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Board Leadership Series Planned for February and March

K-State Research and Extension is conducting a series of Board Leadership workshops across the state February, 21, 23, 28 and March 2.

Designed to provide basic training for members of community-based boards, the series will be hosted by local Extension professionals at locations across the state.

“Informed and committed board members are the key to healthy, effective boards and committees in our Kansas communities. K-State Research and Extension’s Board Leadership Series will provide an opportunity for board members to learn the basics of being a good board member,” said Trudy Rice, extension community development specialist. “Whether you are a member of a church board, a township board, a United Way agency board, or a rural water board, this training is appropriate for you.”

The series will kick-off on February 21 with Conducting Effective Meetings. During this session, participants will learn about their roles and responsibilities as a board member, basics of parliamentary procedure, and strategies to make meetings more productive and effective.

The February 23 session will cover Understanding Fellow Board Members and Conflict Management. Participants will explore how personalities and generational differences affect the decision-making process, and learn how to manage conflict in a way that is productive, not destructive, to the board.

On February 28, the topic will be Fundraising, Fund Management, Legalities and Ethics. This session will explore a board’s options for raising and managing money, understanding such things as articles of incorporation, bylaws, and policies.

Strategic Planning will be the final topic on March 2. Participants will learn about establishing a common mission and vision for the board, and how to plan priorities for the future.

All sessions will be conducted from 6-8 pm. Workshop participants will meet at host sites throughout the state to take part in web-based instruction and locally facilitated discussion. Sites include: Clay Center, Colby, Fort Scott, Hays, Kingman, Lyndon, Meade, Norton, Olathe, Pittsburg, Salina, Seneca, Syracuse, Wichita and Wilson. The local Johnson County session will be held at 11811 S Sunset Drive, Olathe, KS 66061.

Pre-registration for the event is required by February 10. The cost is \$40 for all four sessions per person. Each registration buys a seat which can be rotated by participants. For a group rate, contact Kelli

Ludlum. Registration includes refreshments and a Board Basics workbook. More information is available at at <http://www.ksre.k-state.edu/community/civic-engagement/boards-commissions.html> .