

**Texas Extension Association of Family and Consumer Sciences
Winter Board Meeting
Texas 4-H Center
December 6-7, 2022**

The Texas Association of Family and Consumer Sciences Winter Board Meeting was called to order by Joanne Ureste-Armijo at 1:12 p.m. on December 6, 2022.

Micah Holcombe introduced guest speaker TJ Cummings to discuss early career agents to attend board meetings to get more new agents involved in associations.

The following members were present: Carolyn Prill-Bennett, Melode Watson, Shawnte Clawson, Penny Berend, Laura Graves, Staci Winders, Kelli Maberry, Amy O'Brien-Glenn, Fallon White, Nicole Demmer, Angie Gutierrez, Sally Garrett, Zelina Zavala, Amy Ressler, Joanne Ureste-Armijo, Norma Munoz, Kailey Roberts, Kate Marshall, Tonya Poncik, Micah Holcombe, Wendy Hazzard, and Sarah Latham.

The Inspiration for the day was given by Norma Munoz. She shared "A Wish for the New Year."

President Ureste-Armijo appointed Penny Berend and Zelina Zavala to review the minutes of the Winter Board meeting.

Secretary Sarah Latham conducted the Roll Call for the Board with board members answering roll call by answering "What's Your Elf Name?"

Sarah also presented the minutes from the Summer Board meeting as presented by former Secretary Melody Watson. Andrea Brooks and Sarah Latham reviewed the Summer Board meeting minutes. Sally Garrett made the motion to approve the minutes. Fallon White seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Treasurer Tonya Poncik reported the balance of the checking account as of November 30, 2022, as \$35,859.27. New account has been opened at Wells Fargo with Tonya Poncik and Norma Munoz as current signers. Contingency amount has been left in the Citizens' account.

District Reports were given by the District Directors as follows: (District directors discussed structure, district memberships, scholarship, etc.)

District	NEAFCS Members	AgriLife	CEP	EFNEP	BLT	Other	Vacant Positions	State Only	District Only
01	17	15	1	0	0	1	2	0	
02	13	13	0	0	0	0	0	0	
03	20	14	0	0	4	2	0	0	
04	16	15	0	1	0	0	3	0	
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06	4	4	0	0	0	0	1	0	
07	11	10	0	0	1	0	1	0	
08	20	17	1	0	2	0	1	0	
09	19	15	3	0	1	0	0	0	
10	16	16	0	0	0	0	2	0	
11	15	20	2	0	0	0	1	5	
12	11	6	1	0	1	2	1	1	

No report was given from District 5. There was no one in attendance at the meeting from D5.

NEW BUSINESS

PEAC Meeting – What Is PEAC? Professional Extension Association Council - Association Presidents and President Elects meet with ELT (Extension Leadership Team).

President Ureste-Armijo asked districts to submit topics to discuss with ELT. Topics included:

- Questions regarding fee-based programming
- Why do our programs not reference other areas (such as Path to the Plate and Walk-and-Talk); also why are specialists not involved in program (marine agents not included in development of sea food topics)
- Can we fix the Social Media section in TAMED reporting? It is hard to determine followers and posts; make it easier to report.
- Where do we put one-on-one reporting? Or Validation. Or contact hours
- Add in an “Other” area to capture mileage or meals to make it functional as a Commissioners Report. Then it could be downloaded and serve as the CC Report.

Retention issues and pay were discussed at previous PEAC meeting.

State officers met with Extension Leadership Team in November. Discussed annual conference in Decatur, National conference in NC, and goals for association (increase membership and increase professional development).

Committee Assignments – Please ask members to sign up to help on a committee. Especially on Award committees. Kailey Roberts (1st VP) needs 9 members to help with Awards and Recognition Committee.

2023 Conference Update - The 2023 TEAFCS State Conference will be held July 25-27 in Fredericksburg, Texas at the Inn on Baron’s Creek. Members can check in on July 24th. Board discussed conference start up needs and tips for 2024 conference committee questions.

Members would like family activities included in the 2024 (beach/island location). 2024 Committee is looking at alternate dates to avoid peak season to help keep cost as low as possible.

