Megan Tifft—Tompkins County

I am so thrilled to be representing such an amazing group of diverse 4-H Professionals by serving as your Association President for the next year. When I began in Extension at the age of 21 I had no idea the value being a part of the State and National 4-H Educator’s Association would have on my development as a professional and a person. I have been encouraged to take on leadership roles at County, State and National levels, and I am forever thankful for being “pushed” in these directions! For anyone considering (and those that have not thought about leadership opportunities) a leadership position, go for it . . . you will not regret it! Call me if you don’t believe me and I can tell some very noteworthy stories.

Participants in the CITY Project Young Leaders Conference—see story on page 9
You will notice that I am a goal-focused individual and will likely highlight goals in each message I send to you all throughout the years. Goals and themes for 2008 included:

New York State 4-H Youth Development Goals
- Engage young people in the work of the Land-Grant University and USDA
- Teach knowledge and life skills which enhance quality of life
- Create opportunities which promote positive youth development

NYSACCE4-HE Goals for 2008

Membership
- Attain a membership of 140 members (includes state only, national and life members)
- Continue to develop an Excel Spreadsheet of the Membership Data Base for the NYSACCE4-HE Association
- Identify and communicate additional membership benefits

Marketing
- Update the 4-H Educator’s Association information on the State 4-H Office website
- Develop a Power Point Presentation and up-to-date marketing materials

Financial
- Formulate an Investment Committee that provides financial recommendations to the 4-H State Board every three years (beginning in 2008)
- Implement investment recommendations as suggested by the Investment Committee upon 4-H Board approval

Professional Development
- Support the 2009 NAE4-HA Conference through Association involvement
- Establish a committee list before the H2O Workshop at the State 4-H

President, Megan Tifft
Dear Uncle Al,

I’m a fairly new 4-H Youth Development Educator. I’ve attended a few meetings and district events and see more experienced Educators greeting each other like old friends and happily sharing stories about work and play. In fact Uncle Al, I’ve heard that a large group of your old friends and colleagues called you at home from the National Conference in Indiana to ask you to help with the 2009 NAE4-HA Conference in Rochester, NY. With that being said, what positive relationships within this 4-H Youth Development Profession might you recommend that I pursue, build and maintain to help my career and sanity? In other words, who should I get to know and how do I go about building those relationships?

Sincerely,

Wanda Haffrenz

Dear Wanda,

I think the best way to meet your fellow 4-H educators is to join NYSACCE4-HE and NAE4-HA. When I first started as an agent (yep, we were called agents back then. Took our meeting notes with quill pens and sent our reports to Jo Ann Baldini at state office by carrier pigeon. And we liked it that way.) I started attending district meetings and the state meeting, learned about NYSACCE4-HE and NAE4-HA, joined up and suddenly I had all the help I needed. Pretty soon I had fellow agents from across the state who I could count on for help and after my first national conference I had the same kind of help from all across the country.

I’d just bet that there is a membership form somewhere in this newsletter. Why doncha fill it out and join up today?

Uncle Al
Give Change Make Change for Youth Campaign

Linda Henly, NYS 4-H Foundation

The NYS 4-H Foundation will continue its **Give Change Make Change Campaign** again this year. The program is simple, doesn’t take an enormous amount of time and will promote your 4-H programs in your community. Half of the proceeds raised by your county will stay with your 4-H program—the other half will support NYS 4-H Foundation programs statewide.

Give Change Make Change is a great opportunity to:

- Increase awareness of 4-H activities in your community—include promotional materials and enrollment/interest cards at your can site; prepare a press release or radio ad; feature youth-in-action stories
- Involve youth in the fundraising process—educate youth on what goes into a successful 4-H program and the value of philanthropy
- Recruit volunteers and potential donors—an excellent opportunity to engage businesses and volunteers on a short-term basis, educate them on your programs and groom them for future in-depth activities
- Raise money for your organization—its simple and doesn’t require a lot of resources

**Use your imagination in can placement**

- Display cans at your local convenience store or restaurant—include information about the purpose and goal. It’s ok to leave them unattended, but check on them regularly.
- Ask local businesses to promote the program to their employees—a great opportunity for the employer to match employee gifts! Ask to present to employees during their lunch hour or break for added impact.
- Take them to your events—use the cans at fundraisers, educational activities, registration tables
- Give them to potential volunteers as a way to break them in or to volunteers unable to commit large amounts of time

There is no specific time constraint in remitting the proceeds to the Foundation. However, it is easier to turn in the proceeds following a major event or at the end of the year. Remember to check your cans often to collect change and acknowledge businesses and volunteers for their efforts.

