



## **AAFCS-TEXAS AFFILIATE BOARD CONFERENCE CALL**

**Wednesday, October 14, 2015**

**4:00pm – 5:00pm**

**Minutes**

**Call to Order:** President Joyce Armstrong called the meeting to order at 4:04 p.m. Members received e-copy of agenda which Armstrong briefly reviewed. No changes were made to the agenda. Armstrong mentioned that as we get closer to February and the State Conference, there will be some specific things we need to have in place for the conference.

**Roll Call:** Sandra Duke, Secretary verified that a quorum was present.

**Attending:** Joyce Armstrong, CFCS (President), Joice Jeffries (President-elect), Sandra Duke, (Secretary), Linda Mock, CFCS (Treasurer), Nancy Shepherd, CFCS (Counselor), Janis White, CFCS (VP Professional Development), Karen Alexander, CFCS (VP Member Relations), Catherine Dutton, (VP Marketing), Greg Thompson, (Co-VP Academic Affairs), Nancy Granovsky, CFCS (Nom. Com Chair), Meilana Charles, CFCS (NE District Chair-Elect), Angela McCorkle (SE District Chair), Barbara Allison, (Student Section.-Advisor).

**Not attending:** Janet Rodriguez, CFCS (Executive Director), Frances Hare, CFCS, Ret. (VP Membership), Judy Warren, (VP Prof. Development-Elect), Roxie Godfrey, (VP Public Policy), Jay Yoo, (VP Academic Affairs), Joyce Cavanagh, CPFFE (Finance Com Chair), Sandra Fowler, (NE District Chair), Angelina Bencomo (SW District Chair), Kaitlyn Scott (Student Section-Chair),

**Minutes:** Minutes were tabled to next conference, since members had not had time to look them over prior to the meeting.

### **Reports:**

**President's Update** – President, Joyce Armstrong with President-Elect, Joice Jeffries, reported on the Leadership Council held in Washington D.C. area. Also attending from the state association were Janet Rodriguez (ESL section leader), Mary Ollie (Higher Education Curriculum section leader), and Sharon Nichols and Gay Nell McGinnis as staff. The conference was very fruitful. They looked at a number of leadership issue with special attention given to how state associations function in meeting the strategic direction of the association. This information will be shared with board throughout this year and next year. Jeffries added two objectives of the leadership council. One was to build a sense of comradery between leadership council members, the board, and staff. The Leadership Council meeting provides professional development for council members in order to carry out individual roles within the affiliates. A second objective was to engage leadership council in implementing the strategic direction and become aware of the programs that support each of the strategic priorities of Advocacy, Collaboration, Education, Recognition, Research, and Innovation. Examples were shared with attendees about how priorities could be implemented at the state level. Attendees also learned from each other and became aware of current program activities in each state which built enthusiasm about what is going on at local,

state, and national level. They also discussed importance of engaging leadership council members and getting the students units more involved and engaged.

**Treasurer's Report** – Linda Mock, treasurer reported available balance in checking account is \$3055.28; \$68,402.30 in savings account. She was in process of reviewing bank statements as we speak and has some questions. Mock had additional questions about fund-raising just as donations so that individuals could have additional recognition and legal status for selling advertising, and finally silent auction. Sandra Duke asked about progress of identifying bank to transfer savings as per decision at July meeting. Armstrong responded that Janet Rodriguez, executive director, was continuing this investigation.

**Executive Director's Report** – Janet Rodriguez sent the following report prior to the meeting via email:

1. Filed 990-N e-postcard for Affiliate taxes.
2. Processed HUGS applications for 2 students: (a) New member Kara Franklin from TWU, and (b) renewal of Paige Loft from SHSU.
3. Attended NE District meeting in McKinney and represented AAFCS-Texas Affiliate at a "Say Yes to FCS" Collaboration Meeting in Austin.
4. Attended AAFCS Leadership Council meeting in Alexandria, Virginia as ESP community leader.
5. Sent out an informative email for October as well as Southeast District meeting information email.
6. Future plans include: Collaboration with Janis White on the State Conference, attend SE District meeting and get the financial audit completed.

