**Minutes of the Southern Region PLN**

**4-H Youth Development Program Leaders Managers Conference Call**

**May 12, 2015**

The following individuals were on the conference call: Tom Broyles, Arch Smith, Mitzi   
Downing, Amy McCune, Cathy Sutphin, Richard Clark, Woodie Hughes, Jr., Charlene Jacobs, Mark Tassin, Jennifer from Mississippi, and Boyd Owens.

Tom Broyles lead the meeting in the absence of Chris Boleman. The minutes of the February meeting were approved with the following two corrections: (1)The date of the 2015 PLN meeting is August 24-28 in Orlando, Florida, instead of August 17-20, 2015, and (2) Steve Sutton reported that Cathy Sutphin is his replacement on the National 4-H Congress Board of Directors.

Cathy Sutphin gave a report on the P3WG and minutes are attached, along with information on the 4-H Interstate Exchange Database. The P3WG group is also working on collegiate 4-H proposal and continues to work on national competitive events. Mitzi Downing is serving on the curriculum committee; Charlene Jacobs represents the Southern Region PLN on the competitive events committee; Arch Smith reports that the P3WG is reviewing requests by collegiate 4‑H members from the southern Region for a National Collegiate 4-H organization. A survey of college 4-H programs and a suggested constitution and bylaws are attached. The following individuals from the Southern Region were selected to serve on a national committee to make recommendations concerning a national 4-H collegiate organization: Oakley Perry, collegiate 4‑H member from Georgia; Toby Lepley, collegiate 4-H advisor from Texas; and Tom Broyles, State 4-H Leader from Tennessee State.

Woodie Hughes gave a brief update from National 4-H ECOP group. The next meeting will be May 27-28, 2015, in St. Louis, Missouri.

An update was provided by Noah Washburn that the National 4-H Engineering contest has lost its status as a national 4-H event. Arkansas and Tory Earle from Kentucky are trying to develop a STEM-related engineering contest for the southern Region. Virginia, Tennessee State, and Georgia all expressed interest in knowing more about the contest.

Charlene Jacobs indicated that the 4-H National Headquarters site that provided criteria for national competitive events had been taken down. Guidelines for national competitive events will be established by state 4-H leaders, and other events will become multi-state events.

The Southern Region PLN meeting will be August 24-28, 2015, in Orlando, Florida. Agenda items should be sent to Chris Boleman.

On behalf of Paula Threadgill, Jennifer reported that the 2016 Southern Region 4-H Biennial will be held at the Imperial Palace in Biloxi, Mississippi, on April 4-7, 2016.

Cathy Sutphin expressed concern over the National 4-H Camping Institute and the information that had been sent out by NAE4-HA. It was agreed that this would be an agenda item for the PLN meeting in August. The letter from NAE4-HA is attached.

Our next conference call will be July 14, 2015, at 8:00 a.m., CDT; 9:00 a.m. EDT.