Support materials and additional information is available at nys4h.cce.cornell.edu/givechange. To receive your cans, **free of charge**, please contact Linda Henley at (315) 350-1531 or email to lindah@nys4hfoundation.org.
Operation 4 Cooperation: Youth/Law Enforcement Summit

The CITY Teen Leaders from the Community Improvement Through Youth Project in Broome County recently hosted the “Operation 4 Cooperation” Youth/Law Enforcement Summit in Binghamton. Through an afternoon of panel discussions and small working groups at St. Mary's Recreation Center on Hawley Street, Binghamton police officers and the CITY Teen Leaders came to consensus—they need to work together to improve the community and in order to do so, better communications are needed.

The summit gave young people and police a chance to voice their mutual concerns and brainstorm ways to build healthier relationships between youth and police. Proposed future events included: a basketball game, a cookout, a ride-along program, more police in the schools, a forum or assembly at the high school, mentoring by police officers, social events, a softball game, carnival days, job shadowing, miniature golf, flag football and a community picnic. At the end of this youth-led summit, youth, police and local residents signed a Community Resolution to continue working together to improve the community.

"Operation 4 Cooperation," will be the first of several community gatherings between police and youth. The goal? To help law enforcement and young people foster healthy, constructive relationships. "We started today to bridge the gap between what each side thinks about the other," said Interim Binghamton Police Chief Joseph T. Zikuski. "We must build on what happened here today. We can't let it stop. Both sides have to realize we're all human beings."

“Operation 4 Cooperation” was sponsored by the CITY Project, Binghamton Weed and Seed, Center City Coordination Project (C3), Cornell Cooperative Extension Youth Task Team, Binghamton Housing Authority/Gang Prevention, Broome County Youth Bureau, City of Binghamton Municipal Youth Bureau, City of Binghamton Police Department, Berkshire Life House Program, and the New York National Guard Counter-drug Task Force.

The CITY Project, a project in the Dept. of Human Development, uses one of Cornell Cooperative Extension’s Signature Programs, Youth Community Action (YCA) as a model for promoting civic engagement, workforce preparation, and asset development among youth (13-18 years old) in New York State’s Children, Youth and Families At Risk (CYFAR) Project. The CITY Project was designated as a 2007 Successful Urban 4-H Program by the National Association of Extension 4-H Agents (NAE4-HA) Urban 4-H Programs Task Force and is a National 4-H Headquarters Program of Distinction. Programs of Distinction reflect the high quality of 4-H youth development programs occurring in communities across the U.S. The Program of Distinction designation is coordinated through the Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service (CSREES). http://nys4h.cce.cornell.edu/city/
Lookin’ Fine in 2009
Margo Bowerman—Orleans County

Lookin’ fine in 2009… or at least we hope to be! With the financial doom and gloom news we hear nationally and especially here in New York, it feels more important than ever that we discover and rely on sources of support to get us through these trying times. And, in the time that I have been a 4-H educator, I have found the NYSACCE4-HE Association provides a great framework for that support.

As the incoming Secretary for the Association I will continue to provide that framework of support as a member of the “officer team.” I’m personally really excited to be working so closely with such a talented, dynamic and supportive group of educators! And I encourage all of you to take advantage of, as well as provide that support by being involved in district and state NYSACCE4-HE meetings, committees, events…. especially since this fall (in case you’ve forgotten!) we are hosting our National Association of Extension 4-H Agents Conference!

It Was Great in ’08
Jennifer Jenson—Ontario County

My year of being secretary for the NYSACCE4-HE was very rewarding. I believe strongly that if you want to truly know how something works, you have to become involved. Our state association is no exception. Becoming involved as a committee chair and as secretary has allowed me to work with our great colleagues across the state. My thanks to all of you who were so supportive this past year and my very best to the incoming officers elected to lead us this year. Margo will be a great secretary for the association and will bring her great wisdom and dedication to the board. What an exciting year to be involved as members of NY get ready to host the National Convention right here in our backyard.
You May be a 4-H Educator if . . .

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If you know that a dairy bowl is something other than a dish you serve dairy products, you may be a 4-H educator.

If, when you hear, “paper or plastic?” you think of shavings instead of groceries you may be a 4-H educator.

If you drive on country roads at night so much that your high beams burn out before your low beams you may be a 4-H educator.

If people look for you at the 4-H Office instead of your home, you may be a 4-H educator.

If you know that PW Wood isn’t a type of tree, you’re definitely a 4-H educator.

If, when you hear “rip it”, you immediately thinking of sewing and not a frog, you may be a 4-H educator.

If you know Animal Superintendents are not cartoon characters modeled after the Superheroes, you may be a 4-H educator.

If you know that pressing clothes is more important than a pressing appointment, you may be a 4-H educator.

If you know that a cavy is not the nickname of the Geico caveman, you may be a 4-H educator.

If you know that a rabbitry has nothing to do with carpentry, you may be a 4-H educator.

