

**Agriculture in the Classroom Consortium
2011 Annual Meeting
Tuesday, June 21, 2011
Marriott Harbor Beach Resort & Spa – Ft. Lauderdale, FL**

CALL TO ORDER President Elect Tami Kerr (OR) called the 2011 Annual Meeting of the Agriculture in the Classroom Consortium to order at 12:35 PM EST on Tuesday, June 21, 2011 at the Marriott Harbor Beach Resort & Spa in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida. President Lisa Dorschner (SD) was not able to be present to conduct the meeting due to extended medical treatments. Dorita Waitley (AMG) completed the roll call of states reporting the following

PRESENT representatives from each state present: Kim Earwood (AL), Victoria Naegele (AK), Monica Pastor (AZ), Andy Guffey (AR), Judy Culbertson (CA), Jody Davis (CO), Eleanore Provencal (CT), Jennifer Sils (FL), Donna Rocker (GA), Rick Waitley (ID), Kevin Daugherty (IL), Isabelle Chism (IN), Cathy Musick (KS), Scott Christmas (KY), Lynda Danos (LA), Willie Grenier (ME), George Mayo (MD), Alan Withers (MI), Clara Bilbo (MS), Diane Olson (MO), Lorri Brenneman (MT), Deanna Karmazin (NE), Dennis Hellwinkel (NV), Joan Elliott (NJ), Traci Williams (NM), Heather Davis (NY), Louise Lamm (NC), Gail Bakko (ND), Tami Kerr (OR), Stacy La Barko (PA), Vonne Knight (SC), Charles Curtis (TN), Tad Duncan (TX), Debra Spielmaker (UT), Doug Stoughton (VA), Gaynor Edwards (WA), MaryBeth Bennett (WV), and Darlene Arneson (WI).

2010 ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES APPROVED The minutes of the 2010 Annual Meeting were distributed to the members for review (see attached). Joni Elliot moved to approve the minutes. Seconded. Passed.

FINANCIAL REPORT ACCEPTED Executive Director Rick Waitley presented the financial report for the period of August 1, 2010–June 15, 2011 (see attached). Dennis Hellwinkel moved to receive and file the financial report. Seconded. Passed.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT Executive Director Rick Waitley presented the Executive Director's Report for the past year. The report included a list of sponsor contacts for the Consortium. It was recommended that additional effort be made to add publishing companies to the list and also that in-kind sponsors should be listed as investors in the AITC program. President Elect Tami Kerr acknowledged the extra work by Rick Waitley during the past few months since the events occurred surrounding Lisa Dorschner's life.

USDA REPORT POSSIBLE MEETING LOCATIONS FOR AN AITC DISPLAY President Elect Tami Kerr summarized a USDA report from Ray Ali, National Program Leader, who could not be present at the meeting (see attached). As part of the report, Kerr inquired as to National meetings and events where a display about AITC might be valuable. Kerr encouraged members to contact executive committee members if they knew of events that would be good exposure for AITC. The report from USDA also included a review of the federal budget for USDA and a perspective on how those budget figures might impact AITC funding from USDA.

RECOGNITION OF STATE CONTACTS President Elect Tami Kerr recognized those State Contacts who had joined the Consortium over the past year. Those being recognized included: Deanna Karmazin (NE), Jessie Berry (WY), Doug Stoughton (VA), Pat Petzel, (OH), Ruth Smith (NM), Traci Williams (NM), and Al Bettencourt, (RI).

Special recognition certificates were also presented to those with multiple years of service. Those recognized included: Eleanore Provencal (CT), Charles Curtis (TN), Bette Blinde (CO), Tad Duncan (TX), Diane Olson (MO), and Alan Withers (MN).

REPORT ON 2011
DC FLY-IN

President Elect Tami Kerr reported on the Washington, DC Fly-In held the first part of May. Kerr highlighted some of the significant visits. Comments were made by members of the executive committee and advisory committee as to the value and productivity of the 2011 Fly-In. The Fly-In centered on the relationship of AITC to NIFA and how to better communicate the needs of the national program in USDA. George Mayo recommended that a committee be established that focuses their efforts on the relationship with USDA. No formal action was taken on this matter. By general consensus, members of the Executive and Advisory Committees agreed that letters of thanks should be sent to Deputy Secretary Merrigan thanking her for taking time to meet with the AITC Consortium leaders.

