New Board Member Orientation

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Orientation Topics

• History
• Partnerships
• Board Member Responsibilities
• Agent Responsibilities
• Extension Programming
• Board Member Resources

A Historical Look Back:

1860s to Today
The Morrill Act

- Established Land Grant Universities in 1862
- Kansas: First Land Grant University

Hatch Act

- Established Experiment Stations in 1887

Smith-Lever Act

- Established the Cooperative Extension Service in 1914
Land Grant Universities

• Teaching
• Research
• Extension

Kansas Laws

• 1915 – Kansas County Farm Bureau Law
• 1951 – Kansas County Extension Council Law

Kansas Laws

• 1991 – Kansas Extension District Law
K-State Research and Extension

1996 – Kansas State University Cooperative Extension Service and the Agricultural Experiment Station became K-State Research and Extension

Our Mission Statement

K-State Research and Extension

“.....is dedicated to a safe, sustainable, competitive food and fiber system and to strong, healthy communities, families, and youth through integrated research, analysis, and education.”

Our Slogan

Knowledge for Life
Partnerships

K-State Research and Extension
A Partnership

Federal

State

Local

Budget

- Federal Partner (76%)
- Grants (including Federal agencies) (25%)
- State Partner (16%)
- Local Partner (15%)

Knowledge of Life
Federal Partner

President of the United States
Cabinet Members
Department of Agriculture
NIFA
National Institute of Food and Agriculture

State Partner

Kansas State University
K-State Research and Extension
Director: John Floros
Cooperative Extension Service
Associate Director: Daryl Buchholz
Agricultural Experiment Station
Associate Director: Ernie Minton

Local Partner

County or District
Extension Boards
Kansas Extension Laws

- Requirements of partners
- Establishment of county and district boards
- Budget procedures
- Election of members
- Duties of officers
- Employment of agents

Local Partner - Four Program Development Committees

Agriculture and Natural Resources
Family and Consumer Sciences
4-H Youth Development
Community Development

Local Partner

Agent and PDC partner to
- Identify local needs
- Match KSRE resources to needs
- Implement programming
- Evaluate programming
State and Local Partnership

Area director and board responsible for:

- Comprehensive programming
- Personnel
- Budget

State and Local Partnership

Area Director  ---  Extension Board

Extension Agents
Board Member Responsibilities

- Participate in board meetings
- Review Board Leadership website
- Review minutes, financial statements, and agent reports

Board Member Responsibilities

- Become familiar with all program areas
- Get to know all agents and their programming
- Attend extension-sponsored events
- Advocate for extension programming
Agent Responsibilities

Provide educational programming in:

- Family and Consumer Sciences
- Agriculture and Natural Resources
- Community Development
- 4-H Youth Development

Serve on a Program Focus Team

- Adult Development and Aging
- Community Development
- Crop Production
- Family and Child Development
- Family Resource Management
- Farm Management
- Horticulture
- Livestock Production
- Natural Resources
- Nutrition, Food Safety and Health
- Youth Development
Agent Responsibilities

- Collaborate with community members and partner organizations.
- Utilize various educational strategies.

Agent Responsibilities

- Recruit, train, and manage volunteers
- Collect evidence of program outcomes.

Extension Programming
• Developing new crop varieties
• Leading teams to solve global food issues
• Helping families stretch their food dollars

• Identifying practices to prevent childhood obesity
• Saving Medicare participants an average of $832 per person
• Guiding 72,000 youth to apply leadership skills
• Meeting needs of military youth through the Kansas Operation Military Kids (OMK) program

• Improving communities through the Kansas PRIDE program
• Helping communities maintain services such as grocery stores
• Working with families to develop better financial management practices

• Breeding new drought-tolerant crops
• Developing more efficient irrigation systems
• Improving livestock genetics to reduce water needed
Board Member Resources

- Notebook provided by local office
- [http://www.ksre.ksu.edu/boardleadership](http://www.ksre.ksu.edu/boardleadership)
- Excellence in Board Leadership Assessment
- Handbook for County Extension Councils and District Governing Bodies

Congratulations on your board member responsibility!