If you know that a freshened cow has nothing to do with bathing, you may be a 4-H educator.

If, when someone smiles at you, you know they want you to be on a committee, you may be a 4-H educator.

If you consider the new year to start on October 1, you may be a 4-H educator.

If you’re willing to spend your time, your skills, and your compassion towards helping young people grow into capable, confident, and caring citizens; if you’re willing to encourage youth and adults to work together to be catalysts for positive change; if you’re willing to make the best better, you’re definitely a 4-H educator.

Margo Bowerman—Orleans County
This committee has 5 task forces and they are: Hall of Fame, Distinguished Alumni, 4-H Stories, Member Services and New Member.

The Hall of Fame began in 2002. Currently New York has six: Liberty Hyde Bailey, Albert Hoefer, Don Styles (with NAE4-HA) Margaret Van Rensselaer, Harold Willman and V. Joseph McAuliffe – our newest inductee. Nominations are due in February. If you have suggestions for nominations, let the state office know as they make the official nomination.

Distinguished 4-H Alumni Database still continues to collect names. The criteria for a nomination is that they were in 4-H and there are records to verify this and their name has statewide recognition. (To check out the database go to the NAE4-HA web site and click on the Directories button at the top of the page.) To make a nomination, just contact Jim Kahler at jkahler@csrees.usda.gov. Let’s get more of those New York 4-H Alumni recognized!

4-H Stories task force is continuing to collect stories with the intention of publishing a book along the lines of the “Chicken Soup for the Soul” format. This is not meant to be necessarily a success story but rather one that is heartfelt, funny and inspirational. To learn more about 4-H Stories, go to: www.maryland4h.org/Stories. If you do submit a story, please share it with Barb Schirmer and/or the Marketing and Information Committee. Please note: In the meanwhile, Barb, Celeste and I are joining efforts to collect NY stories. More details to follow.

Member Services continues to offer First Time Attendees for NAE4-HA conference participants.

New Member is a newly formed task force. We are assessing the current resources and marketing tools targeting both new 4-H professionals and new NAE4-A members. (I chair this task force.)

Any suggestions or questions for this committee feel free to contact me - cpn2@cornell.edu!
National 4-H Council recently announced that the Community Improvement Through Youth (CITY) Project has won one of the 2008 4-H Families Count: Family Strengthening Awards, sponsored by the Annie E. Casey Foundation. National 4-H Council will recognize the CITY Project and four other exemplary 4-H programs with awards of $15,000 each at Galaxy III in Indianapolis on September 17.

In addition to the 4-H Families Count: Family Strengthening Award, the CITY Project was recently honored as a 2007 Successful Urban 4-H Program by the National Association of Extension 4-H Agents (NAE4-HA) Urban 4-H Programs Task Force and was selected as a National 4-H Headquarters Program of Distinction. The Program of Distinction designation is coordinated through the Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service (CSREES).

As part of the award process, the CITY Project will develop a replication plan to teach others about program with the intent that they will begin to use the CITY program model in their work. According to June P. Mead, CITY Project Director and Evaluator, “Winning this award will allow us to conduct a series of regional trainings and produce a toolkit on how to replicate our Youth Community Action (YCA) program. The focus of the toolkit would be on the strategies and mechanisms youth-serving organizations can use to foster successful family and community strengthening program outcomes.”

The CITY Project http://nys4h.cce.cornell.edu/city/ is part of the Children, Youth and Families At-Risk (CYFAR) Program. It uses one of Cornell Cooperative Extension’s (CCE) 4-H Signature Programs, Youth Community Action (YCA), as a model for promoting civic engagement, workforce preparation, and asset development among youth (13-18 years old). In Broome County, the CITY Project is partnered with CCE Broome County, the Broome County Urban League and Binghamton Housing Authority, Broome County Gang Prevention Program. In New York City, the CITY project is partnered with Cornell University Cooperative Extension New York City and with Henry Street Settlement and the Police Athletic League Wynn Center.

CITY Project Team:

Cornell University
June P. Mead, Project Director and Evaluator, Dept. of Human Development
Steve Goggin, Principal Investigator, Dept. of Human Development
Celeste Carmichael, Technology Coordinator, State 4-H Office

Cornell Cooperative Extension Broome County
Kay C. Telfer, Community Project Director
Vicki Giarratano, Community Project Coordinator
Kelly Mabee, Summer Employment Coordinator

Cornell University Cooperative Extension New York City
Jackie Davis-Manigaulte, Community Project Director
Jamila Simon, Community Project Coordinator
At our recent Trans-4-Mations conference I co-presented with Angie Waligora a workshop titled *Balancing the Triangle – Work, Family and Self*. The goal of this presentation was to encourage each of us to intentionally work at Balancing the Triangle. It’s no easy task. It requires us to make our family and our self an equal part of our life. Often times work ends up as the all consuming part of each of us.

