

Northeastern District County Extension Secretaries' Association 1973 Fall Organizational Meeting

The Northeastern District County Extension Secretaries' Association held their organizational meeting on September 29, 1973, 2 p.m., in the Agriculture Building in Windsor with Bertie County secretaries as hostesses.

Katherine Gillam, acting chairman, called the meeting to order. Ruth Smith gave the invocation. Miss Gillam welcomed the secretaries to Bertie County.

Hilda Mitchell, acting secretary, called the roll by counties. Thirteen charter members were present representing nine counties. Those present were:

- Beaufort: Earla Moore
- Bertie: Ruth Inez Smith, Hilda Mitchell, Katherine Gillam
- Camden: Linda McMullen
- Currituck: Sharron Carter, Joan West
- Gates: Lillian Briggs
- Martin: Louise Newsome
- Pasquotank: Miriam James
- Pitt: Virginia Savage, Frances Cobb
- Washington: Wanda Williams

Secretaries from Dare, Hyde and Perquimans Counties indicated interest, but were unable to attend the meeting.

Miss Gillam stated the objective of this association shall be to improve and maintain the ideals and professional standards of County Extension Secretaries, and to bring about a better working relationship both professionally and socially. Also, that Extension Secretaries may raise their status in the Extension Service by a method of classification, which will entitle secretaries to specific pay scales, merit raises, longevity pay steps, and increased annual leave.

The following resolution was presented to the group for study:

- **WHEREAS: The County Extension Secretaries Association presented an appraisal of its inclusiveness in the North Carolina Extension Service; taking a firm stand on the matter of classification for Extension Secretaries in the future.**
- **THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED: That this Association endorse and promote a committee to further study and channel our expressions through proper sources on a state-wide basis.**

The group decided that further study was needed before adopting this resolution.

The following committees were appointed:

- Rules and By-Laws: Wanda Williams, Chairman, Earla Moore
- Goals and Aims: Miriam James, Chairman, Joan West
- Nominating: Frances Cobb, Chairman, Ruth Smith, Lillian Briggs

After a thirty minute committee workshop, the meeting reconvened.

The Rules and Bylaws Committee report, presented by Wanda Williams, was discussed and then adopted.

Miriam James presented the Goals and Aims Committee report which was discussed and approved.

The group decided to have one district meeting annually prior to the state meeting with the counties hosting the meetings alphabetically. It was decided that additional meetings could be called by the president if necessary. Camden County Secretary, Linda McLullen, volunteered to host our next district meeting.

District dues were set at \$5.00 per member annually; dues should be in treasury by January. State dues will be determined after the state meeting. The organization decided to pay actual expenses of the president and one delegate, to be appointed by president, the first year to the 1973 state meeting.

The Nominating Committee report, presented by Frances Cobb, was accepted unanimously. The following officers were elected for a two-year period:

- President: Sharron Carter
- Vice-President: Louise Newsome
- Secretary: Linda McMullen
- Treasurer: Miriam James

The officers were installed by Lillian Briggs, Gates County. Mrs. Carter presided during the remainder of the meeting.

The following state committee members were appointed:

- Rules and By-Laws: Wanda Williams
- Goals and Aims: Miriam James
- Nominating Committee: Hilda Mitchell

If time permits, the secretaries decided to hold a meeting at our District Workshop at Nags Head, October 24-25.

The meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Katherine Gillam, Acting Chairman
Hilda Mitchell, Acting Secretary