

Michigan State University Extension
Community and Natural Resources Development Association (CNRDA)

Annual Membership Meeting


October 11, 2006, Amway Grand Hotel, MSU Extension Fall Conference.

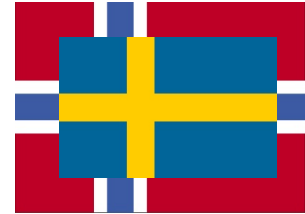
Minutes

1. Call to Order at 6:10pm by Chair Peterson
2. Minutes of the October 12, 2005 Annual Membership Meeting – Schindler
Schindler moved, seconded by Bagley to approve the October 12, 2005 minutes. Motion passed.
3. Election of Board Members
Chair Peterson reviewed the slate of candidates for board seats representing the Upper Peninsula, North, and Southeast MSUE regions. Additional nominations were asked for.
Wiesing moved, seconded by Hudson, to declare nominations closed, and cast a majority vote for the following candidates: Michelle Walk to represent the Upper Peninsula region, John Amrhein to represent the North Region, and Darren Bagley to represent the Southeast region. Motion passed.
Chair Peterson reported Mary Robb will become the new chair, following CNRDA by-laws succession system. Kelly Getman-Dissette left her employment with MSU Extension, and thus vacated her seat on the CNRDA board. The Board acted to appoint Jasneet Sharma for the unexpired term.
4. President's Report – Georgia Peterson.
Peterson reminded members the organization now has an "N" added to the acronym CNRDA. This was done by e-mail vote of the membership with the purpose of satisfying Association of Natural Resource Extension Professionals (ANREP) to be a state-affiliate. ANREP inquired about having Michigan host their national conference in 2007. This idea was passed upon. There is now an issue as to how to pronounce CNRDA; as *snerd-uh*, or as *kuh-nerd-uh* (as in "nerds"), or as *cana-ur-dah* (as in "Canada"), or "Community and Natural Resources Development Association" (morally opposed to using acronyms).
Amrhein reported on the National Association of Community Development Extension Professionals (NACDEP) affiliation expected to be announced by summer 2007. April 2007 is the next national NACDEP meeting in Philadelphia. NACDEP purposes/goals appear to be having a national conference, providing a voice with the United States Department of Agriculture, professional development, and awards.
Peterson reported on the GALAXY III conference of the Joint Council of Extension Professionals in 2008 and the April 2007 Public Issues Leadership Development Conference.
Peterson reported on CNRDA's activities in responding to proposed MSUE

administrative policy.

Bagley reported on creating a CNRDA board guidebook, desire to be on the “next generation of the Portal” committee.

Peterson reported on CNRDA’s activities in responding to proposed MSUE administrative policy, WaWaSum Board retreat (including maligning the Norwegian flag, and CNRDA goals for the next few years: professional development, awards and recognition. recognize new members at the fall MSUE conference, increase membership and meetings face-to-face with each of the new members (mentoring), stronger voice with administration and regional directors, development of a logo (such as ) , and participation in new staff orientation.



5. Guest Speaker, Mr. S. G. Maverick – Bonnie Wichtener-Zoia
Wichtener-Zoia introduced Mr. Maverick. Maverick provided a motivational talk.
6. Treasurer’s Report – Diane Smith.
Report distributed and reviewed. Noted that membership is higher than it has been in past years. **Bagley moved, seconded by Ivan to approve the expenditure and treasurer’s report. Motion passed.**
7. Awards – Diane Smith.
The *Community Partnership Award* was presented to Linda Patrick, Genesee County, for her work in the Greater Beecher Business District Association in 2004.
The *Raymond D. Vlasin Award for Program Excellence* was presented to Lela Vandenberg, Extension Specialist in Community Leadership Development.
8. Announcements
Scott Loveridge spoke of the County Mayo, Ireland, international trip learning experience opportunity for Extension employees and community members. Those interested should apply by March 1, 2007. The trip will be June 22-July 1, 2007.
9. Turning Point Responsive Innovations – Dean Solomon
Dean Solomon, using the latest in innovative group voting technology, lead the membership through series of questions and prioritization exercises. Results of these, including the decision on proper pronunciation of CNRDA, is included in a PDF of a PowerPoint presentation ([CNRDA 2006 Annual Membership Meeting.pdf](#)), herein made a part of the original copy of these minutes as attachment “A”.

10. Talk with Administration.

MSUE Director Tom Coon and Associate Director Scott Lovejoy presented and answered questions: Issues identification, career path (affiliate status and senior educators), Portal, masters degree requirement, salary compression, creating a position titled “educator-in-training” with a fixed term to obtain a masters degree, state natural resources position leader, state agriculture leader, intent to value all MSUE employees, and incentive programs.

11. **Adjourned at about 9pm.**

Respectfully submitted:

Kurt H. Schindler
Secretary