2011 ESP Tau Chapter Annual Meeting

Present:

Debbie Ross, President
Brian Clark, Secretary
John Lea Cox, Past President
Patsy Ezell
David Ross
Mary Ellen Waltemire
Kendra Wells
Susan Morris
Dick Angus

Alganesh T. Piechocinski
Andy Lazur
Amanda Wahle
Sandra Womack
Cynthia Warner
Lynn Little
Nick Place
*Beth Nichols

Began at 9:04, October 4th 2011 in Building 005 of the Beltsville Agriculture Research Center

Changes in Officers

• Due to the resignation of Vice President Beth Nichols, it was put to a question via email to allow for John Lea-Cox to remain past President and Debbie Ross to remain President. Vote was 33 for, 0 against.
• In addition, Dale Johnson is stepping down from treasurer

2011-12 officers are:

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Moved by Mary Ellen Waltemire, seconded by John Lea-Cox, unanimous vote cast
Moved by Kendra Wells, seconded Mary Ellen Waltemire, unanimous vote cast
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Move to accept current constitution and bylaws. All copies shall have the date they were ratified and the page numbers included. Moved by John Lea-Cox, seconded by Kendra Wells, unanimous vote cast

Bylaws Committee: Alganesh T. Piechocinski, Dick Angus, Debbie Ross

Awards for 2011

• Low number of applicants, possibly due to lack of understanding. Alganesh T. Piechocinski volunteered to acquire samples of successful applications for the various ESP awards.
• Reminder of deadlines from state officers
• Letter to Impact Teams
Examine the possibility of State ESP awards being presented at the spring College of Agriculture and Natural Resources awards ceremony as either a program insert or actual presentation of award. Program insert was favored due to time constraints of the spring program.

Treasurer’s Report
- Balance accurate as of August 31, 2011
- Due to a change in treasurers, an audit will need to be done
- Report is missing spending policies and budget
- Move to have the president write a letter of appreciation to Dale Johnson for his service. Moved by David Ross, seconded by John Lea-Cox, unanimous vote cast

National ESP
- David Ross discussed duties of Tau Chapter at the 2011 National ESP meeting in Syracuse.
- Debbie Ross, David Ross, Brian Clark, John Lea-Cox, Dick Angus, Mary Ellen Waltemire, Karol Dyson will all be attending.

November 8, 2012 was decided to be the next Tau Chapter annual meeting
- Begin to look for a speaker or tour

Professional Development
- Retirement Planning (retirement)
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- Multidisciplinary topics

Presentation by Dr Nick Place
- Praising cross disciplines
- University of Maryland President’s support

Other Committees
- Member Recruitment
  - Amanda Wahle, Kendra Wells, John Lea-Cox
- Professional Development
  - Mary Ellen Waltemire and Patsy Ezell

Potential Bylaw Change
- Add Vice President to signature authority
- Reason: Allow a 3 year rotating window/logistics
- Required to table

Concern over low numbers of award nominations
- Executive Council to send out reminders of due dates
- Send out internet links to various awards
- Letters to Impact Teams

Professional Development
- Speaker possibly pooling funds from all professional state extension organizations to bring in a speaker/hold a workshop.