

2017 GAE4-HA State Meeting Minutes

**Georgia Association of Extension 4-H Agents
2017 GAE4-HA State Meeting
Monday, April 17, 2017
2:00PM**

Call to Order

Kasey Bozeman

President Kasey Bozeman called the meeting to order at 2:05pm.

Jenna Daniel sent an email on Friday our bylaw change to membership. If you have any questions or concerns, please come to the policy and resolution committee meeting on Tuesday April 18th. The committee will discuss the potential changes and send to membership for an online vote.

Pledge of Allegiance

Jeremy Cheney

Recognition of Special Guests, Sponsors, and Past Presidents

Kasey Bozeman

Special Guests

- Leanna Deal- Southeast PDC
- Melinda Miller- Southwest PDC

Sponsors

- Georgia Cotton Commission
- Georgia 4-H Foundation
- Georgia Department of Agriculture
- Georgia EMC
- Georgia Farm Bureau
- Georgia Peanut Commission
- UGA Extension Retiree Association

Past Presidents

- Raymond Joyce
- Royce James
- Cherry Hovatter
- Rebecca Thomas
- Kate Whiting

Greetings from NAE4-HA Southern Region Director

Rebecca Thomas

17 years ago Rebecca served as the GAE4-HA president. "You miss 100% of the shots that you never take". Thank you for your support for voting several months ago for me to have this opportunity. Thankful to serve in this role with two additional GA colleagues. Update from the Southern Region and Nationals

- Overview of NAE4-HA- Little over 3500 members nationwide. Dedication to promoting, strengthening, and enhancing professional developments of 4-H staff members across the nation
- Various memberships on the national level
 - o Active members- full time employees

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- Life members
- Student memberships- College students membership at half price
- Affiliate membership
- Partner membership
- Benefits- professional development sessions, workshops, virtual professional development on the 3rd Wednesday of every month (you can also teach on the national level at the virtual professional development by submitting an application; news, Journal of Extension and Youth Development.
- Sign up for the Journal of Youth Development- if you need help check in with Rebecca. Cutting edge news articles and research being done in the profession. It is FREE for being a member of NAE4-HA.
- Money that we send to NAE4-HA goes to support professional development but it also goes to other entities
 - First Timers Scholarship- will be awarding 16 first timers scholarship which is new! Used to give only 2. \$250 per region
 - Support JCEP (Joint Council of Extension Professionals)
 - Supports PILD
- Awards Process and Deadlines
 - National awards will be announced very soon
 - Thank you to Lauren Dye for leading this at the state
- Leadership of NAE4-HA
 - President Shawn Tied
 - President Elect- Casey Mull
 - Past President- Lena Mallory
 - VP Council
 - State Relations- Cheryl Newberry
 - Finance and Operations- Scott Nash
 - Professional Development- Abby Smith
 - Member Services- Mark Light
 - Programs- Kate Feldhaus
 - Marketing and outreach- Jeannette Rea-Keywood
 - 9 Regional directions- Southern Region has 3 regional directors
 - Raise your hand campaign- please all 4-H alumni raise your hand. The state that has the highest number of hands raised will receive \$10,000 for their state foundation
 - Committee Chairs
 - Policy and resolution- Torey Earle
 - Research and Evaluation- Mary Arnold
 - Member Recognition- Eric Larson
 - Professional Develop- Lacey Mann
 - PR- Juli Tritz
 - Life Member-
 - Organizational Stewardship Committee
 - Candidate Timeline- May 1 (put your name in the hat to run for national positions) 2 southern region directors open , June 1 (record 5 minute video to send in and candidate orientation), July (Webinar to entire membership), August (Voting), Sept 1 (notify who will win), Fall
 - NAE4-HA Indianapolis- November 2017
 - NAE4-HA- Ohio -October 2018
 - NAE4-HA Greenbriar West Virginia- November 2019

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Introduction of Candidates

Kate Whiting

Kate led the nomination committee for our association. We have an excellent slate of candidates. Sonya Jones is the nominee for Vice President. Jeffrey Burke is running for the Treasurers position.

