Hello Everyone,

We had a very spirited board meeting this past Tuesday on the Cornell campus. One highlight of the meeting was when CCE Director Chris Watkins was able to take time out of his busy day to talk with us about the state of 4-H, how vital he feels our program is, and the ever evolving CCE-Campus connection. Meeting the Director of Extension on Campus is something the board has done for many years, and this past week was a great opportunity to share with Director Watkins what the NYSACCE4-HE Association brings to the 4-H Youth Development Program in New York State.

We also had an energetic dialogue about Capital Days. There will be many discussions in the upcoming weeks and months regarding methods to strengthen this program, clearly identify the goals of this event, and increase 4-H’s visibility in Albany. We’ll share more information with you as it gets developed.

Mentoring of new members is another key area that needs addressing. The Board recognizes that we as an association need to be doing more to ensure that new staff is aware of the Association, and know that there is support system in place for new hires to utilize while infusing themselves into our system. There will be more to come on this as well.

We also discussed methods to increase awareness of Association committees. We are planning some presentations for the State Conference that will happen during our business meeting. We have many outstanding educators that have or are nearing retirement. Now is the time for those interested to step up in the Association.

Finally, I have great news! The Leadership Directory is up on the NYS 4-H website. The directory is a great tool for members wondering about the goals and objectives of the NYSACCE4-HE Association, those in leadership positions, and the roles and responsibilities of our many committees. It can be found at http://nys4h.cce.cornell.edu/staff/Pages/Your-Voice.aspx. Thanks everybody!

Have you met?

Mackenzie Moore, Fulton/Montgomery Counties

Why did you work for 4-H? Was involved in Schoharie County 4-H and FFA growing up and was heavily influenced by the program and wanted to give back.

4-H? Dairy program

Fav color? Obsessed with purple

Hobbies? Kayaking, camping, and hiking

Food? Ice cream—specifically twist soft serve!

Family? Met fiancée at Virginia Tech and ironically he grew up 1/2 hour away and had similar interests growing up but they had never met in New York! Moved back home and have a Jersey farm and will be married in January. Have a Great Dane named June who is quickly becoming the 4-H mascot!

Birthday? June 21, longest daylight day of the year!

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Photo of the Month

Teamwork! At the 4-H Club Conference.

Photo courtesy of Brenda Carpenter

Quote of the Month:
“Life is like a box of chocolates.” Your career is like a box of chocolates - you never know what you're going to get. But everything you get is going to teach you something along the way and make you the person you are today. That's the exciting part - it's an adventure in itself.” Nick Carter