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President's Message

Hello to all my friends in the hard working world of 4-H Youth Development!

I attend the Public Issues Leadership Development Conference in Arlington, VA on behalf of OAE4-HA in April of this year. When I returned I had a whole new understanding of what Franklin D. Roosevelt might have meant when he said, "When you get to the end of your rope, tie a knot and hang on". Well I think we do a great job hanging on to the end of our rope and the rest of the educational efforts we strive to perfect daily.

While in our nations capital I had the opportunity along with the other three Oklahoma delegates to visit with our Congressmen and Senators and share with them the many of the educational opportunities OCES provides Oklahoman's and the importance that we keep our Formula Based Funding instead of the competitive based funding that USDA seems to want to move towards in the future.

As we made our visits to each of our elected official's offices and attended various sessions at the conference I felt as if the Cooperative Extension Service was at the end of the rope and we are hanging on to the funding we currently have had over the past few years oh so carefully.

It appears that we are going to be ok this session and continue to have enough support to keep our formula based funding but we certainly will not see an increase in federal funding this year or in the future unless Extension can find a way to have the general public value our organization as it did over 50 years ago.

I took several copies of the glossy publication with 4-H interest areas and the two studies on the back side that was used at our State 4-H Day at the Capital this past spring that was very helpful in showing the long term accountability of Formula Based Funding with our visits on the hill.

President's Message Cont.

We heard several times throughout the day that our Congressmen and Senators offices were very impressed with the Oklahoma 4-H Members that had been by to visit with them a few weeks before our visit. Each of you needs to be commended for your efforts with our young people in assisting with the 2006 4-H Day at the Capital and our National Delegates representing 4-H in such a professional manner.

During the last session of the conference I began to reflect on the week and started thinking as to what I needed to share with each of you, OCES professionals and our membership. The one thing I keep coming back to was the changing future and how were we going to react to it as an association and as educators in our respective communities.

I sincerely think we need to look for new and initiative ways to reach clientele in the urban setting as well as the rural areas of our state. One of the presenters at the conference said that the Extension Service was our Nations greatest keep secret and I didn't like the sound of that at all!

We must as a professional organization find new ways at all levels of OCES educational outreach to market our current programs and find the new areas of educational outlets to create a demand from the general public that will become our new grass roots efforts that will become advocates for OCES and communicate with our State and Federal Elected Officials the need for increased funding to secure the future survival of Extension in the ever so competitive world of government funded agencies.

I attended a great session from the Cooperative State Research, Education and Extension Service (csrees) and the National 4-H Head Quarters. They have already started looking into the future and they shared many of them with us in their presentations. I wasn't aware of many of resources they had available online. Take a few moments out of your day and go to www.csrees.usda.gov and check out them out. The CSREES web page also has a link to the Nat. 4-H Head Quarters page that has many terrific available resources too.

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I have already grown professionally from the attending the JCEP conference in February, PLD in April, serving as Pres. Elect and now as your President. This past year was an honor for me to serve our membership as President Elect and I'm looking forward to this year as well.

I'm encouraging each of you to be willing to serving our membership as a committee member, committee chair or as an officer on the OAE4-HA board. Each of you have professional assets and talents that our association needs to assist us as we grow professionally into the future of educating the youth today for a bright future for tomorrow.

I would like to close with a quote that seems to describe our professional organization so well. "Never doubt that a small group of committed people can change the world, Indeed it's the only thing that ever has. Author Unknown. Happy trails and I see you at the State Fairs and the Annual

4-H/FCS State Meeting Nov. 30- Dec. 1.

Kyle K. Worthington
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Meeting
Nov. 30, 2006
at 4:30 pm.
at the Annual FCS/4-H IN
Service Meeting in Nov.

OAE4-HA 2006-2007 Committee Assignments

Annual Conference

Chair: David Sorrell
 Chair Elect: Tom Manske
 Nancy Arnett
 Donna Jung
 Melanie Matt
 Chrissy Whitten
 Susan Meitl
 Becky Walker
 Star Edwards
 Nancy Dunlap
 Janna Kelly

Awards & Recognition

Chair: Tracy Lane
 Chair Elect:
 Radonna Sawatzky
 Arlene James
 Alan Parnell
 Debbie Gaines
 Lacy Whisenhunt
 Melanie Clark
 Tommie James
 Donna Jung
 Lisa Saxon

Fairs & Shows

Chair: Greg Hartman
 Chair Elect: Grant James
 Larry Klump
 Andrea Ballard
 Donna Patterson
 Tommy Puffinbarger
 Claude Bess
 Ron Wright

Budget & Finance

Chair: Brenda Miller
 Chair Elect: Dixie Ferrell
 Kathy Cannon

David Nowlin
 Rachel Lockwood
 Ranel Lasley
 Debbie Sharp

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 Cindy Conner
 Jeff Sallee

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 Misty Henson
 Dena Powers
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 Mike Carter
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 Nancey Tucker
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Chair Elect: Kevin Hackett
 Cathy James
 Mickey Simpson
 Mick Jones
 Glenn Muske
 Dena Powers
 Sarah Sponsel

