Treasurer’s Report
This report covers the entire 2013 year. Not covered in detail are investments and the amount due to counties from the Forum auction. The 2013 Forum registration income was enough to cover the hotel bill.

2014 budget – Chuck Todd reported that both the income and the expenses are very difficult to estimate because they are based on our yearly forum. Attendance at forum is critical. There were 175 attendees at the 2013 Forum. We need to work toward an attendance of 250.

State Director’s Report
Federal Budget – There is still no farm bill. This may be one of the better federal budgets that we have had in the last decade. It appears the sequester dollars have been restored. Pat will know more in the future.
County Budget – 4-H is in all 39 counties and all counties are supporting the 4-H program.
State Wide Management Fee – She will not be implementing an enrollment fee in the fall of 2014.

District Meetings
NW District – The 2015 Forum will take place in Everett. The parent company that owns the San Michelle Winery Corporation invests money where they have employees. They have donated money in support of a STEM project. This project was moved from Snohomish County to King County in order to reach the required 600 youth.

SW District – Wahkiakum County is celebrating 100 years of 4-H. Their first 4-H meeting was held on July 30, 1914.

SE District – 4-H entries at the Ellensburg Fair are increasing. An expansion of the fair grounds is planned because of crowding. The Extension Office may be moving in April to the armory that is located on the fairgrounds.

2014 Forum
Volunteer education, leadership and support are the primary functions of the State 4-H Advisory Board. According to a recent survey 4-H leaders do not consider attending the 4-H Forum to be a priority. It was noted that providing funding does not always get people to attend. Because of the size of the event we have limited choices in where Forum can take place. Comments from leaders have included: didn’t see any interesting workshops, are focused on their club program, think it is too far away, etc. Duration of Forum, what we want to offer, venue (hotel, vs. school, vs. fair grounds) all affect the cost of the Forum.
In the survey a number of people were not aware that Forum existed. The board discussed their goal for attendance at Forum. We aspire to be at 250-300 attendees at the 2014 Forum. Attendance of 225 would be the minimum number that would allow us to meet our financial commitments. The forum schedule should be changed as follows:

- The State 4-H Advisory Board decided that if an organization uses a meeting space on Friday, each individual in the meeting needs to pay the registration fee.
- Sunday Committee meeting – A $20 registration fee will be required for attendance at committee meetings if attendees are not already registered to attend Forum. Robin will be checking to ensure that everyone has a name tag. All committee meetings will be required to adjourn for the State 4-H Council meeting.
- There has been an increase in the number of people eating meals and attending when they have not paid. It is necessary to start monitoring who eats at each meal.
- There needs to be an announcement that voting delegates can only be youth or adult volunteers. They cannot be staff.
- District meetings – Voting on district representatives is done by only voting delegates.
- Committee meetings – Everyone can vote.
- Council meeting – Voting is done by only voting delegates.

State Teen Involvement
Jan Klein (Adolescent Leadership Specialist) and Travis Gylling (State Ambassador, Market Goat Project, Know Your Government) introduced themselves to the board. Jan explained that at the conclusion of this session participants will increase their understanding of and the benefits of youth/adult partnerships, increase skills in implementing positive youth/adult partnerships, and set vision and goals for implementing positive youth/adult partnerships in the 4-H State Advisory Board. Jan and Travis led the Advisory Board through several interactive youth/adult partnership activities. Some suggestions from the discussion included the importance of having an activity at the beginning of each meeting to learn about each other and the need to share potential ideas with Jan about promoting teens on the Board.

2014 Forum Committee Report & Update
Michelle Lain reported that committee meetings are taking place and they are ready to start work. The committee needs to create a budget and share it with Chuck Todd. He will use that information to calculate the registration fee. Chuck will give them a draft budget to start with. The theme is “We are the Heart of 4-H”.

2015 Forum
Don Ballard recommended using the Holiday Inn Downtown Everett for the 2015 Forum. “Harvest of Opportunities” will be the theme. We do not yet have a signed contract.

Committee Liaison Report
State Fair – The fee schedules for the animal barns are out. The Iron Chef contest has been discontinued. Foods for All Occasions will replace it and will be open to only
intermediates and seniors. It is similar to Iron Chef. Contestants prepare a meal on a
theme. There will be some other new food categories. Their next meeting is on April 12.
Dog – They have some issues related to state legislation concerning specific breeds of
dogs. There is a concern with 4-H’ers participating at qualifying shows outside of their
home county. This is a complicated issue that sometimes involves joint custody issues in
split households.
Shooting Sports – They are in the process of revamping the program requirements. The
new Washington/Oregon curriculum has been completed and training will be in March.

Volunteer Development Action Team (VDAT)
Jana Ferris, VDAT Chair, joined the State Advisory Board for a discussion about the
workshops presented at Forum. The focus of Forum is volunteer education. The State 4-
H Advisory Board has a goal of 250 attendees with an eventual goal of 300 attendees.
The forum will continue to rotate around the state. The State 4-H Advisory Board would
like to have the class schedule on the Forum website in May as early as possible to allow
people to start scheduling for October. The board discussed doing some targeted
recruiting of presenters. Jana will have VDAT look at the research that has been done on
the trainings volunteers want. Jana suggested targeting one or two classes that could be
recorded or broadcast to other parts of the state. An announcement could go out after
forum about a really good class that is now available for a fee. It was suggested that a
camera be set up for comments by attendees. This is already available on face book and
the website.

Jana will work with VDAT to:
• Revise and distribute the RFP by February 10.
• Gather project information.
• Look at the website formatting.
• Use March 24 as the return date of the RFP’s.
• Post the workshops to the website by April 1.

Fund Development Committee
The State 4-H Advisory Board currently has 496 My Champion Books. They were
was suggested we consider selling them at $8/book to get them sold. Members were
couraged to ask their county to consider giving the books away as prizes.

Teen Leadership Committee
The committee asked the board members if they would be interested in inviting and
bringing teens to board meetings. Several of the members knew of teens they could
invite to our meetings. The board members were reminded that these teens should have
good leadership skills. Any teen that comes to our meetings should complete the Teen
Application form. The form should be signed by parents and the extension office and
brought to the meeting they attend.

Respectfully submitted,
Vicki Contini, Secretary