Candidate Speeches

Sonya Jones- Vice President Candidate- "Taking GAE4-HA Back To the Future"

Jeffrey Burke- Treasurers Candidate- "Bark for Burke"

Motion to close the floor and approve the slate of candidates- Robbie Jones

Seconded by- Kevin Tatum

Voting Instructions- At the conclusion of this email, we will receive an email and will be open until 5:00pm on Tuesday April 18th. If you do not receive an email by dinner please see Kate Whiting immediately. It will also go out to anyone that was unable to come to the meeting this week.

New Member Recognition

Brittany Teets

First Time Conference attendees

- Ashley Carroll
- April Edwards
- Chad Griffin
- Margaret Holbrook
- Audry Justice
- Lauren Morris
- Rachel Wigington
- Lee Woodall
- Patty McIver
- Megan Powell
- Kelly Piette

Conference Instructions

GAE4-HA Members

Welcome

Cheryl Poppell

Thank you for all the support for my family this year. Thank you to Kasey, Kate, and Jeremy for assisting with everything. Thank you to the committee chairs to get things together for the conference! You will see the fruits of their effort this week. Welcome to the 2017 Professional Improvement Conference. I hope that you will take the theme Building for the Future to heart as you build your county programs. We want you to ask, imagine, create and improve your county program. Please attend the sessions, posters, ignite sessions, and round tables to give you ideas to take home. Committee meeting locations/times, sessions are all listed in the program in your name tag. Thank you to Robbie Jones for planning our evening event. Minor change in the schedule today. We will have our break on the pavilion before our guest speaker this afternoon.

Healthy Fitness Challenge

Lee Anna Deal

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Wellness challenge put on by the programs committee that covers nutritional wellness, emotional wellness, and physical wellness. Turn in your blue sheet that has the wellness check sheet to a programs committee member tomorrow evening. Gift bags will be awarded those whose names were drawn that participated.

Monday Evening Event Instructions

Robbie Jones

Hosting the evening event at Andalusia, the home of Flannery O'Connor in Milledgeville. She is known as one of the predecessors of the modern American short story format. Flannery is from Milledgeville, GA. She is considered one of the leading writers in the 20th century. Died early to Lupus and has limited works but a vast following. The home is in repair and in restoration. Only one bathroom so be mindful! Easy to get to Andalusia.

Door Prizes

Jennifer Cantwell

Terri Fullerton, Crystal Perry, Casey Hobbs, Abby Smith were all winners.

4-H Pledge

Brittani Kelley

Philip Petway- Diversity committee please come to meet at GA EMC at 3:00pm on Tuesday April 18th to help decorate for the National Awards Banquet.

Jeffrey Burke made a motion to recess the business meeting until Wednesday April 19th at 8:30am

Seconded by Jeremy Cheney

Motioned passed.

Recess

Call to Order to Reconvene

Kasey Bozeman

President Kasey Bozeman reconvened the meeting on Wednesday April 19th at 8:35am.

Pledge of Allegiance

Pam Bloch

Recognition of Special Guests, Sponsors, & Past Presidents Kasey Bozeman

Special Guests

- Arch Smith
- Judy Ashley
- Tim Varnedore
- Lori Bledsoe
- Sheldon Hammond

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- Georgia 4-H Foundation

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- Georgia Department of Agriculture
- Georgia EMC
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- UGA Extension Retiree Association

GAE4-HA Past Presidents

- Arch Smith
- Cheryl Varnadoe
- Judy Ashley
- Royce James
- Laura Garrett
- Shirley Williamson
- Rebecca Thomas
- Kate Whiting
- Al Parker
- Cherry Hovatter
- Lori Bledsoe

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Brittani Kelley

Brittani presented the minutes from the 2016 State Meeting at the Mighty 8th Museum in Pooler, GA.

Robbie made a motion to accept the minutes

Terri Fullerton seconded

Motion passed

Treasurers Report

Pam Bloch

Pam reported on the treasurer's report from this past year.

Rebecca made a motion to accept the treasurer's report that was included in the packet given to all membership.

Seconded by Andy Haygood

2017 Budget

Cheryl Poppell

At the last board of directors meeting the board approved the 2017-2018 budget. Membership has a copy of the proposed budget for review.