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Chair: Kathy Enyart
 Chair Elect: Sarah Weeks
 Kimbreley Davis
 Barbara Denny
 Kathy Enyart
 Charlotte Richert
 Lacy Whisenhunt
 Susan Routh
 Kevin Varner

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Chair: Pam Varner
 Chair Elect: Jackie Cunningham
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 Jim Rutledge
 Susan Murray
 Julie Hrbacek
 Rachel Lockwood
 Brenda Miller
 Carl Wallace

4-H Game Day

Chair: David Adams
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 Alan Vandeventer
 Karla Knoepfli
 Steve Smith
 Rick Clovis
 Cindy Conner

Lisa Hamblin
 Mary Peck

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Committee Report Summary from July 28, 2006

Annual Conference

- Date for 2007 Annual Conference will be June 25-27
- Proposed four location for next conference: Grand Casino, Lake Texhoma, Noble Foundation, Lake Murray
- Recommend motivational conference and teamwork-use diabetics Educator from Okfuskee as motivational speaker. Recommendation sent to Professional Improvement Committee
- Recommend Amazing Race/Quiz Bowl with challenges as theme. Sent to Professional Improvement Committee

Awards & Recognition

- Continue to plan and organize the Awards Banquet during OAE4-HA Conference and provide a variety of awards items to winners
- Emphasize to educators that OAE4-HA awards and recognition are beneficial for Career Ladder portfolios.
- Update state awards information as necessary to match changes made at the national level. Post information on the website and submit to Perspective.
- Contact District Program Specialist by December to enlist their help in encouraging educators to apply for awards.
- Implement a new Letter of Nomination process, whereby you may self-nominate a co-worker for a specific award. Nominees will be contacted and then complete the application. Nominations due by January 15. Completed award applications due by March 1 by email or snail mail. Winning application submitted to National by April 1.

Fairs & Shows

- That the OAE4-HA pays its membership to Oklahoma Association of Fairs and Festivals.
- Review state fair policy changes
- Nomination time and locations along with state fair jobs
- Discuss among the members shows and fair rules and regulations.
- Meet with state fair officials. Meet with OAE4-HA to discuss rule changes.

Membership

- **Dues paid by November 1**
 - Goal of 100% members. There are 23 lifetime members
 - Contact each new employee with Gift from OAE4-HA
 - Membership chair name with district representative on each membership letter
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Perspective

- Mail perspective to life members
- Contact life time member chair to get updated addresses
- E-mail Perspective to members
- Send copy to Jeff Sallee to put on web
- Send link to Extension News to inform non-members.
- Gather news info for Perspective
- Sending Perspective to key extension staff and decision makers other Extension Associations.

Policy & Resolution

- Support efforts to increase joint programming and cooperation between Langston & OSU
- Strengthen coalition and communication between associations
- Need for additional tenure track fairly as finances become available
- Complement administration for implementation of a career ladder and filling of vacant county and state positions
- Will work with executive committee to update OAE-4HA handbook committee responsibilities.
- Provide parliamentary procedure guidance for meetings and perspective newsletter

“Strengthen coalition and communication between associations”

Public Relations

- Contact Joyce Martin to be invited to New Agents orientation to promote OAE4-HA
- Take membership forms to FCS and AG Educators Meetings and staff conference to promote OAE4-HA
- Make new order forms for OAE4-HA shirts/caps
- Put article in director newsletter on OAE4-HA

4-H Game Day

- Establish committee members to head up specific aspects of each day: example Hornets, Parking, Halftime
 - Work for Cowboy Basketball Day
 - Talk with C- 4-H President about helping
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2006 NAE4-HA Leadership Electronic Voting Option

All members in NAE4-HA will have an opportunity to vote for their NAE4-HA leadership again this year! We are pleased to continue with an electronic voting option for members unable to attend the 2006 NAE4-HA National Conference in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Here is how it will work:

Get to know your Candidates

Anytime between now and national conference, members can go to the NAE4-HA website at <http://www.nae4ha.org/> and read about our candidates (select the "Directories" tab, then "Teams/Committees"). Each candidate has provided a brief biography and comments. Take the time to familiarize yourself with talented colleagues among us who have stepped forward as leadership candidates.

In addition to voting for their respective NAE4-HA Regional Director(s), all members will be voting for the following three national positions:

* NAE4-HA President-Elect

* NAE4-HA Vice President of Marketing and Donor Relations

* NAE4-HA Vice President of Professional Development

30-Hour Voting Window

Between Sunday Evening, October 22 (approx. 6 pm CST) and midnight on Monday, October 23 (12:00am CST), members not at conference will be able to vote electronically for their candidates of choice. During this voting window, members not at the conference will be able to go to the NAE4-HA website where they can cast their electronic vote. Due to budget and time limitations, we will not be able to broadcast candidate speeches this year.

Accessing the links on the Website

To read about our current 2006 Candidates and see the links to be used for candidate voting, please go to the NAE4-HA website at <http://www.nae4ha.org/> then pull down the "Directories" menu; click on "Teams/Committees". The first committee listed is the Organizational Stewardship Committee where you will find the following:

Organization Stewardship Committee, Mary Williams, Chair

o 2006 Call for Nominations (Word format)

* 2006-07 NAE4-HA Candidate Comments

o 2006 Electronic Voting (available October 22-23, 2006)