

**WAFCS ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**  
**March 29, 2014**  
**Warrens, WI**

The President, Barbara George, called the WAFCS Annual Membership Meeting to order at 7:36 a.m. at Three Bears Lodge, Warrens, WI. A total of 36 members were in attendance.

AGENDA: With the addition of a new business item regarding a resolution, the agenda was approved as amended.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: The minutes of the March 9, 2013 Annual Meeting were reviewed and approved by the Board of Directors. The minutes were placed on file. Ginny Hall and Karen Dickrell were appointed as readers for this meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer, Susan Turgeson reported that the current association operating assets total \$31,920.58. The current assets of the Foundation are \$80,214.22. The report was placed on file for audit. The 2014-15 budget will be finalized and approved at the summer Board of Directors meeting.

**OLD BUSINESS**

AAFCS Academy of Family and Consumer Sciences: Presentations on the Academy concept have been a part of the conference. Barbara George and Jeanne Schwass-Long will be the Wisconsin voting Senators at the AAFCS Senate. Any feedback that members might have would be appreciated.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Proposed By-Laws Changes: Immediate Past President, Arlene Welcher presented the proposed changes to the WAFCS By-Laws that had been distributed to the entire membership with 30 days notice. A motion was made and seconded to approve the By-Laws as proposed. Motion carried.

Proposed Policies and Procedures Handbook Changes: Arlene Welcher also presented the proposed changes to the WAFCS Policies and Procedures Handbook that had been distributed to the entire membership with 30 days notice. A motion was made and seconded to approve the policies and Procedures Handbook as proposed. Motion carried.

Resolution supporting the International Year of the Family: IFYE-USA President, Carol Anderson presented a WAFCS resolution supporting the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the International Year of the Family in 2014. A motion was made and seconded to adopt the resolution. Motion carried.

**COUNCIL REPORTS**

Foundation Report: Foundation Chair, Karen Goebel reviewed the purposes and activities of the Foundation. Special thanks were given to all who contributed to

and worked with the Silent Auction. The Silent Auction netted a total of \$1961. In addition, direct contributions of \$350 have been received at this conference and \$60 in note cards sold.

New Professionals Initiative: Director at Large, Cathy Lader reported on a survey that she has completed with 41 new professionals in FCS. This survey showed a high priority need for mentoring opportunities for new professionals. Cathy has developed an excellent program to assist new professionals with mentoring opportunities.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

Audit Committee: An audit committee of Carol Anderson and Sue Buck was appointed to audit the 2012 and 2013 financial records. Carol Anderson reported that the committee found that the financial records had been presented fairly and accurately. The committee was thanked for their work.

2014 WAFCS Annual Conference: Conference Chair, Esther Fahm thanked all who have attended and gave special thanks to the members of the planning committee. This was our first joint conference with the Wisconsin Council on Family Relations (WICFR).

2015 WAFCS Annual Conference: The chairs for the 2015 conference are Susan Turgeson and Karen Dickrell. The dates chosen are March 27-28, 2015. Location and conference theme will be determined after reviewing the evaluations of the 2014 conference.

Nominating Committee: Immediate Past President, Arlene Welcher announced that a ballot had been distributed and returned by the membership. Elected officers that will take office on July 1, 2014 are President – Jeanne Schwass-Long; President-Elect – Mary Kennedy; Vice President Awards, Carolyn Barnhart; Treasurer – Susan Turgeson; Foundation at Large Member – Vera Riley. The positions of Vice President for Public Policy, Vice President External Affairs, and Vice President Communications will be appointed and approved by the Board of Directors.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

AAFCS 2014 Conference: Carolyn Barnhart and Jeanne Schwass-Long are collecting information on those planning to attend the conference June 25-28, 2014 in St. Louis, MO. They will share options for coordination of travel, and other options in St. Louis.

Executive Director Position: President, Barbara George again thanked Tiffani Roltgen for her work as WAFCS Executive Director. Effective July 1, 2014 when Tiffani steps down, Janet Powell will take over as the WAFCS Executive Director with a two-year contract.

AAFCS 2014-15 Election Results: President, Barbara George announced the results of the national AAFCS elections and expressed the pride and support of Wisconsin for Carolyn Barnhart who was elected as the AAFCS President-Elect.

Other: Brief announcements were made to pick up Silent Auction purchases; exercise your right to vote on April 1<sup>st</sup>; and a special thank you to Barbara George for her work as our President.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Kaye Merwin  
Secretary

Readers: Ginny Hall  
Karen Dickrell