FLY-IN THANK-YOU
LETTERS TO BE SENT

President Elect Tami Kerr ordered a ten-minute break.

CONTRIBUTIONS
FOR RETIRING
CONSORTIUM
OFFICERS

President Elect Tami Kerr passed around two envelopes to allow members the opportunity to contribute financially to the gifts purchased for Lindell Williams and for Lisa Dorschner.

USDA/CONSORTIUM
M.O.U. UPDATE

Past President Tad Duncan provided an update related to the MOU between the Consortium and USDA. The MOU is currently on hold in Washington, DC. Duncan emphasized the importance of securing signatures from the right people in positions of leadership at NIFA for the document.

BOYD'S MILLS PRESS
UPDATE

Kevin Daugherty reported on the meetings and contacts that have been made over the past year with Boyd's Mills Press. The basic communication was to improve the way AITC and the publishing company can work together to promote agriculture across America. Daugherty reported that there had been excellent meetings and that new contacts had been made with the leadership at Boyd's Mills Press and that AITC was very pleased with the results of the discussions.

UPDATE ON LEISING
PROJECT

Al Withers updated the membership on the Leising Project. A copy of the resolution that had been circulated in regional meetings was distributed (see attached). The resolution has been passed by the Consortium Executive and Advisory Committees. Withers expressed appreciation to those who had worked on the project. The goal was to be sure that agriculture is embedded into the curriculum of the Leising Project. Monica Pastor moved that the Consortium accept and endorse the Leising Project resolution. Seconded. Passed.

LEISING PROJECT
RESOLUTION
ENDORSED

OVERVIEW OF STATE
REPORTS

Debra Spielmaker presented an overview of the State Reports that had been received, presenting each state with a copy of the summary of reports and a copy of their state information page on the website (see attached). Spielmaker reported that a total of 44 states reported for 2011.

2011-2012 BUDGET
ACCEPTED

Treasurer Andy Guffey presented and reviewed the 2011-2012 budget (see attached). George Mayo moved to accept the budget. Seconded. Passed. President Elect Tami Kerr reminded the members that a pre-meeting email had been sent informing members about the proposal to increase Consortium

STATE DUES TO BE INCREASED	dues for the next two years. <u>Andy Guffey moved that state dues to the Consortium be increased as follows: 2012 to \$250/state and in 2013 to \$300/state. Seconded. Passed.</u>
COMMITTEE UPDATES: PR	Isabella Chism, Chairman of the PR Committee, asked for regional volunteers for the committee and also asked the membership to forward any new ideas to the committee for their consideration in helping to advance AITC.
Legislative	Diane Olson, Chairman of the Legislative Committee, reported that the latest report was that a total of \$553,000 was being designated in USDA's budget for AITC programs.
Teacher Excellence	Gail Bakko, Chairman of Teacher Excellence Committee, reminded everyone of the reception honoring the teachers and that Vonne Knight would be joining the committee representing the southern region.
Sponsor	Darlene Arneson, Chairman of the Sponsor Committee presented a written report (see attached).
Advisory	Louise Lamm, Chairman of the Advisory Committee, reported on the meeting with Boyd's Mills Press and the goal of the committee to work toward building relationships with other publishing companies. The committee has also been discussing the need to designate specific areas in the Consortium Resource Directory for various categories of materials. The Advisory Committee has discussed fundraising options for the Consortium.
REGIONAL REP. ELECTIONS	President Tami Kerr asked that each of the regions meet and elect a regional representative to the Executive Committee as well as establish the date and location for regional meetings in 2012. A recess was taken for regional meetings to be held.
KERR ELECTED AS CONSORTIUM PRESIDENT	Past President Tad Duncan assumed the role of chairman and opened the floor for nominations for President. <u>Kevin Daugherty moved to elect Tami Kerr as Consortium President for 2011-2012. Seconded. Passed.</u> President Tami Kerr assumed the role of chairman and thanked the members for their vote of confidence.
GUFFEY ELECTED AS CONSORTIUM PRESIDENT ELECT	President Tami Kerr reported that two names had been placed in nomination for the office of president elect: Andy Guffey and George Mayo. President Tami Kerr appointed Isabella Chism and Monica Pastor to serve as a balloting committee and ballots were distributed to all members. <u>The committee reported the election of Andy Guffey as President Elect.</u>
ADJOURNMENT	<u>Tad Duncan moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded. Passed.</u> The meeting was adjourned at 4:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted

Rick Waitley, Executive Director