There is no doubt that the work we do is a very important part of who we are as individuals. However, to truly do the best work we can we need to also place a high value on the time we spend with family and self. We’re heading into a busy time of year. Be sure to take the time to Balance the Triangle of Work, Family and Self. By taking the time to do things for yourself and with your family you will come back stronger to the work you do.

Membership in NYSACCE4-HE can be a huge support network of friends and colleagues. Each of us can support each other in many ways. Think about the benefits that you gain from being a member of NYSACCE4-HE and share those benefits with others. Hopefully, these benefits help you to Balance the Triangle a little easier.

It is a privilege for me to serve as Vice President for the coming year. This is going to be a very exciting year for NYSACCE4-HE! In addition to all of the great things we always do the 2009 NAE4-HA conference will be held in Rochester.

As a reminder to those who have yet to enroll for 2009 please send dues to:
Shawn Tiede
4 H Youth Development, CCE of Wyoming County,
401 North Main Street
Warsaw, NY 14569
Email: srt28@cornell.edu

Please remember that there are five levels of membership:
- State and National renewal - $90.00
- New member-State and National - $60.00
- State only - $30.00
- National Life Member - $210.00
- State Life Member - $80.00
All Extension Educators, Specialists, Cornell Faculty and Extension Administrators who have an interest in youth development are welcome to join the New York State Association of Cornell Cooperative Extension 4-H Educators as full members. Annual dues are $90, with $70 going toward your membership in the National Association of Extension 4-H Agents. Life membership (for retirees only) is $200. Those joining the association for the first time will receive a 50% discount on their National membership ($35.00). With your membership, you will receive both national and state News and Views newsletters, membership rates at professional improvement conferences, the opportunity to participate on the board of directors and standing committees for the association, and most importantly, a close networking relationship with other youth development educators throughout New York and nationally. Membership dues are payable by December 1st to meet National Award deadlines. Please take a few minutes now to fill out the application information below and return your application and check to the NYSACCE4-HE association Vice-President.

Name: __________________________________________ Title: __________________________________________

Where would you like to receive mailings:  □ Home  □ Office

Mailing address: __________________________________________________________________________
________________________________________________________________________________________

Telephone: (_____)________________________                        Fax: (_____)________________________
Email____________________________________                         Number of years employed in 4-H _______

Number of years employed by CCE _______      Time assigned to 4-H Youth Development work _______%

NAE4-HA receives requests to share its database for research or evaluation studies. These studies might seek to involve you as a pilot test facilitator or involve you as a research subject.

I GIVE CONSENT TO BE CONTACTED: YES____ NO____ as a research subject aiming to enhance or understand the profession and/or the professional.

Please make checks payable to NYSACCE 4-HE
Return to:
Shawn R. Tiede
Cornell Cooperative Extension of Wyoming County
401 North Main Street
Warsaw, NY 14569-1091
Approved Minutes  
Annual Meeting – October 11, 2007  
Ithaca, New York

Note: Ballots for By-law change to be distributed to members before the meeting begins.

Call to order by President Patti Zellmer at 2:03pm

Pledge of Allegiance & 4-H Pledge

Appointment of Parliamentarian – Steve Billings & Margo Bowerman

Additions to the Agenda - none

Correspondence – Letter from Sept. 23rd from Rich McCaffery thanking the association for the clock upon his retirement.

Approval of 2006 Annual Meeting Minutes – motion to approve minutes made by Mary Ann Scharmberg and second by Bernie Wiesen. Carried

Treasurer’s Report – Shawn Tiede – Current report handed out. At most recent BOD meeting the decision was made to close the savings account and move the money into CD’s. This is the time of year when we have most of our expenses coming up. We have made the $5000 contribution to the 2009 National Conference.

Proposed Budget - Discussion will happen now and vote at the end of the meeting. Shawn spent some time highlighting added categories and explained that the software he is using now is Quicken and so the budgets look a bit different than they used to. Income - There is up to $5000 set aside for New York’s needs at the 2009 conference. There is up to $3000 for needs at the National 4-H Center to the New York Room. Membership income is based on 70 members. Anticipate money from Cornell for first time National attendees. Next year we’ll be hosting a NYS 4-H Conference. Income side of budget does not reflect the increase in National membership but the expense side does. Auction proceeds all go into the fund development income/expense lines. Expenses – everything pretty much stayed the same. It was based on committee recommendations and history of expenses. Hope at this point is to make some money at the 2008 state 4-H conference. This is to prevent going into the year in a deficit budget. We paid the hospitality fund $1.00/member for 2006 and 2007. There is one more CD coming due in a few weeks and that money will be moved to a CD at the Cornell Credit Union so that there will be a statement monthly and all the money will be in the same place.

