IEPYE Spring Meeting  
March 10, 2020

Convened: 10:40 a.m.

In Attendance: Jamie Boas, Rachel Hazen, Kim Morrison, Jance Curry-Witzman, Carissa Davis, Alcha Corban, Sara Marten, Shelby Carlson, Annette Reese, Martha Ebbesmeyer, Katie Duitsman, Melissa Wilson, Myla Munro, Susan Sloop, Pat McGlaughlin, Tina Veal, Angie Barnard, Katrina Galati, Pam Jacobs

Secretary’s Report: No additions and corrections made.

   Motion to approve: Myla Munro
   Second: Annette Reese

Treasurer’s Report: All bills taken care of in September. Regional Director funds are starting to be used. If the regional directors want to use those funds, just a reminder that you have $25 to spend. Contact Martha to see where your region stands if you’re unsure.

   Savings: $6,143.70
   Checking: $2,297.94

   • Discussion/Corrections: Carissa reminded us that we voted to eradicate the website management, which is still listed in the budget, and that that needed to be removed.

   Motion to approve with correction: Shelby Carlson
   Second: Jance Curry-Witzman

Regional Director Reports

(As each region reported in, all members stood and introduced themselves.)

Northern Region         Michelle Cox

The Northern Region met on January 17, 2020. Seven Educators attended the meeting. As a group, we participated in 2020 NAE4-HYDP Awards Webinar – Awards Guidelines & Requirements. After the webinar, we had an opportunity to discuss insights from the webinar. We also discussed programmatic bests inclusive of opportunity for awards submission, among our Region. Everyone was encouraged to submit a 2020 award proposal, if applicable. Northern Region is looking forward to our next meeting in the spring.

West Central Region       Judy Schmidt

The IEPYE West Central Region group met for our fall/winter meeting on December 6th in Peoria at Courtyard Estates, a senior assisted living center in the old Jumer’s building. We made greeting cards and Snowman Soup bags with several of the residents. They enjoyed making cards for their family members and Snowman Soup packets for their grandkids, family and friends. We enjoyed many laughs with the residents and even found a few common connections to home towns and past activities. We
spent part of the day learning more about the 4-H Tech Changemaker pilot program in Peoria County and how it was being implemented at that site. Also, Julie and Dave Reams, from a local senior assistance program called Comfort Keepers, presented information on how to engage teens with seniors. We enjoyed lunch at One World Café and we continued sharing about current and future programming. We have not yet set a date for our spring meeting.

East Central Region

Mynda Tracy

The East Central region met on January 14th in Arthur. Kim Morrison taught the group how to make various candies. While there, we visited with guests from the local high school about the food pantry in their school. Kim is also working to schedule a May opportunity to visit a local restaurant and talk about entrepreneurship. Mynda Tracy was unanimously selected to replace Amy Leman as regional chair until the end of the term.

Southern Region

Melissa Wilson

The Southern Region enjoyed meeting in October during the Youth Development Team meeting. We enjoyed dinner together with members of the southern region as well as other colleagues. It was a fun time to enjoy each other’s company, discuss programs, and think about future opportunities. All members were encouraged to apply for awards and to submit to present in Boise. We look forward to meeting again this spring.

Committee Reports

Member Recognition Committee

Sara Marten

The awards deadline was March 2nd. Illinois submitted a total of 2 communicator, 4 specialty, and 2 service awards this year.

Best of luck to all of our candidates. State judging will begin in March, followed by regional and national judging. Award winners will be announced in the newsletter.

I am trying to gather a better list of our past service award winners. If you have received the ASA, DSA, MSA, or 25 Years of Service award previously, please send Sara a note with the year your award was received. I hope, by having a more up to date database, that we can do a better job of promoting and encouraging our members who are eligible each year.

Membership

Jamie Boas

Please review the list included in the booklet and let Jamie know if there are any errors that need to be addressed.

Professional Development

Myla Munro

The Professional Development Committee is excited to host facilitators from Real Colors on March 11-13, 2020 at Parkland College in Champaign. 35 individuals have registered to attend and become trained Real Colors facilitators. In addition to Extension staff, we are welcoming attendees from Arizona, Iowa and Washington DC. Members of IEPYE should also look forward to an Escape Box training at our annual meeting in September! We will be learning how to create the content of an Escape Box lesson, as well as how to facilitate created lessons for youth and adult audiences.
Public Relations and Information Rachel Hazen

Rachel is working on getting administrative rights to the IEPYE website. She will be reaching out to the committee members to work on future planning and promotion. Jamie suggested Regional Directors submit pictures to Rachel for her to use on the site.

Newsletter Shelby Carlson

The newsletter is a great way to stay up to date on what our colleagues are doing across the state. We are always on the go and looking for inspiration to continue to provide premiere experiences to the youth we serve. Share your highlights or brag-worthy moments with IEPYE membership by submitting a story to the newsletter. Those who wish to submit a story to the newsletter can submit to editor Shelby Carlson in the form on a completed story as bullet points of the highlights. Don’t miss the deadline to submit!

