

MINUTES
of the
Georgia Association of FSA County Office Employees
Executive Committee

The Executive Committee and Officers of the Georgia Association of FSA County Office Employees met December 16, 2008 in Perry at the Houston County FSA Building.

Those present were Barbara Jackson, Vice President
 Pam Wilkes, Treasurer Denise L.Otto, Secretary
 District 1A - Carolyn Taylor
 District 1B – Thomas Verner and Rita Rogers (Alternate)
 District 2 – Phil Howell and Callie Redmond
 District 3 – Kyle Brown and Delores Hartley
 District 4 –
 District 5 – Jo Lynn Futch and Wanda McCurdy
 District 6 – Keith Willis
 District 7 –
 District 8 – Elaine Sherrod (Alternate) and Marcia Baker

The meeting began with the Kyle Brown giving the Invocation. The minutes from the meeting held on October 15, 2008 were approved. The Treasurer's report was given by Pam Wilkes in which she stated only one check had been written since last meeting and that was for NASCOE Membership. We are at 85% Membership. Barbara Jackson, Vice President stated that we are on Annual Leave for the meeting and mileage will be reimbursed from GACOE. January 1, 2009 starts the new membership year.

The Convention was discussed leaving Barbara Jackson, Pam Wilkes and Denise Otto finding out some tentative dates and where we stand with St. Simons, King and Prince since the All South Rally. They will try to get some dates together ASAP and send out information via email to Committee.

We then proceeded to the Special Election of Officers for the 2008-2009 year. A special election was held because the GACOE President, Chad Scruggs filled a District Director position and could no longer be the GACOE President.

Special Election of Officers

The floor opened for any nominations for President. Pam Wilkes nominated Barbara Jackson for President. It was motioned and seconded that all nominations be closed on the said one name. It was motioned and seconded that Barbara Jackson be elected President by acclamation. All motions passed. Barbara Jackson was elected as President.

Now that Barbara Jackson was voted in President, the floor opened for any nominations for the Vice President seat. Phil Howell nominated Denise Otto for Vice-President. It was motioned and seconded that all nominations be closed on the said one name. It was motioned and seconded that Denise Otto be elected Vice-President by acclamation. All motions passed. Denise Otto was elected Vice President.

The election left the position of Secretary vacant. According to the By-Laws, the Executive Committee could appoint someone to fill this position until the next election, however due to some members of the committee being absent which left some districts without a voice, the members present decided it would only be fair to hold a special election to fill this position. Therefore, a special election will be held with the following requirements: (1) announcements for the position of Secretary of GACOE should be made known within 30 days from January 5, 2009; (2) on February 4, 2009 ballots will be emailed to the members of the Executive Committee for their submission to an election committee. This committee consists of executive member, Kyle Brown, CED Wilkes-Lincoln-Taliaferro counties and his office staff. (3) The voted ballot should be returned via email to Kyle Brown. (4) Mr. Brown will notify (via email) the President and Vice president of the election results and the results will be forwarded to the Executive Committee. A motion was made that Denise Otto keep the Secretarial duties for 30 days until the new Secretary is elected.

Barbara Jackson proceeded with asking some members to participate on the 2009 Committees for Awards, Legislative and Scholarship since there are issues that needed to be completed within these titles. Tentatively there will be a full legislative conference March 1-10. A suggestion of taking 10 to Washington was made which would consist of 8 – GACOE Members and 2 - County Committee members. Thomas Verner was named Chairperson of the Legislative Committee and will be getting with the members to see who would be interested in going to Washington.

Barbara Jackson then proceeded to discuss some issues that arose from the Fall NASCOE Meeting. Cliff Fussell's report is posted on the GACOE website.

They are being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Denise L. Otto

GACOE Secretary