Rebecca Thomas made a motion to accept the 2017-2018 President's budget

Seconded by Abbie Smith

Motion passed

Committee Reports

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Diversity

Phillip Petway

Committee Members in Attendance: Jazmine Thomas, Kandi Edwards...

Old Business/Topics/Discussion:

Try Decorating during the middle of a monsoon, Wind rain, Decorations Flying Everywhere

Decorations - Trish West -National Awards Banquet EMC Pavilion

Kandi Edwards- State Awards Brunch Dining Hall

Survey Last year at State Meeting/Results

Two Articles in Peach Press: Covering Diversity Topics (Survey)

New Business/Topics/Discussion:

Should we do away with Diversity Committee?

- Robbie asked to clarify if the president will appoint a taskforce to look at dissolving the diversity committee. Kasey responded that the discussion will occur at the changeover board meeting, sent to the policy and resolution committee, then back to the board to be sent out to membership for a vote.
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Removing the responsibility of Decorations for the State Meeting

Life Members

Royce James

The scheduled meeting was postponed due to limited attendance – as members expressed interest in attending the Policy & Resolutions Committee meeting. A brief meeting was held with individual Life Members to share ongoing efforts and to solicit ideas and input.

Currently, committee members are working to enhance our search to update contact information, reconnect and engage its membership. Most recent effort included:

- Mail out to the Extension Retirees Association email list (by Dot Cofer)
- Had good responses which noted that (1) some emails had changed; (2) some emails were still the same; but (3) most indicating that they hadn't gotten anything from the Association in years
- Will be compiling a list of respondents with updates provided to the Vice-President / Membership Chair

Going forward we will be recommending that:

- The "names" of Life Members be published in the "Peach Press" newsletter, applicable promotion and recruiting communications

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- Utilizing the “EXTALL” link – ask county staffs to provide the association with the names and contact information of known Life Members, and//or, other retired agents that are volunteering in their county programs

The committee continues to encourage the “Annual Meeting Planning Committee” and District Directors to promote any life member friendly events and activities planned for conferences and professional improvement days – i.e., this conference: Monday’s Activity Games; Andalusia Farm; Round Table Discussions; Work Balance Panel; and the Auction & Social were some potentially engaging, fun and encouraging opportunities.

While the Life Member Committee had not been officially designated a specific role or given a responsibility in the association (probably for obvious reasons), it recommends to the board – as requested, the following “**Purpose Statement**” and list of **Annual Tasks** to be submitted to Policy & Resolutions for review and update:

PURPOSE – Coordinate leadership efforts and provide life membership as a conduit with the Board of Directors and the association. A Life Member will serve as Chair to represent GAE4-HA Life Members as determined by the Life Member Committee.

ANNUAL TASKS:

- Work with the Vice-President to solicit, collect and update Life Member contact information to maintain communication efforts and to help welcome Life Members
- Solicit information from Life Members for submission of articles to the Peach Press newsletter section “Where Are They Now...”
- Assist in reaching out to retirees to consider life membership in the association
- Help promote and encourage Life Members to apply for Life Member Recognition Award
- Work with President-Elect and/or the Planning Committee in suggestions and creating a program for Life Members at Annual Conference

Media

Dinah Rowe

Present: Dinah Rowe (chair), Terri Fullerton, Leonard Anderson, Pam Bloch, Ashley Carroll, Megan Powell, Margaret Halbrook, Randy West, April Baggs, Bill Hammond, Casey Hobbs, Dinah Rowe, Andy Haygood. (13 members)

The meeting was held in Barkaloo-Rich 1 on Tuesday, April 18, 2017.

MISSION/PURPOSE: To share the news of professional development among the members of GAE4-HA

TASKS:

- Publish 3-4 newsletters for the year.
- Be sure to cover entire state meeting with photographers.
- Create a slideshow to be shown before business meetings at state meeting of members with names and titles.
- Create a slideshow for banquets to showcase photos of winning programs.
- Publish award winning posters and/or programs in newsletters.

