

FALCON Membership Meeting

**USDA NIFA Radisson Blu
Minneapolis, MN**

November 9, 2014

DRAFT MINUTES

Call to Order

Gary Halvorson called the meeting to order at 1:37 pm, November 9, 2014.

Approve Minutes

The draft minutes from the November 3, 2013, FALCON membership meeting were reviewed. *A motion to approve the minutes was made by Shawn Bordeaux and seconded by Dan Kinsley. The minutes were approved by unanimous voice vote.*

AICF – Scott Williams from American Indian College Fund was moved up on the agenda to present because of travel commitments. Mr. Williams shared scholarship programs offered by his organization.

Executive Director's Report

John Phillips presented the Executive Director's report, and discussed the following items:

- **Highlights of 2013/2014:** The FALCON 2013 Conference in Washington, DC, had about 100 attendees, with 24 of the 1994s represented. FALCON has started an Integrated Pest Management (IPM) Tribal Working Group. FALCON is working with the College of Menominee Nation on a leadership development program for its faculty/staff. FALCON filled the 1994 representative position on the National Association of Community Development Extension Professionals (NACDEP).
- The 2015 Fiscal Year budget has not yet passed, but all indications are that the 1994 programs will receive level funding.
- The Farm Bill has passed as the "Agricultural Act of 2014." The 1994s were seeking four major priorities: 1) Reauthorize all existing 1994 programs, 2) Include 1994s Institutions in two Smith-Lever 3(d) programs: FRTEP and CYFAR., 3) Add Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Community College and the College of the Muscogee Nation as land-grants, and 4) Expand list of eligible research partners to non-land-grant agricultural colleges, ARS sites, and Schools of Forestry. All priorities were passed except for item #2.
- Planning is ongoing for 1994 participation at the NERAOC (National Extension & Research Administrative Officers Conference) 2015. FALCON members are on planning committee on a rotating basis (Brian Kowalkowski now serves). The conference will be May 3-6, 2015, in Paradise Point in San Diego, CA. At least 3 sessions will be specific to 1994 issues. FALCON is tentatively planning for registration fee (\$550) scholarships to selected 1994 attendees.

- FALCON has started a new Tribal IPM Working Group to address gaps in knowledge of Tribal IPM issues. We are funded for one year by the North Central IPM Center and will be seeking continuation funding to develop a national initiative. FALCON needs more working group members, especially from the North-central region.
- FALCON is promoting the Great Plains Interactive Distance Education Alliance (GP-IDEA), which offers online Masters Degrees in Community Development through an alliance of Midwestern Universities. There is an emphasis on Native American communities with several program completion options: Thesis, Project, and Course completion.
- FALCON is working with the Leadership Development for the 21st Century (LEAD21), which is the premiere leadership development program for the land-grant system. It is a ten-month program with three in-person sessions (June, Oct., Feb.). Last year, FALCON announced a FALCON-sponsored 50% tuition scholarship (worth about \$5,000) for one 1994 applicant to participate in LEAD21 each year. LEAD21 will match, so tuition is essentially free. 1994 applicants only pay for travel (about \$5,000)
- AIHEC has initiated an Outreach to Native Farmers & Ranchers project. They received a one-year USDA “2501” grant, which will support three regional 1.5-day Training and TA workshops (Southwest, Montana/West, North-central). 1994 representatives within a region can serve as advisors and some as coordinators. AIHEC needs at least five advisors per region who have an interest in supporting their local farmers and ranchers.
- The venues for the FALCON annual conferences for the next three years were presented, as follows:
 - ✓ 2015, Nov. 7-10, in Denver, CO
 - ✓ 2016, Nov. 5-8 in Albuquerque, NM
 - ✓ 2017, Nov. 3-6 in Washington DC
- AIHEC received funds from USDA NRCS year-end moneys to fund 1 or 2 interns in the field of climate change/resource management planning for about 12 1994s.

A motion to approve the report was made by Shawn Bordeaux and seconded by Leslie Rae Henry. The report was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Treasurer’s Report

The Treasurer’s Report was presented by Pat Aune and is listed as Figure 1.

