

JCEP Board of Directors, Conference Call
Monday, March 31, 2008

Call to Order - Meeting called to order at 4:03PM Eastern Time 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, Kay Chelena, Susan Donaldson, Mike Woods, Betty Wingerter, Clyde Jackson, Judith Breland, Sharon Hoelscher Day, Diane Baker and Dick Senese.

Absent, Jim Spurling, Daryl Buchholz, Ellen Burton, Vivian Simon Brown, Mike Reichenbach, and Edwin Jones

Additions to the Agenda – Fred Miller indicated that he had sent out some information regarding JCEP Teamwork Award, PILD Poster Contest, and San Diego Regional Meeting Evaluation.

Minutes from February Conference Call – Duane Johnson moved and Chuck Otte seconded the motion that the minutes from the February meeting be approved as sent. Motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report – The treasurer's report was presented by Chuck Otte. There were no questions. Chuck Otte will send out corrected report after income from credit cards has been posted.

2008 Regional Meeting Discussion – Kay Chelena reported that 150 persons attended the JCEP Regional Meeting at the San Diego site and 143 attended the meeting at the Orlando site. Fred indicated that concerns regarding travel, limited restaurant choices, and rooms too cold were raised. The program received very positive comments. *Kudos to ESP !!* In response to a suggestion made on the last call to buy the contract out at the San Diego hotel, Carol Schlitt indicated that the cost to JCEP would be between \$14,000-\$40,000 depending on date of cancellation.

2009 Regional Meeting Discussion – Carol Schlitt reported that we might consider arranging transportation to off site restaurants for the 2009 Regional conferences. Linda Kay Benning indicated that the directors were disappointed that the conference was not closer to their meeting. Carol asked that each association assess its financial outlay to support the 2008 conference in comparison to what it was for the 2007 and 2006 conferences. It was decided that we would spend more time at the June meeting discussing the feedback.

PILD update – Kay Chelena indicated that 287 persons had registered for PILD. Fred reported that 4 proposals had been received. One was returned because it did not meet expectations. Review will take place on April 1st. It is likely that the three remaining will be awarded the \$100.00 scholarships.

Galaxy update – Diane Baker

- Galaxy Awards Committee is in need of a representative from the Northeast Region
- Galaxy registration opens on April 15, 2008
- JCEP Board members should listen for lodging issues among membership and report concerns to Diane. 4-H and ANREP rooms are being held on a space hold only
- JCEP members might be needed to contact some potential donors. Diane will follow up.

- JCEP Board needs to decide who will preside at each of the Award Banquets
- NEAFCS will facilitate the acquisition of PDU and handle all credentialing requirements
- Paid Executive Assistants will be expected to register and pay for conference
- Group decided that federal employees who choose to stay at non-conference hotel will have to pay outside hotel fee. No reduced rate at conference hotel for federal employees will be available.
- Board sponsored seminars needed from NEAFCS
- Auction Reps needed for ANREP and NACDEP

Update on Galaxy Committee Concern—Carol Schlitt has made several calls to Ingrid but has not been able to contact her. Carol will follow up.

Galaxy IV Site and Chairperson Selection – It was noted that the June 2007 minutes indicate that the RFP would be reviewed at June 2008 JCEP Board Meeting; distributed at Galaxy 2007 with Letters of Intent to Host due April 1, 2009. The JCEP Board would select site for Galaxy IV at its June 2009 Board meeting.

Betty Wingerter moved and Kathy Dothage seconded the motion that we set the letters of intent to hoist Galaxy IV be received between April 15 and August 15 of the current year and that the venue for Galaxy IV be announced at Galaxy III. The request for chairperson nominations will be announced at Galaxy III and person selected and announced prior to the June 2009 wrap up meeting.

After much discussion, Fred Miller moved and Dick Senese seconded the motion that we table the vote on this motion until our next meeting.

CSREES Update – Linda Kay Benning provided a written report from NASULGC and CSREES

ECOP Update - Daryl was not on the call.

ECOP Budget and Legislative Committee Update – Sharon Hoelscher Day reported that she has asked the committee for clarification on how it wants the professional associations to contribute to the work of this committee.

June Face-to Face Meeting in Albuquerque, NM -- Carol Schlitt and Kay Chelena reported that the site of this meeting will likely be the Downtown Hyatt in Albuquerque. The meeting will begin at 8am on June 11th and adjourn at 5pm on June 12.

News from Associations – No reports at this meeting.

Adjournment – Meeting adjourned at 5:37 Eastern Time.

Respectfully Submitted,
Clyde F. Jackson, Secretary