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- Create and maintain a Flickr account to share photos (Ashley & Megan)
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Minutes

- Where did tasks like website, logo & awards programs go? Not that we need more work, but are they permanently removed from our committee?
- Dinah reported a request was made to make a sleeker newsletter and use print-on-demand. This has not been accomplished in past year. She would like to explore this in upcoming year. She feels like there are not a many options that can be done in its current format.
- We published 3 Peach Press newsletters this year. 4 is our goal, but is tough.
- Robin Turi is the new chair as of this meeting
- Dinah will send email reminder to send articles about the conference to Robin. We will also include a report on award winners in the **spring re-cap** newsletter. Articles will be due May 1st.
- Remember that short captions with a photo can make a great submission for the newsletter—don't feel pressured to write long articles.
- Suggestion: Get RFD to cover the annual meeting.
- Use OCT to help with design, logos, and ideas? They may have a template that we can drop articles in easily.
- Request all minutes from the GAE4-HA secretary from state meeting (committees, districts, etc.) to use in **spring re-cap** newsletter. This gives membership a great snap shot of what each committee is doing.
- Have a Skype meeting in advance of the state meeting to assign tasks (and delegate!) Chair will create list of tasks to be assigned. Let chair know if you're interested in a particular task.
- Can we start (or do we want) a Facebook page for membership?

Workshop assignments for **Spring Re-Cap** newsletter:

- Planning for a Major Event Effectively – Ashley Carroll
- Putting Your Best Foot Forward – Megan Powell
- Starting a SAFE Shotgun Program – Bill Hammond
- Life 101 – Bill Hammond
- Science of Flight – Margaret Halbrook
- Making Farm Friends – Margaret Halbrook
- 4-H Staff Meetings – Terri Fullerton
- Taking the Management out of Staff Mgmt – Randy West
- Poinsettias – Leonard Anderson
- Breakfast with Santa – Dinah Rowe
- Construyendo el Futuro – April Baggs
- Winning with What's in your 4-H Toolbox – Casey Hobbs
- 4-H PA Enhancement – Pam Bloch
- Ignite sessions: Bill Hammond

Member Recognition

Lauren Dye

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Submitted by Lauren Dye

Old Business:

Awards judging was held March 15, 2017, at the Monroe County Extension Office. Lauren Dye, Jakyn Tyson, Brennan Jackson, Jackie Nunn, Kris Peavy and April McDaniel were in attendance.

Winner letters went out to the recipients. Recipients of national awards had an opportunity to choose between a polo shirt or a plaque. Shirts were ordered from the Ken Young Company. Plaques were ordered from Star Granite & Bronze. Certificates were made for team members, agents who had a winning nominee and those who chose the shirt option.

The programs for the State Awards Brunch and National Awards Banquet, as well as the certificates, were written, approved and printed.

State winning awards were submitted to the Southern Region for judging.

New Business:

The Member Recognition Committee leadership hosted a 45 minute workshop during the GAE4-HA Annual Conference.

The GAE4-HA Outstanding Support by a Retiree Award will be changed to remove the "life member" stipulation for applicants.

GAE4-HA Peach of a Profession and Scholarship Awards need to be amended to say "when funds are available" in case the interest off the investment is not enough to cover cost.

Bonnie Boone was selected to serve as the incoming Southwest District Awards Representative.

Allie Griner was selected to serve as the incoming Northwest District Awards Representative.

Brennan Jackson (Northeast District) and Jackie Nunn (Southeast District) will stay to complete their second year as the district awards representative.

Jakyn Tyson will be moving in to the Chair position.

Kris Peavy will enter the Co-Chair position.

Progress since last meeting:

Discussion is being held regarding adding a new GAE4-HA State Award for "other staff." This award would be given to other UGA professionals who may or may not have an Extension appointment but who strongly support 4-H and do not fall into the Program Assistant, Volunteer Leader, Secretary or FACS/ANR Agent positions (i.e. specialists, OLAD, Office of Communications, ALEC, ADS, etc.).

Oceans of Fun

Al Parker

Work since last meeting:

This year's OOF will be July 9 – 12, 2017 at Jekyll Island.

Rooms are reserved for workers.

