**Michigan Affiliate Meeting Minutes**

**Board Meeting- August 25, 2011**

**Called to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 10:15 by President Jane Hart.

Attendees: Ann Arnold , Eileen Haraminac, Shannon Lindquist, Cathy Newkirk, Joyce McGarry, Jane Hart, Linda Cronk

**Approval of Minutes:** Linda Cronk, support - Eileen Haraminac. Motion Carried.

Committee to approve the minutes: Jane Hart, Diana Fair, Linda Cronk.

**Approval of the Agenda:** Additions to agenda: Refunding dues to people that were cut. Professional development dues from director’s office were cut. Shannon Lindquist made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Diana Fair. Motion carried.

**Officer’s Reports:**

**President: Jane Hart**

Participated in MCEA meeting

Got ready for the MEAFCS Board meeting

**President –elect: Eileen Haraminac**

July attended SE MEAFCS meeting; site, recorded and sent minutes

Confirmed arrangements for Retreat in Emmet County

Confirmed Life Time membership with Su Porter and Marilyn Rudzinski

Sent out meeting date confirmation on Saturday, August 20th

Participated in MCEA conference call

Purchased breakfast foods, drinks and fruit for Retreat

Requested information from Linda Huyck about past membership survey

**Secretary- Suzanne Pish**

Typed minutes

Attended SW meeting and Annual Meeting in June

**Treasurer- Diana Fair**

Deposited registrations from Spring Meeting/Ithaca

Bills/reimbursements paid

Updated budget/books

Balance of checking account stands at $3511.02

Reminder that we will have expenses related to National Conference, Summer Retreat and Annual Fall Meeting before the end of the year.

**Past-president- Shannon Lindquist**

Attended the June annual membership meeting in Ithaca.

Have made all arrangements for going to NEAFCS annual conference.

Attended the central regional MEAFCS meeting August 19th.

Missed the MCEA conference call this past Monday (August 22nd) due to a two-day training on campus. Jane Hart may be able to report on this as she was planning to “attend”.

Remind this board about items for the auction at nationals and also for the fall extension conference auctions.

**Regional Reports: Eileen Haraminac**

1. **UP – Awards Julie Moberg**

No report

1. **North – Professional Development Linda Cronk**

Several MEAFCS North Region members met for lunch and regional meeting on July 26 for a business meeting and farewell recognition for our colleague, Diane Rellinger, whose family is moving to Rochester, Michigan. Farewell and safe journey, Di!

Jennifer Berkey, alternate regional director, arranged for the Profession Development afternoon for the MEAFCS annual spring meeting. The event was a presentation on stress reduction by Lisa Davidson, MSU EAP program. It was well-received, and thanks so much to Jennifer for her leadership on the project.

Linda Cronk participated in the June 10 Professional Development Committee decision making process for the professional development funds.

1. **Central – Historical record Ann Arnold**

Nothing new to report

1. **Southwest - Membership Gretchen Hofing**

Bruce Haas come, we have another meeting set for end of Sept, everyone is bringing in an item for the Auction.

1. **Southeast – Public Affairs Cathy Newkirk**

Members present reviewed the Bylaw Change - North and UP merger and committee changes; SE region will be assuming the committee assignment of Awards

2013 Galaxy Conference - subcommittee members needed. Gail Innis and Terry Clark-Jones volunteered to serve on a subcommittee.

Status of potential lifetime members- Marilyn Rudzinski and Su Porter are in the process of applying for Lifetime membership. Eileen Haraminac spoken with each of them in June and again in mid- July. Brenda will ask Louis Thieleke to consider becoming a life member and possibly others.

Topics/items for the MEAFCS board: SE Membership suggests that in the future the MCEA board retreat attendance be an overnight retreat from 12 noon to 12 noon the next day. This may allow for a greater depth of conversation

Guest presentation: Step III – Tom Schneider.

The Step III presentation given by Tom Schneider gave depth and clarity to the expectations to those in attendance. It should be noted that a broader cross section of applicants for this process is needed. Currently 90% of the applicants are from agriculture, with only a small amount from FCS. Tom reviewed criteria outlined in a Personal Planning guide for Step III that he provided. An in-depth conversation and activity related to Scholarship was provided. Other areas of concentration for the STEP III process are Continued Growth, Meaningful Impact- Evaluation; Diversity, Outreach and Engagement.

This was an excellent presentation by Tom. The Step III application is a concentration of the six years following completion of the Step II process.

If you have any question about this, Tom is happy to answer questions. We congratulate Tom for his work and success in attaining the Step III and Senior Educator status.

Member sharing: Brenda Reau announced her new appointment as assistant Director of the Product Development Center. She was congratulated by the group.

**Old Business**

**National Conference-**  Eight people are going; if you know of anyone else going they need to contact Jane. State Night’s out will be at Church Street Café.

**FEC auction items-** Each Region is doing a basket, remember they need on-line auction items also.

**Goals-How are we doing?**

**Lifetime/retirees:** We have invited them to our various regional and the summer membership meeting. We will invite them to the Fall membership meeting. We want to encourage lifetime members to be mentors to our membership such as helping with reviewing award application and 3 & 6 year reviews.

**Awards:** We were down on the amount of awards that people went for this year. We want to continue this as a goal and encourage people to fill out award applications. Possibly hold a meeting for people to attend and help each other fill out the application.

**John Hannah:** MCEA not sure of the status of this award yet.

**Membership:** Regions have been doing meetings throughout the year to stay in contact with the membership. Next year we should encourage the PA’s and PI’s to join.

**New Business:**

**Visioning for the future-membership survey:** Gretchen is going to send out a survey monkey to the membership to get their input on how we are doing as an association.

**POW for supervisors:** Jane Hart is leading a committee of people to take a look at a specific POW for supervisors**.**

**Galaxy- Cathy Newkirk-** There is some volunteers from the membership who would like to volunteer to help at Galaxy. She is going to forward those names on to the person in charge of that committee.

Refunding of dues to people that were cut: no one has requested this.

**Professional Development funds from the director’s office:** The director allocates $1250 our association is going to use $600 for PILD, $250 for summer membership meeting and $400 for JCEP.

**Adjourn at 2:00pm**

**Next meeting:** September 9, 2011, 2:00 PM. Conference call.

**Submitted by: Suzanne Pish, Secretary MEAFCS**