

November 13, 2015
Tuesday, 9 AM

Those present on the teleconference included Melissa Merritt, President; Suzy Lucas, President-elect; Jamey Darlington, Treasurer; Becky Bowers, Secretary; Jason Dalrymple, Tom Basden, and Peg Reese

The meeting was called to order by President, Melissa Merritt at 9:04AM.

Treasurer's report was presented by Jamey. Jason moved to accept the treasurer's report. Seconded by: Suzy; motion passes

The secretary's report was omitted for this meeting but will be presented at the next meeting.

Partnership Silent Auction- The silent auction profit to the organization was \$401.00. One item is still available that did not sell at the annual silent auction. Suggestions were presented as to what to do with the picture. The conclusion is to place the item for bid at the upcoming annual meeting in Moorefield, WV. Discussion was held that we need to be placed on the planning committee for the next partnership planning meetings. A member felt that we were pushed by the wayside at this year's events. It was discussed that we were not on the agenda to present our awards received at the International Meeting and the silent auction ended long before we had previously discussed. It was to close at 1:30 PM and it ended at 11:00 AM as the agenda stated. Melissa will draft a letter to the committee lead which for the upcoming year will be Belinda Withrow and the current organizer Kim Fisher.

Elections 2016- Jamey has talked with Tom Basden and he is agreeable to run for the position of President-Elect. Tom was on the teleconference and he was agreeable to be considered for this position. Peg mentioned the membership should be aware of this but due to the by-law rule of ballots need to be available 30 days prior to the election this is not possible. Tom will have to be included as a write in candidate. It was also mentioned that this might not be fair if other write in candidates are interested. Ballots will be counted Monday prior to the annual meeting on Tuesday, November 17, 2015.

It was mentioned that the ballot return response was very low. Several members discussed the possibilities of why this could be and a suggestion was raised that the membership is still unsure on what our organization does? It was suggested that the teleconferences be open to the membership. It was mentioned that the President has the right to allow whoever to be part of the teleconference. Jamey mentioned we may be restricted by the number of phone lines we have available. Executive committee members are always welcome on the teleconference. These committees include but not limited to membership, training, scholarship committee.

Scholarship- A lot of discussion was had on whether we would have 1 or 2 scholarships available this year for local college students. Jamey made a motion to have 1 scholarship this year for local college students, seconded by Becky. Motion Passes.

Jamey will let Jeff Skousen know the decision of the committee.

Other Business- Peg mentioned she can no longer send bulk email's at this time. She has tried sending a bulk email for another organization and it would not work but she does recognize our membership list is much shorter and may still work.

Cash money used for the silent auction will be deposited back into the account after the upcoming Nutrient Management Training.

Date for the next meeting/teleconference will be **Wednesday, December 9, 2015 at 1:30PM.**

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Becky and seconded by Jamey; Motion Passes.