Those going this year will be:

NE Jones Brennan Jackson

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NE Stephens Susan Yearwood
NE Jasper Kasey Hall
NE Butts Jenny Brown
NW Newton Terri Fullerton
NW Rockdale Brittany Teets F
NW Heard Dinah Rowe F
NW Henry Laura Garrett
SE Pierce Jared Crapps
SE Effingham Abby Smith F
SE Bryan Trish West F
SE Bacon Leah Woodall
SW Lowndes Lynn Hall F
SW Dougherty Jazmin Thomas
SW Cook Bonnie Boone
SW Tift Ashley Davis

Committee involvement:

We had 13 members present.

Jared Crapps was named Coordinator for 2018. He is training under Al this year.

He will serve in 2018, train someone in 2019 and will step down per GAE4-HA By-Laws.

Ashley Davis will serve as Breakfast Coordinator. She will be ordering polos as well.

Schedule was finalized and will be sent to GAEL to load on their website.

Al will be finalizing plans for this year with vendors.

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Policy and Resolution

Jenna Daniel

The policy and resolution committee met on April 18th at the annual GAE4-HA meeting. 13 members were present. These members included:

1. Rebecca Thomas
2. Robbie Jones
3. Jennifer Grogan
4. Dr. Lori Bledsoe
5. Jeri Gilleland
6. Sondra Fortner
7. Connie Page
8. Marie Trice
9. Melanie Biersmith
10. Brittani Kelley
11. Arch Smith
12. Greg Price
13. Royce James

During the meeting 3 agenda items were discussed:

1. GAE4-HA By-Law Proposal related to Membership Categories

- a. Discussion and questions were shared related to the proposed by-law change "**Active Members:** Currently employed *full time* by University of Georgia Cooperative Extension and Fort Valley State University Extension in professional status (*having 5 years' employed extension experience or a Bachelor's degree*) or operating under an official agreement with University of Georgia Cooperative Extension in a professional status (*having 5 years' employed extension experience or a Bachelor's degree*) and assigned responsibility for 4-H Youth development or professional interest in promoting and supporting same. Active GAE4-HA members who retire may complete that membership year as active members, with full membership benefits. They may vote; hold elected or appointed positions; receive newsletters, pay full current dues amount." Specific concerns were addressed related to the proposal which could allow Program Assistants to join GAE4-HA as active members and run or be appointed for office. The discussion centered on the time and commitment for Program Assistant's to hold appointed and elected office. Questions were raised about county operations policy, defining professional status, and the number of staff that would be eligible to join if this proposal were to move forward to a membership vote. It was then proposed that more research and discussion be performed to explore a new category of membership related to Program Assistant's. This category would potentially be offered at a lower rate, but would maintain the district and national level dues so that this membership category would be eligible to submit for Georgia and National awards. Different from active members, this membership category would not be eligible to hold appointed or elected office.
- b. Following discussion, it was proposed that a summary of the conversation be presented before the Board of Directors at the changeover meeting on April 19th, following the conclusion of the conference. Any discussion and suggestions during this meeting would be further explored and ultimately return back to the Policy and Resolution committee.
- c. A suggestion was offered for a face-to-face committee meeting to be held in a central location of the state following the annual meeting for the Policy and Resolution Committee to review current by-

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laws and membership categories and to provide any proposals in one electronic vote to membership.

2. Election of 2017-2018 Committee Chair

- a. Robbie Jones was nominated by Connie Page and seconded by Marie Trice to serve as the 2017-2018 Policy and Resolution Committee Chair. A vote was called for and the motion passed.

3. Update Policy and Resolution Committee responsibilities and purpose statement

- a. Suggestions related to the Policy and Resolution responsibilities and purpose statement were offered and included:
 - i. Move exhibit hall and educational posters to an annual meeting planning committee
 - ii. Committee chair serves as the Parliamentarian for the GAE4-HA Board of Directors
 - iii. Clarify process and policies – look to the NAE4-HA by-laws for guidance
 - iv. Allow the committee chair to serve a 2-year term and nominate a chair-elect to serve under their leadership for one year.

