

**CALIFORNIA STATE 4-H LEADERS' COUNCIL  
MEETING MINUTES, OCTOBER 25, 2008  
WESTERN CENTER FOR AG EQUIPMENT, DAVIS, CA**

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM by President, Vicky Bosworth. Pledge of Allegiance and the 4-H Pledge were given.

The minutes were presented, moved and approved. The Treasurer's report was presented, moved and passed.

**Sectional Reports**

North Section: President Sandy Lester reported on the 2009 State Leaders' Forum. The committee is in place. Theme is "4-H Past, Present & Future". The Section is planning a Fashion Revue on May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2009. They plan to revive the "WHY" conference in 2009.

North Central Section: President Murlin Lee reported that the CAL conference will be held January 23 – 25, 2009, and is off to a good start. The Citizenship Weekend will be held in San Francisco, March 13 – 15, 2009. Plans are being made to hold a Family and Consumer Science Field Day, October 17, 2009 at UC Davis.

South Central Section: Youth Rep. Emily Hamilton reported on the teen conference "LCORT". They are creating a new Regional Leadership Team for teens. They are looking forward to hosting the State 4-H Leaders' Forum at Asilomar in November.

South Section: President Tony Burkhardt reported on their three-day Teen Conference. They are eliminating one of their Sectional meetings to three per year.

**Reports**

Acting State Director's Report: Sharon Junge gave updates on:  
4-H SET – is an important initiative. Every county is to have a plan for the three years program. State SET training is scheduled for February 7, 2009. A National 4-H Youth Science Day will be held in D.C. next year.

The Three Years' Pilot Staffing Leadership Project – is going well. The State Office is looking at staffing in more creative ways.

Study of Positive Youth Development – California will have results this fall from a three years' survey. Even as little as participating one year has shown the importance of the 4-H program.

New Specialist and new Foundation Director – are under recruitment.

New 4-H Handbook – is revised, streamlined and updated and will be released on-line in January.

4-H Military Projects – are moved to State 4-H office. They are presented with lots of Service Learning activities. People are invited to look for ways to engage in these projects.

4-H On-Line Enrollment System – is rolling out this fall.

Access 4-H – Every 4-H'er will be able to connect via the web. The program will be released later in the year.

Animal Science – Volunteer and Youth hands-on trainings will take place across California February 7, 2009.

**State 4-H Assistant Director's Report:** Mignonne Pollard gave reports on: Staff Sectional Contacts - Following staff members are assigned to and will attend the meetings of the Sections: North Section: Matthew Portillo; North Central Section: Jane Chin Young; South Central Section: Sue Moore; South Section: Steven Dasher, Jeanie Lothridge.

Volunteer Development Workshops – The curriculum will consist of 8 modules – 4 are released: *Project Planning - Project Meeting - Working with 4-H Youth - Citizenship, Leadership & Other Life Skills*. These will eventually be available on-line.

Financial Filing 990s – If counties have under \$25,000, Mignonne will file for them. She is going to set-up a treasurer's call and e-mail.

Charters – All financial statements are now received at the State office. (Thank you for your compliance!).

By-Laws Review – Policy update – new manual will be released either mid-December or January. If new By-Laws & Charter incorporate all of the changes in the handbook, counties should e-mail Mignonne.

National Salutes to Excellence – Two awards are presented, one for Volunteering 10 years or less, and one for Outstanding Lifetime Volunteer Award – 10 years or more.

2009 Spirit of Prudential Award – Due October 31. This is awarded to young 4-H volunteers, grades 5-8 years, and 9-12 years. The Prudential & National Association of Secondary School Principals are sponsoring the awards. Winners will receive \$1,000, including all expenses to D.C.

New Volunteer Web-Site – <http://ucar.org/4hvolunteers>

**Steven Worker, 4-H Program Rep. gave a video presentation of the new SET Initiative project.** The National Science, Engineering & Technology (SET) initiative is addressing America's critical need. 4-H is uniquely positioned to develop America's

future generation of scientists and engineers. The 4-H SET initiative is the national priority of 4-H for the next five years.

Steven Worker afterwards reported on the following:

The 2008 California 4-H State Leadership Conference will be held this year on the UC Merced campus in Merced August 6 – 9, 2009. Applications are due the middle of June. A 4-H Alumni reception is scheduled for August 7, 2009, 7 – 10 PM. Information will be available April 2009 at <http://www.ca4h.org/conference/slc/>.

4-H Computer Corps – provides information technology support for various statewide 4-H activities. Applications are due September 30<sup>th</sup>. State computer competition to be held at next year's Presentation Day. Orientation takes place in January.

Ambassadors – applications are out now. **GREEN** is the ambassador team's project this year.

State Project Field Day will be held May 20, 2009 at UC Davis.

4-H Project list – A list of all the 4-H projects can be found on the web.

Golden Clover Awards – are due May 31<sup>st</sup>. There are 88 scholarships awarded.

Statewide 4-H Funding Opportunities – This list can also be found on the web.

## **Old Business**

### State Leaders' Forum:

2008 Forum: Candy Brown reported 198 delegates are registered. Keynote Speaker is Joyce Ester, California State University in Fresno, who is a former 4-H'er. 32 different workshops are offered. They are still accepting registrations; the forms are on-line at the State 4-H website.

2009 Forum: Sandy Lester reported that Cindy McIntosh is serving as Chair Person. The theme is: "4-H Past, Present & Future". They are gathering unique information from older 4-H Clubs in California.

2009 WRLF: Rosemarie Woods reported the Forum will be held at the Marriott City Center Hotel in Denver, CO, February 25 to March 1, 2009.

Leadership Development: Tom Fraser reported that the committee is willing to come to the counties and Sections to put on the training.

Update Forum Sites: Tony Burkhardt is still looking for sites.

I & R: - No anticipated changes.

## **New Business**

### **Election**

Vicky Bosworth was re-elected President for the next two years, and Birgit Hempel was re-elected for Secretary, also for the next two years.

Avian Science – Three 4-H members from Sonoma County received an award at the National Avian Science Bowl.

Next meeting will be held April 25, 2009 in San Diego's 4-H office. Be prepared to come and discuss the Sections' viabilities. Following are some questions to be discussed: Size of the Section? Do we like the way we have now? Fees for program delivery for the kids? Should each Section charge the same fees? Formalize relationship w/staff. Youth events and conferences that are being done? Belonging is important – make people part of the group - make them feel welcome.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Birgit Hempel, Secretary

## **ROSTER OF ATTENDANCE**

### **NORTH SECTION**

Tessa Behnke  
Leslie Elmer  
Dolores Hemphill  
Sandy Lester  
Colleen McClair  
Ray McClair  
Molly Meade  
Richard Meade  
Barbara Nordin-Elmer  
Trenton Phillips

### **SOUTH CENTRAL**

Candy Brown  
Emily Hamilton  
Ron Hamilton  
Sharon Smales

### **STAFF**

Sharon Junge  
Mignonne Pollard  
Steven Worker

### **NORTH CENTRAL**

Vicky Bosworth  
Rachel Coe  
Mary Engebret  
Sarah Hazeltine  
Birgit Hempel  
Cynthia Hinde  
Kelly Hinde  
Andrew Kalinowski  
Murlin Lee  
Rosemarie Woods

### **SOUTH**

Barbara Burkhardt  
Tony Burkhardt  
Ruben Cavanillos  
Noel Keller  
Paulette Sauln  
Mary Ann Smith  
Ray Stark  
John Trammell