



Often your tasks will be many,  
And more than you think you can do.  
Often the road will be rugged  
And the hills insurmountable, too.  
But always remember,  
The hills ahead  
Are never as steep as they seem,  
And with Faith in your heart  
Start upward  
And climb 'til you reach your dream.  
For nothing in life that is worthy  
Is ever too hard to achieve  
If you have the courage to try it,  
And you have the faith to believe.  
For faith is a force that is greater  
Than knowledge or power or skill,  
And many defeats turn to triumph  
If you trust in God's wisdom and will.  
For faith is a mover of mountains,  
There's nothing that God cannot do,  
So, start out today with faith in your heart,  
And climb 'til your dream comes true!

Written by – **Helen Steiner Rice**

Benevolence Report 8/23/13  
Given by Brenda Wilson

Brenda Wilson-Chair  
Debbie Sparks

Flowers were sent to Debbie Sparks who lost her husband  
Tim W. Sparks, June 30, 2013.

West District NCCEAPA Nominating Committee Report August 23, 2013

Nominating Committee Members:

Maryann Mickewicz- Chair

Norma Chrisawn

Cathy Brackins

Kerri Rayburn

On July 24, Jane McDaniel submitted completed nomination forms to me putting forth Cheryl Mitchell for First Vice President and Leslie Brown for Second Vice President.

On August 12, 2013 I sent via email a notification to the membership seeking nominations for officers.

Norma Chrisawn, 2012-2013 Secretary, declined to be nominated for the position this year.

Ivy Olsen, 2012-2013 Treasurer, has agreed to run for Treasurer again this year.

Cathy Brackins, 2012-2013 First Vice President, has agreed to run for President this year.

Cathy Brackins notified me on August 15, 2013 that Janice Dotson was willing to stand for the Secretary position.

Based on the information above, I put forth the following slate of officers, barring any nominations from the floor the day of the election.

President: Cathy Brackins, Madison County

First Vice President: Cheryl Mitchell, McDowell County

Second Vice President: Leslie Brown, Rutherford County

Secretary: Janice Dotson, West District Office

Treasurer: Ivy Olsen, Henderson County

Respectfully submitted

Maryann Mickewicz

Chair, Nominating Committee NCCEAPA West District

Public Relations Committee

No report.

Cheryl Mitchell-Chair

Joyce Plemmons

Debbie Hunter

Dot McClintock

Carol Horne  
West District – Chair  
Rules and By-Laws Committee

Report:

On August 14<sup>th</sup> State Rules and By-Laws Committee met via conference call. State Chairman Deborah Waterman, Durham County addressed the committee on a proposal that came from a state member.

After consideration and a lot of discussion, and voted. The following recommendation will be presented in September at our Annual State Meeting for vote. As you know, each district mirrors the state rules and by-laws.

Add to Article V – Officers and Their Duties:

(see attached sheet)

## **Recommendation by the Rules & ByLaws Committee**

S. Anges; T. Brown; J. Campbell; C. Horn and D. Watersman (Chair)

To be voted on at the NCCEAPA Annual Meeting – September 2013

### Article V - Officers and Their Duties

#### Section 1:

- The elected officers of this Association shall be President, 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer.

#### Section 2:

- The President shall:
  - preside at all meetings of the Association and Board of Directors;
  - call special meetings of the Board of Directors at her/his discretion or upon the request of a majority of the Directors;
  - appoint annually chair-persons of standing and special committees;
  - serve as an official representative of the Association at meetings of groups working for the advancement of Extension and this Association;
  - be a member ex-officio of all committees except the Nominating Committee;
  - recommend to the Board of Directors, for their appointment, persons to fill vacancies occurring on the Board of Directors between elections, except that of President and District President;

#### **Add:**

- **appoint a parliamentarian;**
- **as webmaster is on a voluntary basis, in the event of no webmaster, the President will appoint a webmaster within 30 days.**

NCCEAPA – WEST DISTRICT  
PROFESSIONAL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT  
August 23, 2013  
Jackson County

The members of NCCEAPA-West District Professional Improvement Committee are:

Janice Dotson, Chair  
Karen Ball  
Debbie Goforth  
Annie Thompson

The West District members continue to be engaged in professional development sessions. Some of the trainings taken since spring meeting consisted of NCCEAPA District Website Overview, Google +, Google Docs and Facebook, Diversity, Respect and Inclusion in the Workplace, Getting the Most Out of Google Calendar, Shooting and Editing Video, trainings while attending Staff Senate, Quickbooks, an online course titled NCSU Home Horticulture, Excel 2010 Level 2 thru NCSU, and an Office Software Applications Class through a community college.

As you recall, we received 9 applicants from 6 counties for the Herter-O'Neal Scholarship. Our committee chose a very good candidate and submitted to the committee for consideration. The winner for this year's scholarship came from Surry County.

Respectfully submitted,  
Janice Dotson, Chair

The NC Federation of Cooperative Extension Associations met on Tuesday, May 28<sup>th</sup> via BlackBoard. Dr. Zublena requested Federation to review and select the final awardees of the Grange Awards. After all nominations have been received, Tracy will forward them to us (Federation Board) for judging.

The Forum will be held Friday, December 13, at the Union County Agricultural Services and Conference Center. The President and Vice President of each member Association and 10 additional members from each Association are invited to attend. We will be soliciting suggestions from members to be addressed at the Forum. We would like suggestions on how you would like to see the Federation improved.



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Extension Secretary of the Year Award	\$100.00
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State Association Meeting	\$100.00
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Deanna Jordan  
Glenda Burgess  
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\* Increase one, two or all three of these line items with the additional \$50 added to the silent auction item in income.

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