Patti thanked Shawn for “hitting the ground running!”

Vice President Report – Barb Stevens – we had 138 members out of the 140 goal. Presentation of New Members: State and National - April Winslow, Jen Allen, Mary Ann Scharmberg, Amy Rugenstein, Rachel Williams, Gail Culver, Kristy Urdiano, Terry Artini-Stoodlely, Shari Haldeman, Ingrid Hill, Beth Horton, Kenyon Simpson, Shannon Dygert, Joan Baim, Eileen DePaula, Lauren Drum, Lee Willbanks, Marylin Russell. State Only - Patrick Ames, Carol Loefstead, Amy Morrisey, Julie Curren, Corinna Higgins, Nancy Robertson, Jennifer Conte. Total of 24 new members!

Director of Extension (2:30) Helene Dillard – congratulations on re-appointment for another 5-year term.

What do you value most about the 4-H Youth Program in NY? You’re working with young people who are our future, our communities, our country. They are also the future of Cornell University. Young people are the open minds. Helene values that we have a large, energetic audience.

How can we ‘make the best better?’ – really hard because we are all doing different things in 4-H. But remember that connection to Cornell. Focus on program development and impacts/outcomes. Helene thinks we are really on top of stuff already. What do you see as our greatest opportunity in 2008? – “Choose Health” and the connection with nutrition and ag to get things moving in the right direction. Working with Barb S. on strategic plan and bringing clarity to the program across the state. Always looking for 4-H stories to put on the web and other places they send stories to. Send your stories to Helene or George Preston or visit the website. There are 4 websites to post stories on so they are needed! Cornell Chronicle sometimes gets thousands of hits per hour once they are intrigued to look at the paper online – that is a lot of exposure!

Do you see national level activities that might impact the future of extension programming? - Requirement for federal grants for outreach. They want significant outreach, not a one-time deal. Sustainable! We’ll see more opportunities for us in that arena. Extension directors were contacted to get names of faculty to serve on the panels for the first time ever. These people will understand our programming!

Are there any new campus programs or research that 4-H educators should be watching for? - There is a healthy lifestyles work team that we might want to get involved in. Connecting to the faculty through Barb Schirmer. Often we are getting faculty who are looking for something beyond teaching and research. They’d be interested in working with youth, they want to
see the impact they are making! Human Development has been trying to do more research updates on video conference – work with Jo Swanson or Barb Schirmer to connect in on those. Many times focus on adolescence.

**Can you update us on the search for the Dean?** No information! Seems to be a total secret! Last update said that they were trying to decide between an open and a closed search. Closed search – committee formed, might put out an ad or might approach certain people, then they do “fly in” interviews so no one on campus knows what is going on until they are down to the person they feel is right for the job. Mostly for confidentiality reasons. They are targeting to have a Dean on board by July.

**How can we best assure that the CCE and Campus partnership will be strong for the 2009 National 4-H Conference in Rochester?**

Suggestion – try to connect up with program work teams. In ag. areas they are connecting the educators with the faculty in both a professional way and a networking way. Try to invite some faculty as speakers (Valerie Reyna – good speaker, adolescence and risky behaviors, Rachel Dunivan – parenting, Joe Laquatra – Energy Bike).

**Megan Tifft – how are 4-H educators viewed by others?** Helene – Boys and Girls club always looks up to us as educators, we are non-disciplinary, we get through to kids better than teachers do. We are the “envy” of some because our association has members signed up! We are viewed as youthful by Helene but she thinks if anything there is jealousy because there are more of us, there are grants available, etc. We might want to write more stuff that can go out and show people what we are doing. Put stuff in the Chronicle, on the CCE website, etc. One of the beauties is that Dean Henry and President Skorton view us as working with the next generation of community members and Cornell students, alumni, and faculty. There is a new line on the application to CALS that asks if a student is 4-H or FFA specifically. **Please send all stories to Celeste, she’ll distribute to who needs to get them!**

News and Views Editor’s Report – Fred Lauf - Annual Report – not present but there are annual reports on the table that you can pick up. Thanks to committee chairs for the effort to highlight in the annual report.

**NYSACCE4-HE Historian Report – Chrys Nestle – Highlights has been updated with 2006 award winners, etc. Chrys has been working on bringing archives up to date too. Next highlights will be printed in 2010.**

**NYSACCE4-HE Committee/Task Force Reports**

- **Audit – Steve Billings** - Met in March to review books from 2006. Findings are that the money is all there. Made a long list of recommendations for Shawn, most of which have already been implemented for 2007. Official report can be found in the minutes from the September BOD meeting. Capital Days books are fine too! Steve will continue to chair.

