

**Extension Educator Council**  
**May 14, 2008**

**Present:** Julia Peterson, Nancy Bradford-Sisson, Matt Tarr, Sharon Cowen, Hugh Christian, Lisa Townson, Geoffrey Njue, Chuck Hersey, Jim Grady

The meeting was called to order by Julia at approximately 9:00 in Taylor Hall.

It was noted that there were no minutes from the March 18 meeting to approve, due to the secretary's absence.

The 2008 award process was reviewed, including the Presidential Excellence Award and the Maynard and Audrey Heckel Award. It was noted that it is important that the "right" person write the nomination for each nominee – someone who is familiar with the nominee's work and takes the time to fully describe the reasons for the nomination. It was suggested that UNH-CE educators be encouraged to make more peer-to-peer nominations. Members also noted the importance of having an EEC representative on the Recognition Team to help facilitate getting award nominations.

The Council discussed three University-system options being considered for determining 2008 salary increases. EEC recommended one of the three options to the Leadership Team. USNH Board of Trustees will make the final decision.

There was no new information available on possible unionization.

The April meeting of SPPC was cancelled – no update was available.

Leave benefits for employees who are adopting a child were discussed.

The meeting adjourned at 12:15 pm.

It was decided that the July meeting is not needed. The September meeting will include nominating new council members to prepare for voting in October.

Respectfully submitted by

Sharon Cowen