

# 1973 State Organizational Meeting

## **Minutes - Organizational Meeting North Carolina Association of Cooperative Extension Secretaries**

**Guilford County Agricultural Center  
Greensboro, NC  
November 10, 1973**

The County Extension Secretaries of North Carolina met in the beautiful Guilford County Agricultural Center in Greensboro on Saturday, November 10, 1973 for the purpose of organizing the State Association.

Upon arrival we were served donuts and coffee by our hostess, Faye Saunders, assisted by Jane Trogden and Rosanne Chesney, Guilford County Extension Secretaries. Mr. John Crawford, Guilford County Extension Chairman, was also present to greet us.

At 10:00 a. m. the meeting was called to order by Faye Saunders. Sharron Carter, gave the invocation. Faye then extended a welcome to everyone and introduced the Acting President, Frances O'Neal, Acting Secretary, Edith Herter, and Parliamentarian, Eleanor Starnes.

Catherine Fields introduced our special guests; Mrs. Helen Branford, South Central District Home Economics Agent and State Agent A & T University; Mrs. Josephine Patterson, Northeastern District Home Economics Agent; Mr. John Crawford, Guilford County Extension Chairman; Mrs. Nancy Strawbridge of Lexington; and Dr. T. C. Blalock, Associate Director Extension Service.

The roll call, by district and county, was taken by Edith Herter. There was no one present from the Western District. Present from Northwestern District -6; Southwestern District - 14; North Central District - 11; South Central

District • 9; North Eastern District - 4;  
and Southeastern District - 7.

Edith then read letters from Dr. George Hyatt, Jr., Director of Cooperative Extension Service in North Carolina, who expressed regrets at not being able to be with us but wished us success in our organizational meeting. Others replying to our invitations with regrets at not being able to attend and extending best wishes in our efforts were: Mrs. Mollye Briley, State President Extension Home Economics Agents Association; J. A. Spaulding, Northwestern District Extension Chairman; Elizabeth Meldau, Northwestern District Home Economics Agent; John E. Piland, South Central District Extension Chairman; J. C. Jones, North Eastern District Extension Chairman; Carolyn Russell, Southwestern District Home Economics Agent; W. G. Andrews, Southeastern District Extension Chairman; and Lillie Little, Southeastern District Economics Agent.

The high light of our meeting was a most informative talk and question and answer period by Dr. Blalock. He explained the different funding of the various programs in Extension. He urged us to write our representative to the General Assembly and tell him to support the bills that we are interested in seeing passed (ones that will benefit us). We should do this when they meet the first of next year.

Mrs. Josephine Patterson stressed the importance of our having an advisor for our organization. Later in the afternoon the group voted unanimously to have our president write Dr, Blalock and ask him to be our advisor, and if he cannot serve then perhaps he can recommend someone.

Dr. Blalock stated that he could see no reason why we would not be allowed a work day (or rather given time) for our annual meetings, provided our organization is for the betterment of our professionalism. We must present a plan

before asking for time. Then we should discuss this with our District Chairman and he will contact the State Supervisors.

A motion was made, seconded, voted on, and passed that the chairman of each district committee would automatically serve as a member of that same state committee, with the seven members choosing their own State Chairman. The following committees were decided on:

1. Membership Committee
2. Rules and Bylaws Committee
3. Goals and Aims Committee
4. Nominating Committee
5. Hospitality Committee
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6. Public Relations Committee
7. Finance Committee
8. Professional Improvement Committee

The State Nominating Committee presented the following slate of officers:

- President - Frances O'Neal,  
Catawba County, Southwestern District
- Vice President - Lottie Herring,  
Sampson County, South Central District
- Secretary - Ernestine Tallay,  
Person County, North Central District
- Treasurer - Faye Saunders,  
Guilford County, Northwestern District

These officers were unanimously elected to serve for the coming year. The nominating committee recommended that the seven District Presidents serve as the State Directors. This recommendation was voted on and approved.

A recommendation was made that the Association accept the rules and by laws as compiled by the committee, which would facilitate the task. This was then presented as a motion, seconded, voted on, and approved.

By a unanimous vote the name of our organization will be NORTH CAROLINA ASSOCIATION OF COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SECRETARIES (NCACES). State dues are to be \$2.00 annually per member. District Treasurers are to mail dues to the State Treasurer.

The next State meeting will be Saturday, April 6, 1974 in Raleigh (this is a tentative date), with Phyllis Haywood, Wake County Extension Secretary, serving as official hostess. Future State meetings are to be held in a different district each year.

Last - BUT certainly not least - we had a most delicious lunch (I'd call it a dinner!) served by a local catering service. Thanks to Faye!

Respectfully submitted,

Frances O'Neal, Acting President  
Edith Herter, Acting Secretary