- **Capital Days – Marika Rywak – Dates March 3-4. Will not be held at the Turf Inn this year. Brian Gilcrest will be co-chair. They have some ideas for new activities for this year, including a newsletter from the event. Watch for info in January, make sure you read the packet when it comes, everything is in there! Need new committee members, they meet about 4x per year in Albany. Please let chaperones know there is city driving at the event! Marika will continue to co-chair.**

- **Fund Development – April Winslow – Auction total from last night was $2823 of which $1224.10 is 4-H, the rest of the funds were divided by other associations. Have been working with Adminders and an order was placed and merchandise will be coming with pouch mail. Two new members to the committee – Amy Rugenstein from Wayne and Rebecca Reed from Westchester. April will continue as Chair. There are some left over items that will be for sale at the conference tonight.**

- **Marketing and Information – Bonnie Peck/Jennifer Jensen – 18 people submitted communicator award nominations, 11 submitted to North East, 7 sent on to National and there were 5 National awards presented this year. Chair next year will be Bonnie Peck and Roxanne Dueppengiesser.**

- **Mentoring Task Force – Brenda Carpenter/Jody Maneely – Jody and Rebecca Reed will be co-chairs for 2008. Acknowledged current/previous mentors. Their goal is to welcome new staff and introduce them to the profession. One challenge is early identification of new staff. There is now a letter that the district rep can send out to the new staff member. After that initial letter is sent, a welcome kit is presented. The task force also drafted a letter to send to EDs from the associations stressing the work of the task force and the value of mentorships, encouraging current staff to be mentors and new staff to get involved. You do not need to be a member of the committee to be a mentor and there can be more than one person serving on the committee from each district. Not a large time consuming commitment. Committee welcomes everyone coming into the Youth Development profession; clubs, Reality Check, other non-traditional, etc.**

- **Nominating – Bernie Wiesen – Jennifer Jensen and Joann Richards are running for secretary, Megan Tifft and Angie Waligora for VP. Next year’s officers are Jennifer Jensen for Secretary and Megan Tifft for VP. Motion to destroy the ballots made by Jen Collins and second by Tom Davis. Carried.**

- **NY Room at National Center Task Force – Chip Malone – No report**

- **Recognition and Awards – Linda Brosch – Member recognition awards honor and recognize members of the association. This year we gave a gift to Rich McCaffrey upon his retirement. Encouraging all members to take advantage of professional development scholarships – can help offset cost of a course, workshop or training. Other awards will be given out at the awards banquet tonight. Chair for 2008 will be Mary Ann Scharmberg.**
Professional Development – Linda Earley – Thanked committee members. One of the major commitments of the committee is to plan and produce the state conference. This year it aligned with System Wide Conference. They also encourage speakers for National Conference and encourage people to write for News and Views. Co-chairs for 2008 are Bernie Wiesen and Charlotte Coffman. Looking for committee members. Tentative dates for 2008 conference are October 14-17 at the Hyatt in Rochester. New committee chairs and district leadership are encouraged to attend 10:30 4-H20 session tomorrow.

NAE4-HA Contact/Committee Reports

2007 National Conference, Atlanta, GA, October 21st to 25th – Barb Stevens – We have 29 people going. States Night out plans have changed a bit, Aunt Pitty Pat’s porch was full. Reservations are at Mary Mac’s Tea Room for Monday night during the conference.

2009 National Conference – Tom Davis – Need volunteers to serve on committees. You are not going to find a better Youth Development opportunity than a national conference. Half of committee running conference will be from NY!

Reports from Liaisons

NYS 4-H Office – Barb Schirmer – Over the past year, Barb feels that the 4-H program has never been stronger in NYS!! We have a lot of great support, the President, the Dean, Helene, and the Governor all support our great work! One thing we neglect to do now is recognize each other.

Handed out “Guiding Principles for CCE 4-H Youth Development.” We are at the point where we need to tinker with our strategic plan. What is the current research? What is Cathann Kress working on? This packet highlights all of these. Our connection to Cornell is really important. For National 4-H week there are “4-H Connects Kids to Cornell” banners around campus along with head, heart, hands and health banners by MVR. There are 3 program work teams to address our content initiatives; science and technology, youth community action, and healthy lifestyles. Celeste has also created a one page document with the guiding principles to hand out.

Choose Health – happened because kids complained about walking too much at Career Explorations! Evolved primarily to be a public relations campaign. We are concerned about the issue of health and we want to draw attention to this initiative. State Fair was perfect outlet to debut with the President coming. Walked 5,900 miles over the 12 days of the fair!!! Generated some enthusiasm and gave a public image of doing good things. What is next? The healthy lifestyles program work team, blog on website, using young people’s public speaking skills to be Choose Health ambassadors, and a Choose Health volunteer forum. HOW ARE WE MODELING THE MESSAGE OF CHOOSE HEALTH? We have got to be models of the message! Can get pedometers from 4-H office for free while supplies last. After that we can get them from ADminders.