Conferences in 2025, 2026, and 2027 are also potentially beach locations. Members from those districts asked if the conference location is preferred or if in some of those years, we would like to move inland with in the conference district. Zelina Zavala stressed that the Texas coast varies, and locations will not be similar.

District Idea Sharing - Each District Director shared programming ideas from district.

OLD BUSINESS

2022 TEAFCS State Conference Wrap-Up – Members that attended the conference in Decatur shared personal experiences and remarks on the conference. Recent conference host districts shared ways they secured funds (via fundraisers or sponsorships) and tips for planning. 2022 TEAFCS Conference Attendance: 155

2022 NEAFCS Annual Session – Attendees provided a report of the conference held in Raleigh, NC.

Penny Berend made a motion to recess at 3:33 pm until 8:30 am Wednesday, December 7, 2022. Amy Ressler seconded the motion.

Meeting was called to order at 8:33 am on Wednesday, December 7, 2023, by President Ureste-Armijo.

Board discussed mentoring through TEAFCS as discussed on Tuesday at the Professional Development session.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS

President Joanne Ureste-Armijo – Joanne asked agents to sign up for committees. Anyone can serve on committees, not just board members. PILD is scheduled for April, contact her for additional information.

President Elect Norma Munoz – President Ureste-Armijo reported in Norma's absence. JCEP is scheduled for February. If anyone would like to serve on the nomination committee, please contact her.

1st Vice President Kailey Roberts – NEAFCS affiliate training has been rescheduled for tomorrow. She is working on updating the Awards Manual. NEAFCS Award Applications are due February 15, 2023, and TEAFCS Award Applications are due April 3, 2023.

2nd Vice President Kate Blankenship – Encouraged members to attend the 2023 conference in Fredericksburg in July.

Secretary Sarah Latham – No report.

Treasurer Tonya Poncik – No report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Texas Extra - Wendy Hazzard reported submissions for the next edition are due on the 15th and will be released January 1, 2023. Changes to Spring newsletter will allow each district to have one page in the newsletter. Details on district submissions will be released in January.

Bylaws - Sarah Latham reported changes were made to the NEAFCS bylaws at the Annual Session in September. The TEAFCS Bylaws Committee will meet before May meetings and present the changes for discussion at that time.

Member Resources - Amy Ressler discussed ideas to increase membership and requested suggestions from members. Amy has attended Discover Extension meetings and introduced the association to new members. Encouraged continuing the clothing swap at the state meeting to help new agents gain access to Extension apparel. Amy suggested designing an association shirt for members; would like to look at the budget to see if there is a line item available to help with cost. She will present additional information at the May meeting. Members discussed previous gifting of carts to new members. Carts cost approximately \$50 each and this process stopped due to expense.

Historical - Kelli Brown – No report. Kelli was not in attendance at the meeting.

4-H Foundation - Micah Holcombe will email the 4-H Foundation report to all board members. Scholarship portal is open. General eligibility to apply is no longer limited to top 50% of class; open to all

(individual scholarships may have their own guidelines). Deadline for scholarship applications is February 15, 2023. The 4-H Foundation Clover Gala will be held on June 8, 2023. In 2022, TEAFCS donated a Consuela bag for the silent auction. Deadline for Foundation grants is December 31, 2022 (earlier than normal); will be awarded in February and must be used by August 31. Micah encouraged agents to support the Foundation Jerky fundraiser. Micah will send out the training on payment/requesting funds and distribute it to agents.

Webmaster, Chris Coon – No report. Chris was not in attendance at the meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Ureste-Armijo provided with the following dates to remember:

2023 Spring Board Meetings	May 2-3, 2023	Brownwood, TX
2023 TEAFCS Conference	July 24-27, 2023	Fredericksburg, TX
2023 NEAFCS Conference	Sept. 11-14, 2023	Providence, RI

President Ureste-Armijo congratulated agents receiving doctoral degrees in December, Amy Ressler, Shawnte Clawson, and Sarah Latham. Amy Ressler discussed Texas A&M System degree financial assistance program and encouraged interested agents to take advantage of it. The program will be reevaluated in 2024.

A motion to adjourn was made by Carolyn Prill Bennett. The motion was seconded by Sally Garrett. Meeting adjourned at 9:21 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Sarah Latham
TEAFCS Secretary