- John Phillips commented that funds are available for TCU staff to represent 1994’s on national committees and should contact him if there was one that any one was looking to go to.
- John also discussed the executive team strategic planning session that occurred and that the group wanted to utilize its resources to try to get more students to attend FALCON as well as to assist staff in attending the LEAD21 program.

A motion to approve the report was made by Leslie Rae Henry and seconded by Wanda Agnew. The report was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Figure 1. Treasurers Report

FALCON Treasurer's Report				
November 9, 2014 Treasurer: Patricia Aune				
2013 Conference Report			Income	Expenses
Income	Conference Fees -2013	\$23,381.00		
	American Indian College Fund	\$10,000.00		
	Total Conference Income	\$33,381.00	\$33,381.00	
Expenses	Hotel Catering	\$8,166.00		
	Conference Rooms			
	Speakers/consultant	\$500.00		
	Student scholarships	\$11,000.00		
	Postage, mailing service	\$69.16		
	Printing/Copying	\$112.87		
	Consultant travel	\$725.97		
	Total Conference Expenses	\$20,574.00		\$20,574.00
	Conference Balance	\$12,807.00		
Other Income				
	LEAD21	\$6,166.29		
	IPM Reimbursement	\$7,562.34		
	Total	\$13,728.63	\$13,728.63	
Other Expenses				
	Western Directors' Assessment	\$100.00		
FALCON officer travel				
	B.Litson	\$441.59		
	B.Litson to Keepseagle	\$388.46		
	C.Schumacher (travel/honorarium	\$1,072.38		
	B.Kowalkowski to NERAOC (2)	\$4,058.18		
FALCON Executive Director travel				
	Officer meeting	\$2,245.23		
	AIHEC Board Meeting	\$1,439.45		
	NERAOC annual conference	\$1,390.12		
	Postage, mailing service	\$173.00		
	Supplies, software			
	Nonprofit Corp. annual fee	\$10.00		
	Total	\$11,318.41		\$11,318.41
IPM Project Expenses				
	PI J.Phillips salary/fringe	\$4,875.00		
	Working Group travel	\$1,484.90		
	Survey Monkey	\$104.00		
	IPM -WERA annual meeting	\$535.13		
	IPM Honorariums	\$1,200.00		
	IPM Travel	\$3,256.54		
	Total	\$11,455.57		\$11,455.57
	Totals		\$47,109.63	\$43,347.98
			Wells Fargo Bank Balances as of 11/6/201	
			Checking	\$88,414.67
			High Yield Savings	\$33,432.67
			Total	\$121,847.34

Officer Nominations

Nominations were opened up to fill the positions of President, Vice President and Secretary. An e-mail vote will take place in about two weeks. Nominations for President were accepted for the following individuals:

Steve Dahlberg nominated Gary Halvorson, Sitting Bull College

James Hafer moved that nominations cease, and Shawn Bordeaux seconded the motion. The motion to cease nominations was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Nominations for Vice President were accepted for the following individuals:

Virgil Dupuis nominated Dan Kinsley, Aaniih Nakoda College

Henry Thompson nominated Latonna Old Elk, Little Big Horn College

Steve Dahlberg moved that nominations cease, and Shawn Bordeaux seconded the motion. The motion to cease nominations was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Nominations for Secretary were accepted for the following individuals:

James Hafer nominated Brian Kowalkowski, College of Menominee Nation

Shawn Bordeaux moved that nominations cease, and James Hafer seconded the motion. The motion to cease nominations was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Partnership Reports

- NACDEP Report - Tabled
- Charles Baldwin, Agrability – Provided a report on the resources his agency has available to farmers and ranchers who may be disabled.
- Richard Todd, Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis – Provided overview of their Native American Community Development program and indicated they are looking at expanding into the areas of land use, housing, education, Tribal colleges, and American Indian owned businesses

Other Business

- Gary Halvorson brought up an opportunity for grants for strategic planning from the Partnership for Environmental Technology.
- Wanda Agnew talked about the CYFAR program and indicated she was asked to be a trainer of CYFAR coaches for the Midwest and was looking for input from Tribal Colleges.
- Susan Given-Seymour was recognized for her years of service to FALCON and wished well in her upcoming retirement.

Meeting adjourned 2:41 pm.