Action steps for next year – increased emphasis on new staff (working with mentoring task force, Kim Flemming’s professional development opportunities, etc), focus communication between 4-H office and program leaders, create a task force to address the 4-H model (how does the traditional 4-H club fit into our communities today?).

Bank Accounts – National 4-H Headquarters sent communication about changes in the IRS requirements that relate to clubs with bank accounts. In the past - have to fill out an SS-4 to get an EIN number to open an account at the bank and if they had more than $25,000 in account they had to fill out a 990. CHANGE – now all clubs that have a bank account have to fill out a 990 in some format depending on the amount of money they have in their account. If $0-25,000 it is an e-postcard. $25,000 of income or more, must fill out entire 990. Even if they don’t have any money in their account but they have the INTENT to raise money in the name of 4-H in the next year. Stress that clubs have an account, not money in a cookie jar under the bed! Heather Ware recommended that clubs use the 4-H office address on accounts so that statements are coming to the office. Need to be particular about chartering clubs and using the database to record EIN numbers. More information is available on the National 4-H Headquarters website. November 26th, 2007 is when Barb Schirmer needs to have the name of every chartered 4-H club in the county and needs their EIN numbers if they have them entered into the database. Database is on the chartering website on the NYS 4-H site.

NYS 4-H Foundation – Barb Schirmer – Give Change Make Change is winding down. The money needs to be turned in by the end of month. Still in search process for director. Another interview on this Friday starting at 1:15 pm.

ACCEE – Bernie Wiesen – In registration packets, on the backside of the Wednesday night activities form, is a survey
ACCEE breakfast tomorrow morning. Conferences will still be every 18 months.

Youth Development Network – Barb Schirmer – All 3 PWT will meet together on November 15th. Network group will meet the next day.

Regional Director – Megan Tifft – Passed out copies of the fall report. Trying to fill positions on the board, there are 2 vacancies; VP for Research Evaluation and Programs and North Central RD position. Megan chaired the Regional Directors this year. They developed the sheet to hand out to state contacts about what the regional directors can do for you. Made over 20 state visits this year, they are the reps from the board back to the states. As of yesterday, there are 1,300 people signed up to go to the Atlanta Conference. GALAXY Conference is September 15-19, 2008. NAE4-HA have 3,613 members nationally (384 new members), 638 life members.

District Leadership Reports
Capital – Bonnie Peck – Chair, John Bowe - Board Rep, Eileen Depaula-Vice Chair, Nancy Robertson - Secretary
Finger Lakes – Katie Nelson – Chair, Jane Amstey – Vice Chair, Jen Allen – Secretary, Tim Davis – Board Rep
North Central – Terry Lanterman - Chair, Linda Brosch – Vice Chair, JoAnne Richards - Secretary, Matt Greene – Board Rep
South Central – Autumn Levine – Chair, Brenda Carpenter – Vice Chair, Jody Tatish – Secretary, Megan Tifft – Board Rep
South East – Marika Rywak - Chair, Pam Castro – Vice Chair, Heather Ware - Secretary, Rebecca Reed - Treasurer, Pat Hubbard – District Rep
Western – Shawn Tiede - September 14 with Finger Lakes District at 4-H Camp Bristol Hills. The program for the meeting was presented by Kelly Oram from NYS 4-H Operation Military Kids. Election of officers for the 2008 were conducted. Margo Bowerman –Chairman, Angela Waligora – Vice-Chairman, Guin Smith – Secretary, Shawn Tiede, Board Rep.

New Business
Vote results – Motion to amend the NYSACCE4-HE Bylaws by the addition of Section XI, G. Mentoring. Membership will consist of at least one member from each district. Responsibility to provide general and specific mentoring for colleagues made by Jody Maneely, second by Bernie Wiesen. Ballots collected. Had unanimously been carried. Tom made a motion to destroy the ballots, seconded by Jennifer Jensen. Carried.

2007 Goals Review from Leadership Directory – All goals completed, database under construction.

2008 Budget Finalization – no further discussion. Motion to approve the budget as presented made by Bonnie Peck and second by Tom Davis. Tom removed his second. Amendment made by Bernie to strike $85 and insert $90 in the membership dues. Seconded by Angie Waligora. Carried.

Installation of Officers – at Awards Banquet

Other - none

Next Meeting - December 4, 2007
Adjournment – 4:40 pm by Patti Zellmer

Minutes were approved at the State Association Meeting held on October 16, 2008
Present were Shawn Tiede, Barb Schirmer, Barb Stevens, Bonnie Peck, Charlotte Coffman, Patti Zellmer, Mary Ann Scharmberg, Marika Rywak, Tom Davis, John Bowe and Jennifer Jensen

Meeting called to order at 10:20 by President Barb Stevens.

