Family and Consumer Sciences profession for the future. She will also share with us some strategies that will enable us to pass on the legacy of FCS to future generations. Help us congratulate Dr. Cummings, she was recently nominated for and will receive the **2013 Distinguished Service Award for AAFCS!**

All FCS professionals from the El Paso area are invited to attend. Come meet and mingle! We hope you will consider becoming a member of AAFCS if you are not one already. We will have some membership forms available at the meeting for your convenience. Other materials and resources will be available for you. Door prizes and a drawing add to the fun!

A **continental breakfast will be served from 9:00 to 9:30.** A brief business meeting will be held just prior to the keynote presentation. If you are interested in joining the group for lunch, we will be going to lunch at Cappetto’s Italian Restaurant (2716 Montana Avenue- ph. 915-566-9357) at noon. Dr. Cummings will be our guest of honor. Lunch will be on your own.

**Please complete the attached registration form and mail it in by October 29.**

All the best,  
Angelina Bencomo
Record of E-votes Taken by AAFCS-TX Affiliate Board of Directors
June 1, 2012 - May 31, 2013

September 26, 2012
President Jaylie Beckenhauer, CFCS, CFLE, called for vote on the motion to return student dues to $60, which matches the other AAFCS affiliates. Frances Hare, CFCS, put the motion on Doodle.com for voting.

October 6, 2012, President Beckenhauer, CFCS, CFLE, announced that the motion passed with 15 votes for the motion; 0 votes against the motion. Doodle poll results:
Poll "Motion to reduce Texas Affiliate student dues"

Frances Hare OK  Patti Rambo OK  Sandra Fry OK
Jeanette Willard OK  Harriet Griggs OK  Janet Rodriguez OK
Kim KMIN OK  Sherry Price OK  Janelle Walter OK
Joyce Armstrong OK  Barbara Evans OK  Angelina Bencomo OK
Linda Mock OK  Joyce Cavanagh OK  Jamie Cupit OK

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December 29, 2012
President Beckenhauer, CFCS, CFLE, emailed Board of Directors proposed bylaws amendments to approve for presenting to the membership in the winter mailing. Proposed amendments were sent attached to email. Copy of email:

Dear Board Members,
I hope your Christmas was merry and bright and that the year ahead holds much anticipation and excitement for each of you.

We need a vote on the proposed bylaws immediately. I realize that I'm rushing you and I sincerely apologize! The BOD vote needs to happen before we can send the State Conference mailing that also includes the Ballot and any Bylaws changes. Mailing needs to be sent ASAP so the membership can vote and send in their conference registrations by the deadline.

So if you can read over these proposed amendments and reply all with your vote, I'd sincerely appreciate it. Major changes that the BOD voted approval for July 2012 were:
1. Change voting of District Officers from state ballot to district meetings.
2. Reduce Student Dues to $60 in alignment with all other affiliates.

Most other changes were in alignment with AAFCS changes in 2010-2011. There is also clarification on the office of VP-Elect Professional Development.

Please get back with your vote ASAP: Approve or Do Not Approve.

Thanks so much,
Jaylie
President, AAFCS--Texas Affiliate
December 29, 2012
President Beckenhauer, CFCS, CFLE, reported that the motion passed with 14 for the approval of the proposed bylaws to be presented to the membership. Zero against the proposed bylaws.

Approve
Janelle Walter
Angelina Bencomo
Frances Hare
Kim Kamen
Nancy Shepherd
Linda Mock

Sherry Price
Joyce Armstrong
Barbara Evans
Janet Rodriguez
Jeanette Willard
Patti Rambo
Mary Olle

Harriet Griggs

Not Approved

January 9 - 14, 2013 - Discussion after vote
Frances Hare, CFCS, Secretary, directed questions to President Beckenhauer, CFCS, CFLE, regarding emeritus benefits status that was stated in the proposed bylaws approved by the BOD vote December 29, 2012. Hare was not able to read the document attached to the email due to being out of town and a computer problem. She understood the proposed bylaws amendments to be what was necessary to align the affiliate with AAFCS as indicated in the July 2012 BOD Meeting Minutes. In fact, the proposed amendments did align with AAFCS except for removing the emeritus members’ privileges of vote and office, which is not AAFCS policy. AAFCS emeritus members can vote, but not hold office. AAFCS Policy and Procedures also state that affiliates can establish their own requirements for office.

Janet Rodriguez, Counselor, replied to President Beckenhauer and Hare that the Bylaws Committee had actually prepared a different set of proposed bylaws amendments than was voted on. Rodriguez did not realize that the vote was taken on a different version than her committee had finalized. The committee’s version kept emeritus members’ privileges of vote and office.

As Secretary, Hare recommended that for continuity and parliamentary procedure that a motion and second was needed to rescind the vote on the proposed bylaws amendments. And, after that vote is taken, the Bylaws Committee’s proposed bylaws amendments could be presented with a motion from the committee to accept their proposed bylaws. The two motions could be presented in the same email.

January 14, 2013 - Frances Hare, CFCS, moved by email to rescind the electronic vote taken December 29, 2012 on the proposed bylaws amendments to present to the membership. Sandra Fry, CFCS, seconded the motion by email. President Beckenhauer, CFCS, CFLE, at 8:54 PM January 14, 2013 called for the vote on the motion. She also stated that the board will wait until the next board meeting, March 6,
2013, to read, discuss and vote on the Bylaws Committee’s version of the proposed amendments to present to the membership at a date after the state conference.

**On 01/16/13, Jaylie Beckenhauer<jaylie.beckenhauer@gmail.com> wrote:**

Dear TAFCS Board Members,
Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter. Eleven people voted all in favor of rescinding the earlier Bylaws vote. That is more than a quorum and unanimous.

Bylaws Amendments will be on the March 6th Board meeting under Old Business. Questions, revisions, etc. will be discussed at that time. We will have the opportunity to go over the changes one by one to make sure all are appropriate and we are in agreement.

Thank you,
Jaylie
President, AAFCS--TX Affiliate

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Rescind Dec 29th Vote on January 14-16, 2013

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