

**Extension Educator Council**  
**March 30, 2009**

Present: Julia Peterson, Chuck Hersey, Malcolm Smith, Sharon Cowen , Geoffrey Njue, Matt Tarr, Lisa Townson

The 3/30 meeting was rescheduled from the original date of 3/11, due to a special budget meeting on that date with Dick Cannon and Bruce Mallory that council chairs were asked to attend.

The meeting was called to order by Julia at approximately 9:15.

A clarification of procedure: Sharon Cowen, secretary, will write minutes of each meeting; Julia will review and post on the web. Sharon will send an e-mail notifying educators that the minutes are posted.

Members indicated they have received EEC notebooks from former representatives, except Chuck Hersey.

Minutes were reviewed from the January meeting.

Strategic Planning Update

Lisa and Malcolm serve on the strategic planning committee. Lisa indicated that President Huddleston attends every meeting. A draft of the plan is due in May.

Heckel Award – there was a discussion of the nominations and a recommendation given by EEC to John Pike. Seth Wilner was the winner of the 2009 Heckel Award.

Presidential Award of Excellence – Sharon, Malcolm, and Chuck will serve as the sub-committee to review the Presidential Award of Excellence nominations with Chris Van Horn in HR.

Budget Update

Jim Grady attended and gave an update on budget status. Jim asked EEC to provide administration with staff feedback on specific strategies to improve the financial situation. Specific questions/ potential strategies to discuss with staff were provided the following week.

John Pike and Jim Grady have completed their discussions with all 10 counties.

Meeting was adjourned about 12:15.

Respectfully submitted by

Sharon Cowen