Deadline for Spring Addition, April 10

Deadline for Summer Addition, July 10

Advisory Carissa Davis

Carissa explained that all past presidents are on the advisory committee. The annual NAE4-HA Conference Scholarship is open to all members to assist with cost of attending. The application is due to Carissa Davis by June 1, 2020

Life Member Committee Deb Stocker

Hello! We are excited at the formation of the new Life Member Committee for IEPYE. Currently representing our Life Members on this committee are Bill Million, Denise Kistner, Larry Wachtel, and myself, Deb Stocker. We have met twice over the past few months to make plans for more involvement by our Life Members, as well to try to keep them more informed of IEPYE happenings. We have been trying to update member emails and started an IEPYE Life Member Facebook page. The committee is also brainstorming ideas to help the IEPYE Board plan the IEPYE 50th Anniversary celebration for this fall.

We are also planning get-togethers at least twice a year: Our Life Members are invited to join us for lunch on Thursday, April 16 in Springfield at the Golden Corral. This fall, we are inviting all IEPYE and/or 4-H retirees to join us on Tuesday, October 27 for lunch; location still to be determined.

If there are other things you would like to see the Life Member Committee work on, please let us know.

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No announcements
The Illinois 4-H Foundation Board meets quarterly and most recently met December 12. The mission of the Foundation is to build relationships to generate financial resources for Illinois 4-H and the Foundation Board members are actively involved in reaching out to individual and business donors across Illinois. The 4-H Foundation continues to raise funds through their direct mail campaigns, donor visits, and cultivation of on-going and new major gift prospects and 4-H Project Partners.

Items of interest from the December meeting include:

- Kimberly Meenen, Director of the ACES Office of Advancement provided an update including the Illinois Campaign and the upcoming ACES in Places Events.
- Foundation staff, Angie Barnard reported on the major gifts received by the Foundation and their upcoming donor visits.
- Each board member reported on his or her five assigned alumni contacts. Board members are contacting 4-H alumni to learn more about their 4-H stories.
- The annual 4-H Hall of Fame Event will be held on Tuesday August 18.

4-H staff are reminded to:

- Nominate a volunteer for the 4-H Hall of Fame by May 1
- Apply for a 4-H Club Growth and Innovation Grant! Applications are on the Foundation website
- Make an annual donation to the Illinois 4-H Foundation
- Check out the most recent Clover Seed recently sent to county offices

The Illinois 4-H Foundation Board meeting will be held Friday March 13, 2020.

Visit the Illinois 4-H Foundation website to learn more about the dedicated members of the board.

4hfoundation.illinois.edu/about/board
The committee met on November 19, 2019. Dr. Shelly Nickols-Richardson, Associate Dean and Director of Extension and Outreach updated the committee on the following: Extension representation on Deans Executive Advisory Committee, the 5 million directed to Extension, plant clinic status, ANR leadership changes, performance appraisal processes, the longevity of the hiring process from region to region and program area to program area, marketing/promotion support from campus, progress on county board match and Extension clothing. In addition there were regional updates, election of 2020 FSEAC vice chair and a transfer of committee leadership to Jamie Boas.

**Unfinished Business**

**National Association Name Change: NAE4-HDP** – Jamie said that the name change transition has begun. Start using it now. Currently working on a new logo. The new electronic PULSE publication from the National Association is looking for articles and for people to host webinars. Please consider these opportunities.

**Joint Council of Extension Professionals (JCEP) Conference (San Antonio, TX)** – (Vice President typically attends this conference) Jamie gave a report of her attendance. Focus this year was, “Growing your own leadership”

**PILD Conference (Washington D.C.)** – (President traditional attends) Jamie will attend this year for Kristi. The point is to connect with legislators and promote what impact 4-H has on our youth.

**NAE4-HA Conference – A Vision for the Future**

- October 19-22 Boise Center, Boise, Idaho
- IEPYE Scholarship Application for NAE4-HA Due June 1 to Carissa Davis

**New Business**

**IFYE** - Carolyn Hansen is the Illinois State Coordinator for IFYE. She’s looking for host families for 3 weeks in June-August. Contact her at carolynsh7480@gmail.com. Jamie shared her experiences and encouraged others to consider this. Martha was an IFYE exchange student and shared her story.

**IEPYE Annual Meeting**

September 24, 2020 in Champaign – 50th

- Myla – (Professional Development) Reached out an ACES student to facilitate and create escape boxes to use with adults and youth.
- Melissa – Proposed that since we are already meeting the 22-23 for All Team, that we tack on a third day for our annual fall meeting. Since most will be in town, the idea would be to have a nice dinner and hold the awards ceremony then, including the life members. This will save us from having to cram everything into one day. There’s $2,000 to spend so it can be a nice event. It
was also recommended that we keep the dinner and awards early enough to accommodate those who need to travel.

- Carl Baker – In the 2020-21 program year, ESP is looking to increase central funds from 10,000-12,000 dollars with the assistance of a few new grants. Asking all the associations to consider collectively using these funds to provide higher level professional development opportunities. Something above and beyond. He asked the association to make a decision soon. Executive committee to make that decision at the next board meeting.

Motion to Adjourn: Myla Munro

Second: Katie Duitsman

Adjourned: 11:35 a.m.