MEAFCS State Board Meeting
Minutes of Conference Call - September 29, 2009

Members participating: Lisa Treiber, Diane Rellinger, Laurie Ford, Jinnifer Ortquist, Shannon Lindquist, Beth Waitrovich, Jane Hart and Sharon Jeffery.

The meeting was called to order at 1:35 P.M.

**Speaker Fee**
Discussion of whether or not MEAFCS should be responsible for speaker’s expenses/registration fees, etc. related to the spring membership meeting. Should MEAFCS members expenses be covered when they are the speakers? Tabled.

**Fall Conference**
MEAFCS was asked to donate $350 to fall conference to help cover the cost of thumb drives. Board decided that sending $100 was the best we could do. S. Lindquist to email P. Gross regarding payment.

**Treasurer’s Issues**
We have a current balance of $4989.91.
All bills should be sent to L. Ford by September 30.
Retirements after October 1, 2009, will come our of next year’s budget.
Review of reimbursement procedures. Send receipts to L. Blanchard and the director’s office.

**Cookbook**
The NEAFCS cookbook was previewed at the national conference. Cases can be ordered at a better price until October 15. Orders should go through L. Blanchard, treasurer. Counties can voluntarily participate in this sale. Each book sold will result in $7 being given back to our MEAFCS state treasury. Books will be ready to ship about December 1.

**MEAFCS Retirees**
J. Ortquist and S. Lindquist met with the retirees in September to present the $75 for the 75th Anniversary request to them. Both were impressed with the eagerness of the group to assist current board members and the wealth of knowledge they have. Suggestions were to ask for their help when writing awards and raising public support. We need to improve communication with this group.
UP Regional Director
Beth shared the need to find a director for the coming year. After talking to several, she is still without a replacement. Concerns include travel expense, which MEAFCS plans to assist with.

MEAFCS President
At this point, it appears J. Ortquist’s position will be eliminated Dec. 31, 2009. S. Lindquist has agreed to continue to serve as president and L. Treiber will continue to serve as past president. J. Ortquist regrets not being able to serve.

MEAFCS Secretary
L. Treiber has talked to members about assuming this responsibility. Anticipation of redesign of MSUE has resulted in low morale. More calls will be made.

Fall Conference Awards
S. Lindquist will make the presentation to L. Huyck and J. Nichols at the luncheon. Discussion of presentation. Doris Wettles awardees will be recognized with other winners at the MEAFCS dinner.

Additional discussion related to discussion with other states related to restructuring and possible hesitancy of member to renew due to job insecurity.

Meeting adjourned 2:25 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sharon Jeffery
Central Region MEAFCS