Professional Development

Kelle Ashley

Attendees: Julia Steed, Chesley Davis, Elizabeth Conway, April Edwards, Susan Goldman, Sue Chapman, Mandy Marable, Rhea Bentley, Kelle Ashley, Leah Woodall

Chair Elect: Chesley Davis

2017 State Meeting Workshops:

- Five ignites, twelve seminars, eight showcases, ten round tables, expert panel
- Topics were based on results of an interest survey (110 responses) and NAE4-HA topics.
- Thank you: Mandy Marable, Chesley Davis, Rebekah Greene, Julia Steed and Rhea Bentley facilitated workshops during the conference.

Ideas and areas of improvement for the 2018 State Meeting Workshops:

- We would like to continue to have an “expert” panel format, but will explore more topics that relate to a broad audience.
- We would like to offer more preventative “Burn Out” sessions.
- PDC’s were unable to attend the Work Life Balance Panel discussion. Committee suggested sending audience questions to PDC’s. Possibly discuss at August updates.
- Make the panel be a working lunch.
- We possibly offered too many classes.
- We should schedule specific times for shared rooms.
- Continue Ignite sessions after lunch.
- Change morning round tables to “Coffee talk...Keep the ideas brewing.”
- Modify the Qualtrics application.

Peach Press:

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- Fall 2016: Kelle Ashley wrote a Spotlight on Lisa Starling for her working on her graduate school coursework.
- Spring 2017: Julia Steed submitted an article on teaching millennials real life skills.
- Potentially write a “Question Answer” article for new agents.
- Fall 2017: Chesley Davis Spotlight, Rhea Bentley will write.

Curricula Day:

- Rebekah Greene, Chesley Davis and Kelle Ashley presented on engaging learners.
- 2017 Curricula Day: Building Relationships with Schools and Incorporating new standards
- Use Chapter 3 of the Georgia 4-H School Relations Manual to create the presentation. g
- Presenters: Elizabeth Conway, Rhea Bentley
Prep Work: Chesley Davis, Susan Goldman

NAE4-HA monthly webinar

- GAE4-HA Professional Development Committee would like to have a presence on the National Level. Present the Curricula Day School Relations on the NAE4-HA webinar. Contact Victoria Tillery

Programs

Lee Anna Deal

8 members present

Surveys

Wellness Challenge- 25 participants

Timothy Jennings Chair Elect

Ali Merk- Co-Chair

Public Relations and Information

Brittany Teets

- 9 people attended the meeting
- We discussed continuing the current projects:
 - 4-H Day at the Capitol – Gifts for Legislatures
 - GAE4-HA Brochure and Exhibit
 - Friend of 4-H Nomination Survey
 - First Timer’s Orientation
 - State Conference Break Out Refreshments and Menu Selection for State Meeting if subcommittee is not made.

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- We discussed the following added projects for 2017:
 - State Board of Director Gifts to put in their goody bags
 - Website Update/Keeping things up to date
 - Friend of 4-H Award Section on website (Brittany agreed to take this on)
 - **Biggest Goal for the Year:** Attend other association meetings and recruit members for GAE4-HA!
- New Chair for 2017-2018: Allison Perkins
- Chair-Elect: Rachel Wigington

Research and Evaluation

Jennifer Cantwell

The Research & Evaluation Committee met on April 18, 2017. Five members were in attendance: Jennifer Cantwell, Laurie Murrah-Hanson, Tammy Tyre, Janet Woodard, and Rebecca Greene. Allie Griner provided input prior to the meeting as she needed to attend another committee meeting.

Members discussed the purpose of the committee as well as desired activities throughout the year. The committee will meet by Zoom in May to finalize the items presented below.

Purpose: Provide evaluation resources and training for the GAE4-HA membership.

Yearly Training Activities:

- Provide an evaluation training at the State Meeting every year.
 - We will partner with the Professional Development Committee to add a question about evaluation needs to their yearly survey. We will use this information to design the training we will submit
- Present a training at Curricula Day every year.
 - Mandy Marable already requested that Jennifer provide a training at Curricula Day to show Agents how to use the End of the Year Teacher Survey in Qualtrics. Tammy and Laurie will assist with this training.

