**Introductions  1:05 pm**

**Approval of Agenda**
Sallie Jo Potter made a motion to approve the agenda.  Vern Windsor 2nd the motion.  Motion passed.

**Approval of January Minutes**
Tabled to March

**Administrative Updates**
Dr. Ouart
CCAM meeting was very successful.

Tony is working with the House of Representatives on our Concent Bill 981 & 982. He has a list of representatives that serve on the Local Government Committee.

Extension – test tech and delivery education, new program going forward.
Learning networking – reinvention of E-extension – Julie Middleton

Federal Budget is out. It appears to be flat plus for Extension programs.

State budget will be flat. Again the university plans to withhold 2% of all budgets to be used on “special project”. Extension has put forth a proposal for the Translation Science project to be funded by the MU SOP. Bev is working with a writing team to make some adjustments.

County budgets also appear to be flat. The good news is Green County’s budget has doubled.

Salary increases will have to come from Extension's core budget.

Beverly Coberly
Program Integration Teams will be meeting in Jeff City on Thursday and Friday.

Title IV training has begun. Training is being offered around the state.

OSHER is continuing to make some changes.

Tony DeLong

Legislative Update - Jim Snider
Jim gave an update on House Bill 981 and 982. Copies of both bills were passed out to the state council members.

UMEA Update - Lynda Zimmerman
The UMEA Full Board met via adobe on February 18. Mark Stillwell gave an overview about the new reporting systems, MyExtension and MyVita. The focus of MyExtension will be program outcomes. MyVita will document faculty’s professional accomplishments. The presentation was recorded and will be available on MU extension’s website.

State 4-H Council - Nathan Smith
Nathan made a few comments about the interview process for the executive positions. There are two 4-H members running for each of the officer positions. Those that are not elected as officers will serve on other committees.

Old Business
County Budgets
Tony reported that most of the county extension budgets are flat to a slight increase.
Legislative Day Update - Ed Mobley & Tony DeLong
Ed began by giving praise for the help he received from Tracy Fellers. There is 207 volunteers, 15 MAA, and 123 MU Extension Faculty, Staff, and Admin registered for Legislative Day. State Council members asked that Dolores and Ronda request that the Alumni Alliance look at changing the date for the event next year until later in the session.

Development Update - Cynthia Crawford
Director of Donor Education Cynthia Crawford met with the council to provide an update on development work within Extension. Her report focused on spendable and endowment funds at the county council level. After a reminder of facts about the spendable fund accounts and endowment accounts, she reported on the current focus of donor education and development efforts. She asked for the state council’s support and participation in the Director’s Stakeholder Survey that is currently being developed. Director of Development Cat Comley Adams leads this effort. It is scheduled to be distributed in April and will provide critical information to the organization.

The metrics reported to the State Council coincide with the first three years of the current strategic plan. Crawford reported:

* 100% of counties now have a user friendly web giving process
* 15 counties have established or grown their endowment balances and have moved up at least one step in the measurement intervals for endowments.
* County endowment funds have grown from $1.1 million to $1.5 million
* 350,000 has been mobilized from spendable funds in the last three years to support County Extension Council goals
* Three years ago 34% of counties exceeded the University’s acceptable ratio of spendable to endowment funds. Today 25% of counties continue to exceed the threshold. Exceeding the 15% ratio is an indicator that active management of funds is needed.

Education efforts are ongoing that encourage active management of University Extension spendable and endowment funds at both the county and state level.

New Business
Public Issues Leadership Development Conference (PILD) will be held in April. Sallie Jo Potter of the State Council and Bob Buxton, Regional Chair, will represent councils as part of the team going to DC.

Winter Fire School - Glenn Coleman
Glenn and Anita attended the Winter Fire School. The new grain bin trailer was on display. It will be used to train firemen across the state how to make a grain bin rescue. There was a lot of information from fire vendors and fire department. All over the state departments had brought in their fire trucks and new equipment to show.

Other Business
NE Title 9 Training - Vern Windsor & Walter Carr
Vern reported that he and Walter had attended the Title 9 Training in the NE Region on January 17. Joy Millard and John Worden did a great job and the information was very useful.

County Commission Association of Missouri - HC Russell
HC and Anita attended the CCAM meeting. The visits with the commissioners were very productive and important. The networking continues to be of value to Extension and Extension State Council.

Committee Reports
MU Extension District Option - Dolores Howard
Tony has been working on a PowerPoint to present at PILD.
Wright and Mercer County will be on April ballets, for the District Option.
Wright County has spent approximately $13,000 toward the cost of an election.
Mercer has spent approximately $9000 toward the cost of an election.

Nominating Committee - Sallie Jo Potter
The nominating committee has been appointed. They are Carl Allison, Chair, Sallie Jo Potter, Ed Mobley, and Paul Klossner. Members were encouraged to let the committee members know if they are interested in serving as an officer. Also if you would like to nominate another member, please contact any member of the committee.

State Council members were reminded that each region needs to elect a representative to the State Council before April.

Communications Updates
Curators/VIP Tours - Anita Hampton
Curator Stillman, Curator Sodden and Curator Graham have all agreed to participate in an Extension tour.

Alumni Alliance - Dolores Howard & Ronda Elfrink
Jim Foil has appointed a committee to write vision and mission statements.

CARET Update - HC Russell
Spring Annual meeting will begin on Monday, March 2 in Washington, DC. HC will be traveling to the event.

Regional Reports
Reports were tabled till March meeting.

Future Meeting Dates, Time, and Location
Mar 13, 2015      Stoney Creek Inn       Columbia
Apr 10, 2015      TBD                    Rolla - in conjunction with Board of Curators
May 9, 2015       TBD                    Columbia
Jun 18, 2015      Council to Campus     Columbia
July 10, 2015     TBD                    Columbia
August 14, 2015   TBD                    Columbia