

State Extension Advisory Council
Business Meeting
February 11, 2025
Embassy Suites – Newtown Pike, Lexington, KY

The winter business meeting was called to order at 2:13 p.m. (EST) by President Jeff Zinner.

President Zinner reminded members that only current council members could bring business before our meeting, propose or second motions, enter discussion of motions, and vote.

President Zinner thanked Janet Hobbs, Secretary, for providing the minutes from the summer meeting. Secretary Hobbs stated the minutes had been provided by email on February 4, 2025, and were also shared in delegate packets prior to the meeting and delegates had been asked to review them prior to the meeting. President Zinner asked if there were any corrections to the minutes. There being none the minutes were accepted as written.

President Zinner then recognized and welcomed the new delegates who were attending their first meeting of their three-year term. Those recognized were:

Carrie Divine, West 4 Delegate	Robert Doyle, East 7 Delegate
Sandy Hamilton, Central 2 Delegate	Teresa Lawson, East 3 Delegate
Bill McCloskey, Central 5 Delegate	Meghan Mills, Central 1 Alternate Delegate
Tracy Mitchell, KSU 4-H Delegate	Anita Noble, East 4 Delegate
Arch Sebastian, ANR Delegate	

President Zinner also thanked Sherron Jackson, Alternate Delegate for Central 4 and Larry Davis, Alternate Delegate for West 2 for their attendance at this meeting.

President Zinner then informed the delegates what a significant role committees play in the function of the council. He stated there are two committees with members continuing from last year. One of those was the Bylaws Committee which considers any needed updates for our governing document and brings changes before the council for consideration. This committee is chaired by Vice President Terry Cauley. The continuing members are Tim Goodin (West 1 Area Delegate) and Wendy Hood (Central 3 Area Delegate). President Zinner asked for two more volunteers to join this committee. There were no volunteers at this time.

President Zinner stated the other committee for which volunteers were needed was the Council Engagement Committee which works with UK and KSU to plan webinars to provide us with additional information and updates between our two in-person meetings. He stated Becky Utz was a continuing member and chair of this committee. Continuing members on this committee were Sharon Fields (East 8 Area Delegate), Kevin Kenady (West 7 Area Delegate), and Cherie Mingus (FCS Programmatic Delegate). President Zinner asked for two additional members to volunteer for this committee. Those delegates who volunteered were Jerry (JJ) Walker (East 6 Area Delegate) and Tracy Mitchell (KSU 4-H Programmatic Delegate).

President Zinner then asked if any delegates had any additional business to bring before the meeting and there was none.

President Zinner informed delegates that summary points would be forthcoming within the next two weeks and requested that the work of the council be shared with county councils across the state and noted area delegates are key to the connection with county councils. He also asked area delegates to reach out to the counties they represent and look to fellow council members who might live within the area for assistance. He also stated that Area Alternate Delegates would be receiving the summary points as well and would be a great contact to work with to liaison with all counties in their area and Area Extension Directors can assist with providing contact information for county council presidents/chairs.

President Zinner spoke about the 2025 Randall Barnett County Extension Council Award for which information was contained in each delegate's folder. He mentioned the 2023 (Knott County) and 2024 (Breathitt County) winners and what each of their nominations pertained to. He asked delegates to go back to their counties and surrounding counties and explain to them about annual nominations for this award.

President Zinner stated our next in-person meeting would be this summer and Kentucky State University would be hosting.

There being no further business, President Zinner adjourned the meeting at 2:20 p.m. (EST).

Janet Hobbs
Secretary