Ongoing Resource Provision:

- Promote use of Georgia 4-H evaluation resources.
- Promote use of/make Agents aware of evaluation resources provided by National 4-H such as Common Measures

Activities at State Meeting:

- Design and distribute End of Conference Survey
- Design and distribute evaluations for workshop sessions

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Other Ideas:

- Members of committee can test/pilot new Georgia 4-H evaluation resources.
- End of Year Teacher Survey – How do we effectively let teachers know what we really do so they can decide which lessons they want. The survey is great, but it does not go into detail about the actual lessons as well as all the lessons available.
- Get Agents together (maybe by district) and facilitate the development of an array of evaluation tools by content area We could pick two topics per year and schedule work sessions. Laurie and Rebecca are interested in leaving this effort.
 - The committee could late teach Agents how to use the tools developed.

Future Meetings:

- We will meet by Zoom in the following months: May, August, and December.
 - Jennifer will send out a Doodle Poll to determine date and time of May meeting.
- Face-to-face meeting in April.

District Reports

Northeast

Marcus Eason

Membership Update:

32 - GAE4HA Members

Financial Report:

\$4,509.79 Account Balance as if April 14, 2017

*Northeast District Awards applied for:

-GAE4-HA Awards – 25

-NAE4-HA Awards – 13

*Voted to sponsor the Human Development Project at \$300

*Voted to fund the Northeast District State Congress T-Shirts for all full-time 4-H participants and adults

*Voted to raise Northeast GAE4-HA Dues by \$5 for a total of \$10 above GAE4-HA Membership Dues

*Voted Ali Merk as the in-coming Northeast District Junior Director

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*Senior Director, Marcus Eason

*Junior Director, Randie Gray

*In-coming Junior Director, Ali Merk

Northwest

Abbie Salmon

Acting Senior Director: Abbie Salmon

24 members present

Call to Order Abbie Salmon

-District Director update/Sheldon Hammond:

- excellent budget year
- 2% raise pool in Governor's plan/budget
- 5 posters from Northwest
- 9 presenters from NW
- Welcome Chad, Patty
- recognize leaders of association
- will be able to hire 2 agents (Spalding and Fayette)
- Cherry is retiring. Retirement party scheduled for May 12.

-Sr Director Report:

- membership: 41, dues \$3,610
- fundraisers profit \$706-57, Jr/Sr DPA
- State Congress t-shirts 2016
- Human Development project 2016
- gift cards for celebrations
- balance 4/16/2017 \$3,385.93

-Old Business

- great plug from Royce for Life Membership for us to bring in retirees that are volunteering locally
- send in new life members e-mails to Jeremy Cheney
- Jeremy and Abbie make recommendations to stay in touch with life members
- shout out for Dot's article in Peach Press
- asked for life members names to be put on website
- Leonard and Rebecca talked about college students as members GAE4-HA

-New Business

- welcome first timers Chad and Patty
- past Presidents Rebecca, Cherry and Royce
- National – Rebecca
- NAE4-HA attendees funds
 - 15+ planning to go to NAE4-HA
 - Discussion

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- Jeremy motion to forgo this year for future meetings.
- Brittany Teets 2nds
- motion carries

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-New Business (continued):

- Rebecca motion to funding full time delegates shirts
 - Pam 2nds
 - motion carries
- Human Development project \$300
 - Terri 2nds
 - motion carries
- Junior Director 2017-18
 - Rebecca motions Dinah, Dinah accepts
 - Jeremy motions Pam, Pam accepts
 - Pam is Junior Director
- Rebecca motions to adjourn
 - Brittani Kelley 2nds
 - Adjournment

Southeast

Trish West

No report submitted

Southwest

Cindy Wynn

20 members were present

- All 20 members voted yes to fund the Human Development Project
- All 20 members voted yes to fund the State Congress t-shirts for SWD delegates
- Kris Peavy sent a message letting everyone know that she would be drawing for the "I Tried Award" at our Program Preview on Tuesday, April 25th
- Jennifer Grogan thanked the members of SWD GAE4-HA for the donation on behalf of her mother
- All 20 members voted yes to elect Randy West for our SW District Junior Director

State Staff

Craven Hudson

Members attending: Jenna Daniel, Keri Hobbs, Steve Walker, Jennifer Cantwell, Sue Chapman, Jeffrey Burke, Casey Mull and Craven Hudson

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Senior and Junior Directors: Heather Shultz will finish the year as Junior Director and transition to Senior Director at the conclusion of the 2017 Annual Meeting on May 19, 2017. Craven will complete his duties as current Senior Director and attend the changeover meeting on Wednesday afternoon since Heather will not be able to attend. Jenna Daniel will begin as Junior Director at the conclusion of the state meeting.

