

Montana Association of Community Development Extension Professional (MACDEP)

Draft: Annual Meeting Minutes, MSU, October 20, 2009

Attending: Barbara Andreozzi, Dave Bertelsen, Larry Brence, Damon Bunting, Dan Clark, Sarah Hamlen, Paul Lachapelle, Tara Mastel, Mandie Reed, Bruce Smith, Doug Steele

Paul Lachapelle, President, called the meeting to order 7:05 am and reviewed the agenda, requesting additions, changes or acceptance of the proposed agenda. Sarah Hamlen moved to approve the agenda with Dan Clark's second.

Paul requested review of last year's annual meeting minutes from October 7, 2008. Sarah Hamlen moved to accept the minutes as e-mailed, with Mandie Reed second. The minutes were accepted.

Paul handed out his State of the Association Report, October 20, 2009 (attached) and reviewed the activities and accomplishments of MACDEP for the last year. Highlights of Paul's report included: Officers formally elected, by-laws approved, MACDEP E-News developed and sent monthly to all members plus interested individuals thus 198 have subscribed, and MACDEP web site active with current posting.

Paul also discussed the NACDEP fees for 2010 which will be \$75. He noted there still no word from NACDEP regarding State Association policies.

Paul also shared the current paid membership list in his annual report noting 16 paid members. He reviewed the Community Development Roundtable he conducted the evening before at Santa Fe Reds, held October 19, 2009, 4 – 6 pm. Members shared highlights of the discussion and need for Leadership training at both the agent and community level. Dan Clark noted Horizons also works on Leadership Development and discussed the special needs with Native communities. All agreed we needed to discuss this further under new business.

Sarah Hamlen shared the Financial Report from the Treasurer (attached) noting our balance is currently \$610.00. She also offered an update on a possible 501 (c) 3 status for our association. She noted JCEP had the status but was uncomfortable to offer theirs as an umbrella for all Montana Associations to operate under. After a lengthy discussion, Doug Steele offered to look into the non-profit status for each Extension Association in Montana and report back. Sarah noted she could file tax documents for a for-profit until we have a non-profit membership.

Attendees discussed election of officers and Bruce Smith moved to accept the current slate of officers, thus current officers to continue for another term. Dan Clark seconded, motion passed. Paul thanked the current officers for their work over the last year and for their willingness to continue.

Paul offered a NACDEP update noting the increase to \$75 for national dues. He also reviewed NACDEP's annual meeting set of Bloomington, MN, April 14 – 16, 2010. He also invited members to consider attending the Community Development Society's annual conference in July 2010 and the Grassroots Conference May 26 – 28 in Portland, OR. Details on each conference are available in Paul's MACDEP Newsletters on our web site.

Paul noted our new NACDEP Western Area Representative is Steven Burr from Utah State. Steven will be contacting us via e-mail for assistance with NACDEP.

The attendees discussed creating a MACDEP Award or Awards. All agreed the awards should follow the NACDEP award guidelines with due dates prior to the national organization. Then our award winner can be submitted to the national level. Paul will proceed with development of the awards.

Attendees also agreed to set up professional development scholarships if funding allows assistance. Paul will send our requests for development of a scholarship committee. The attendees also agreed to accept the \$1,000 in professional development funds and funding \$500 for the Extension Day on the Hill education event held each January. This will be an on-going commitment thus will need to be budgeted each year. The scholarship committee will determine the amount of funds that can be utilized each year for scholarships and for holding special educational sessions like our Community Development Roundtables.

Paul asked for additional discussion on the need for Leadership and other training needs. After discussion, attendees agreed a sub-committee was needed to develop educational activities for the association. Paul will serve as Chair with members Mandie, Sarah and Barb along with the RDH's plus addition members. Paul will send out a request for additional members for the new sub-committee.

Meeting adjourned 8:15 am.