

JCEP Board of Directors, Conference Call  
Monday, February 25, 2008

**Call to Order** - Meeting called to order at 3:03PM EST by Carol Schlitt, JCEP Board President.

**Present:** Karen Hatch Gagne, Chuck Otte, Fred Miller, Rick Gibson, Carol Schlitt, Linda Kay Benning, Kathy Dothage, Della Baker, Duane Johnson, Ellen Burton, Kay Chelena, Vivian Simon Brown, Susan Donaldson, Mike Woods, Mike Reichenbach, Edwin Jones, Betty Wingerter, and Clyde Jackson.

**Absent:** Judith Breland, Jim Spurling, Daryl Buchholz, Sharon Hoelscher Day

**Additions to the Agenda** – Della asked to have Partnership and Public Issues Committee added to the agenda.

**Approval of Minutes** – Della Baker moved and Duane Johnson seconded the motion that the minutes be approved with the following corrections: Page 7 – “for to from”; Page 11 – ESP Welcoming for Life Members and Retirees; ESP Ruby Luncheon – Duane will lead; ESP has confirmed that Galaxy Committee will decorate the tables at the Ruby Luncheon. Motion carried unanimously.

**Treasurer's Report** – The treasurer’s report was presented by Chuck Otte.

**Regional Meeting Update** – Fred reported successful conferences. Evaluation from the Orlando conference has been posted. He thanked all associations for their support with room changes. JCEP has received three requests for reimbursement. Committee will evaluate and then make recommendation to Carol. Feedback also indicate concerns around the San Diego location and its accessibility to travel and restaurant cost. NEAFCS introduced the idea of buying out the San Diego hotel contract for next year.

**PILD Update** – Carol indicated that all speakers have been confirmed. JCEP members were reminded that early bird registration ends on March 1, 2008. At present, 146 people are registered.

### **Galaxy Update**

- Gary Hawkins will send proposed evaluation instrument to JCEP members for feedback
- Evaluation instrument for individual sessions/seminars has been developed and will be sent to JCEP members for feedback
- Association abstracts to be sent to Diane; Galaxy committee will provide room hosts
- Association presidents need to communicate with Paul Honegran regarding board sponsored room
- Housing Registration opens on March 15
- Exhibitor registration opened - list of potential exhibitors to be sent to JCEP Board
- Registration opens on April 15 – must register for room prior to registering for conference
- Committee has a plan for handling part time registration

- Donor and Sponsors being solicited – list to be sent to JCEP members
- JOE – Carol to follow up with advertising Galaxy
- Names and email address for association contacts for the auction are due to Duane Johnson
- Association Banners –Diane will follow up with Nelda
- Fred will follow up with shirt order

**Galaxy Steering Committee Concern** – Diane and Carol will follow up with Vice Chair to ascertain her commitment to the Galaxy planning process. First, Diane and Carol will speak with the Vice Chair to develop a strategy and outline future plans. If needed, Fred will be involved in next call. If no resolution can be reached, then the Vice Chair will be asked to resign.

**CSREES Update** – Jim Spurling is planning for the at least one representative from each association to meet with CSREES Marketing Committee the day after PILD.

**ECOP Update** - Daryl and Fred met with the National Extension Administrators and Directors in San Diego. Fred shared with them JCEP Strategic plans and invited them to offer input through Carol. The group was very complimentary and extended the time designated for the JCEP session. Linda Kay reported that the past presidents of all associations would be participating in ECOP Leadership Advisory Council in May. The theme of the discussion will be accountability. Cooperative Extension efforts at the Science and Engineering event on Capitol Hill will showcase eXtension, 4-H, and EFNEP.

**ECOP Leg and Budget Committee Update** – Linda reported that the committee has met by teleconference. The administration has presented a budget that is not supported by the land grants. Priorities for the land-grant are 1) Increase in Smith Lever Funds; 2) eXtension; and 3) Sustaining EFNEP Dollars.

**Partnership and Public Policy**- Della requested that all association presidents send her a summary of scholarship related activities.

**June JCEP Face to Face** - The meeting will begin with breakfast on June 11, 2008 and adjourn on June 12, 2008.

**Adjournment** – Meeting adjourned at 5:41PM EST. The next JCEP conference call is March 31, 2008.