State Congress T-Shirts: The Senior Director will continue to coordinate with state staff on ordering State Congress T-Shirts. Staff will continue to purchase a shirt if they want one.

Membership: Staff held a discussion expanding membership among all extension specialists. Senior Director should make sure all specialists get an invitation to join. Craven will provide Heather with the current list of Project Achievement Coordinating Specialists to make sure they get the opportunity to join. Each state staff member should reach out to fellow specialists they work with regularly to share the opportunity. We should take advantage of opportunities to visit other specialists.

Action Step: Jenna, Heather, Gary and Casey will work to apply for one of the Extension Grants offered by the Associate Dean to systematically promote youth work among all extension specialists and the ANR/FACS County Agents they regularly work with. Team will seek \$1000 to offset travel and other expenses.

Budget: There was brief discussion on history of spending state staff GAE4-HA funds. Casey Mull motioned that we spend up to \$25 to provide “goodie bags” for each of the two Basics/Beyond the Basics trainings each year. Jeffrey Burke provided the second. Motion passed.

The meeting adjourned.

Board Recognition

Recognition of 2016-2017 Board

Kasey Bozeman

Recognition of 2017-2018 Board

Cheryl Poppell

NE- Randi Gray

NW- Abbie Salmon

SE- Jared Craps

SW- Cindy Wynn

State Staff- Heather Shultz

Diversity- Phillip Petway

Life Members- Royce James

Media- Robin Turi

Member Recognition- Jakyn Tyson

Oceans of Fun- Al

Policy and Res- Robbie Jones

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Professional Development- Chesley Davis

Programs- Timothy Jennings

Public Relations and In- Allison Perkins

Research and Evaluation- Jennifer Cantwell

President Elect- Jeremy Cheney

VP- Sonya Jones

Immediate Past President- Kasey Bozeman

Treasurer- Jeffrey Burke

Secretary- Brittani Kelley

Cheryl recognized Kasey Bozeman as the immediate past president for her service the past four years.

Jenna Daniel-

- 15 Exhibitors
- 18 education posters presented yesterday
- Poster recognition- 3rd place Edzoocation Camp Kayla Wall, Lauren Burdine, Kayla Wall
- 2nd place- Spreading the Spam- Kasey Bozeman and Casey Mull
- 1st place- Concrete Cowboys- Cyndi Wynn

NAE4-HA National Meeting in Indy-

Cheryl Poppell

November 12-17, JW Marriott in central Indianapolis. Everything is in walking distance from the conference site. Promotional video is on the website. Delora Indy Car factory is the opening event. 200 restaurants within walking distance from the hotel. If you are interested in attending and receiving state dollars you must send your \$50 commitment fee by July 29th to Cheryl Poppell. Please let someone on the executive committee know if you have any suggestions for states night out.

Announcements

Kate Whiting

Thank you for being here this week! We appreciate your attendance. Awards Brunch will be held after this meeting. The Change Over board meeting will occur after the Awards Brunch.

NAE4-HA Scholarship Drawing-

1. Keri Hobbs
2. Jeremy Cheney

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3. Judy Ashley
4. Audra Armour
5. Ali Griner
6. Cheryl Varnadoe
7. Leonard Anderson
8. Craven Hudson
9. Angie Daughtry
10. Jeffrey Burke

ANREP Free Registration

1. Randi West
2. Al Parker
3. Brittani Kelley
4. Rachel Stewart
5. Tim Varnadore

Wellness Door Prizes- Top 6 received door prizes

1. Kasey Hall
2. Cherry Hovatter
3. Audrey Justice
4. Patty McIver
5. Jeremy Cheney
6. Lisa Starling

Door Prizes

Jennifer Cantwell

4-H Pledge

Jeremy Cheney

Closing

Robbie moved that we closed the meeting

Seconded by Andy Haygood