**IEEA Advanced Committee Meeting Minutes 4/24/2025**

**In attendance:** Debbie Mix, Rebecca Koetz, Diana Stone, Ody Ekwonwa, Lori Bouslog, Eric Hillis, Kelly Heckaman, Abigail Creigh, Amber Zimmer.

Recap from previous meeting:

* The group is planning to do a PDC breakout session so Debbie, Rebecca, and Caren will spearhead it. They will reach out to see if other IEEA committees will collaborate so that it can be a session educating people on what the different IEEA committees do.

What is IEEA? Why join?

* What is something we do that other groups don’t? Scholarship opportunities. Helping to connect educators from across the state we wouldn’t meet otherwise.
* To know what Extension is doing generally.
* Useful tools for educators-i.e. Putting together toolkits on entering counties. We get to influence the policies written for educators.
* Casual way to get used to presenting.
* Sharing resources to use in our counties.

Ideas & Questions from the members:

* \*\*Can we go back to IEEA bylaws and constitution to see the mission/purpose for our committees? “Advocate for the professional development for the membership” – could we help promote positions to get them filled?
* \*\*We’re the committee to bring concerns to the administration to get them addressed. We would like to do another survey with more participants outside existing IEEA membership to know what educator concerns are? What can we do to boost morale? CED’s can help advocate for their county educators and boost morale.
* \*\*Are committee members reaching out to educators in their counties or region to invite them to join IEEA, attend the conference, join a committee?
* \*\*If only people who attend spring conference complete the survey, what about the responses of the other people who didn’t attend the conference? Or aren’t current members? – Debbie will send responses of the 2023 previous survey to committee members. We can revise or change it to send again to the general Extension email list serves. We can encourage educators to participate. We can bring the results to the Extension director *respectfully*.