**Audit Committee Report** – Nancy Granovsky reports that the audit committee would meet to audit the affiliate record for fiscal year ending May 31, 2015. The meeting will take place on Friday, October 16, 2015 after the Southeast District Meeting.

VP Professional Development - Janis White reported on progress of 2016 The 98<sup>th</sup> State Conference in Bryan/College Station. She will meet with executive director on October 15<sup>th</sup> to rough out the program. She and Nancy Granovsky will meet on Friday, October 16<sup>th</sup> to get tours lined out. White has spent time getting presentations in place for the general interest track. She reminded board that Jay Yoo has not been inundated with proposals, we need to encourage faculty to submit for the Research and Best Practices tracks as these are peer reviewed. Contacts are being made for sponsorships and exhibitors.

VP Academic Affairs – Greg Thompson reported that Jay Yoo sends regrets and he is working on getting the journal published. He has worked with Catherine Dutton to get scholarship information updated on website. Janet Rodriguez sent him an email list through which he can publicize the scholarships.

**FCSTAT Conference & the FCS Teacher Pipeline** – Nancy Shepherd shared a number of different ideas with the focus on the national initiative to fill the teacher needs talked about ways to involved students including doing a session at the conference (FCSTAT). Karen Alexander put together presentation for the CTE New Teachers Conference in October. She shared that during her session only one participant had come through a university teacher certification program for FCS all others were alternative certification or had added certification by examination. This is an opportunity to connect with the completer through the alternative certification to draw into AAFCS. One way is to locate all alternative prep programs and connect with them to get them information and reach out to current and recent grads to invite to meeting. It is like they are lost, no connection to the profession but they need us. They are very enthusiastic and want to be involved. Nancy Granovsky noted that this is very important in order to build their competencies and also noted that Extension needs FCS educators with

competencies as well. She advocated to let them participate as first timers at the member rate for the conference. Alexander volunteered to track down info about alternative certification programs. The FCS Texas Alliance website is a possible location for links to AAFCS and FCSTAT and might be another way to connect to our website.

**VP Marketing** – Catherine Dutton reported that the website updates are made as they are sent to her. Dutton reported that in response to the suggestion made in September, a Google Form has been created to report accomplishments throughout the year. It will automatically email each board member everything they have logged during the year. This should facilitate board members reports which are due at the spring board meeting. These reports constitute the Strategic Directions report which is due in April to AAFCS. Nancy Granovsky mentioned that the latest handbook on the website is 2013. The executive director should have a later version.

**VP Membership** – No report.

**VP Membership Relations** – Karen Alexander reported that a description and criteria for awards are on the website along with past recipients. The *Friend of the Family* award is for a non-member individual or organization. The *Teacher of the Year* needs to have been a member for three year. It would be good to have a nominee this year. The *New Achiever* award is based on age and years in the profession. Alexander’s goal is to have at least one nominee for each award.

**Nominating Committee** – Nancy Granovsky reported that she had sent a document prior to the meeting which indicates the position needing to be filled. She hopes that district chairs would talk this up with membership in order to fill the state level offices.

**Student Section** – Report tabled to next meeting.

**District Reports:**

- ***Southeast District*** – Angela McCorkle reported that the SE District Meeting is on Friday, October 16<sup>th</sup>. She commented that Joice Jeffries has been wonderful to work with and they have a great group of presenters from Prairie View A&M as well as Gay Nell McGinnis and Sharon Pierce. Currently, 21 individuals are registered. Prairie View A&M Ag & Human Sciences Department is sponsoring the meal and registration costs for the anticipated 35+ who will be attending.
- ***Southwest District*** – No report.
- ***Northwest District*** – Karen Alexander reported that the NW district is working to get panelist together, and invitations out for their district meeting.
- ***Northeast District*** – No report

**Meeting was adjourned at 5:03 p.m.**

**Next Meeting scheduled for November 11, 2015, 4:00 – 5:00 p.m. via phone conference.**

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra Duke, Secretary