Minutes were approved with a change on page 2 of the draft Feb. minutes. The change is under New Business #1. Should read, “The committee is pleased with the Cornell Long Term Investment Program and the investments that are there.” Motion to accept by Patti and Mary Ann.

Correspondence: A letter from Eric Popielarz of Niagara County thanking the association for the support given to Capital Days.

Treasurers Report: Shawn
Account Balance: 70,617.42

6 Month CD $5081.88 moved this to Long Term Investment Program

10 month CD due in July will be moved to Long Term Investment Program. Totals $13,181.36

Investment Fund Agreement – Board made a change from point 5 of the February 2008 minutes. A percentage had been talked about at the February meeting. This has been changed to read as follows: $2000 will be given to the association each year for professional development opportunities by members in their districts. Motion was made to sign the agreement.

Discussion about the agreement with the Investment Fund Agreement. Shawn suggested the following wording: “the audit committee should review annually the Investment Fund Agreement.” Motion made by Bonnie and John to accept and sign the agreement. Motion carried.

Vice President Report:
Megan attended the recent conference for Vice Presidents

News and Views: has not been sent out because of lack of information sent in by members

Historian: no report

Old Business:
Membership discussion tabled
2008 Goals – Review
Went over members
Megan is putting together a spreadsheet with members that contains dates of employment with 4-H and year member joined association along with awards received

Comment was made to localize the powerpoint that Megan has from regional and use it with the mentoring committee and new staff orientation.

Committee Chart Form: Jennifer will update it

New Business:
Directory is as up to date as possible

Capital Days:
Committee plans on starting Sunday night in 2009
Eliminate some of Monday night
Hotel will be the Clarion in 2009-cost saving, no charges for a lot of extra break rooms
Working on Capital News 9 to solidify them to be part of the program in 2009

Fund Development-
Ad Minders – worked on changes with this company but sales have not been successful,
Auction of NYSACCE basket – gift for highest basket
Shawn – committee have a one order/year
  Offering a shirt/jacket
  Order for conference delivery

Tom asked about the Clover Company CD of music that is being offered and if the association wanted to sell them for raising money for the national meeting. It was noted that the Capital Region of 4-H Educators was doing this. Barb will contact April about our discussion with the fund development committee.

It was recommended that the association sell 1 item a year and have the delivery of the item at state conference and do the auction also at the state conference.

Marketing and Information –Bonnie
  Committee is working on a recruitment powerpoint, updating the website with association information and developing a promotional piece for the association

Mentoring: No report

Nominating: Patti
  Suggestion for treasurer
  Comments have been made of the outstanding job Shawn has done as the association treasurer. It was noted that Shawn has offered to help someone but the association bylaws do not allow him to be the treasurer again

Awards and Recognition: Mary Ann
  State award winners have been notified

Professional Development-Charlotte
  Committee is continuing developing the fall conference

State Fair- Barb
  Major renovations have taken place at the State Fair Youth Building
  STARR Retreat: program is growing by leaps and bounds. A living sculpture has been added in front of the youth building.
  Growing Green Conference: May 19 and Evaluation conference on May 20

Choose Health:
  Teens Take Action- need ambassadors from counties
  Teens on Program Council- expand on 2009 and meet only 1 time a year

4-H Foundation-
  Linda Henley has been named director on June 1 and the office will be housed in Onondaga County CCE office due to transportation accessibility to the state and separation of the Foundation to Cornell

County Grant Proposals are being reviewed

Scholarship Committee will be reviewing applications for state 4-H scholarships in the near future

Golf Tournament is June 6 and is the 20th Anniversary of this event

ACCEE-Patti
  ESP invited sister organizations to a meeting on 3/21. Focus was to provide professional opportunities for CCE educators and staff. Meeting was endorsed by CCE administration. Action: conference is scheduled for 2011 as the 100-year anniversary of CCE. Discussion is being held for the utilization of current ACCEE funds. Options under consideration are: 1) co-sponsored association professional development events, 2) regional trainings especially those that make campus county links 3) financial support for build up to the 2011 conference

ACCEE-Patti
  June 13 meeting

Youth Development Network-Chip
  NY room at National- council needs to refurbish some rooms and NYS is on the list. Council will bear the cost and NY will not
This will be my last issue as editor of the News and Views. Thanks to all you wonderful folks who submitted such great articles and photos over the past two years. Angie Walligora (abw23) will be taking over.

The Deadline for the next News and Views is January 15, 2009. Articles and photos are due from all officers and from each district. When you submit your articles please put News and Views in the subject line and attach your article as a Microsoft Word document. It would also be helpful if you put your name, county, and position in both title of the document and at the top of the document.
### 2009 CALENDAR

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