

North Carolina Cooperative Extension Secretaries Association - NED
1996 Spring Meeting

(May 9, 1996)

The spring meeting of the Northeast District NCCESA was called to order by Second Vice President, Betty Cox, who presided in the absence of President, Denise Lamb. Welcome was given by Richard Rhodes, Washington County Director. A devotion on change was given by Peggy Bailey of Martin County.

It was moved and seconded that we dispense with the reading of the minutes, since they were sent by e-mail; the motion was passed.

Roll call showed an attendance of 18.

Treasurer's report, which was given by Second Vice President, Betty Cox in the absence of Lynn Upton, showed a balance of \$1,525.36.

REPORTS

State President, Arnette Parker reported that there would be a proposal sent by e-mail to increase the state dues from \$10 to \$15. The by-laws gives an amount that they will be \$15. The proposal is to change the by-laws, so that it will say the state dues will be such as to support the balanced budget of the organization, so that every time we need to change the dues, we won't have to change the by-laws. This will be voted on at the State Meeting.

Dues increase is needed because of increased affiliation with the Federation and extra expenses. The State Association has money in a money market account that can be drawn from next year to meet the budget that we need, but if we keep drawing from the account, there will be nothing left, so ultimately the dues will need to be increased.

Re-districting was also discussed by State President, Arnette Parker. It was stated that there will be a tremendous amount of conversation in reference to re-districting. There are counties who do not want to change. A poll indicated that two districts did not want to change. There will have to be a constitutional amendment because our by-laws says that we have to go by the organizational structure of the NCCES administration. It was stated that Dr. Ort has made it clear he would prefer everyone to be in the same organizational structure.

Second Vice President, Betty Cox asked if it would be a good idea for us as a district association to write a letter to express our support for changing the district. Parker said that we could and it would be appropriate to address the letter to the Executive Committee of the Secretaries Association, because things have to be brought before the Executive Committee and before the Board of Directors before proposals can be sent out and voted on. Cox said that we could write it to our State President, Arnette Parker and send a copy to Dr. Ort, Dr. Prosis, and Mary Ann Mauney, Chairman of the Rules and By-laws Committee.

Also a suggestion was made by Parker that if the nominating committee called and asked someone to serve, please consider it.

NEW BUSINESS

State newsletter articles are due to the Public Relations Chair, Cathy Harvey of Onslow County, by June 1st.

Executive Board Award Nominations are due to Debbie King, 1st Vice President by August 1st.

State Meeting will be held September 26–27 in Chapel Hill at the Omni Europa. The theme will be "Hats Off to Excellence" and districts have been asked to prepare a hat to represent the district.

MarySue Wright–Baker and Brenda Macioce volunteered to work on the hat committee and it was mentioned by Mary Sue that maybe Linda McMullen could also be on the committee. Rosanna Rhea suggested e–mailing MarySue with ideas for the hat.

Dues need to be sent to the District Treasurer by October 1st and are due to the State Treasurer by November 1st.

The Let's Get Acquainted book was discussed. Second Vice President, Betty Cox suggested that she would like to see the District Book updated. It was suggested since Betty is the District Chair, things could be sent to her for the District Book and she could then send the information to the State Chair.

Horn of Plenty will be held on August 23rd at Tanglewood in Winston Salem. Parker said that each district is to pay \$25 for beverages and \$1.00 per member to go in the General Horn of Plenty Fund. Arnette said some districts are choosing not to pay \$1.00 per member. It was motioned by Wanda Williams that we pay the amount for the Horn of Plenty (\$25 plus \$1.00 per member) from the treasury. This motion was seconded by Rosanna Rhea. The motion was passed.

Parker mentioned that MarySue is on the State Committee to redo the handbook for the State (not the one administration provided, but the association handbook that has rules and by–laws and constitution). Donna Warren is the State Chair. It will be done in a loose leaf fashion so the whole notebook will not have to be redone if changes occur.

Committee Reports

Finance – no additional report.

Goals and Aims – no report.

Hospitality – no report.

Membership – no report.

Nominating – no report.

Public Relations – no report.

Rules and By–laws – no report.

There being no further business, Second Vice President, Betty Cox turned the meeting over to Janet Hardison.

Janet introduced Lori Snell, who gave a demonstration of Multiples at Home, a versatile wardrobing system.

A delicious lunch was provided by Frank Winslow and his wife. Following lunch, there was a tour of Four Gabels Bed and Breakfast owned and operated by Brenda and Norman Conklin.

The next meeting will be in Bertie County.

Betty Cox, Second Vice President
Risha Foreman, Secretary