

**American Association for Agricultural Education  
North Central Region Conference – Virtual  
Business Meeting 1 Minutes – October 15, 2020**

President Tormoehlen called the 2020 NC-AAAE business session to order at 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 15, 2020. Announcement about a correction to the program: Business items (approval of minutes and treasures report) were moved to tomorrow's business meeting.

AAAE President Dr. Burris shared greetings and comments from National AAAE. He offered thanks to leadership for the virtual conference and the work which allowed us to gather together to share and grow the profession. Dr. Burris Shared the work and progress of the national committees as they continue to advance the mission and vision of AAAE. The national conference will be May 24 -27, 2021 in North Carolina.

**Update form JAE Editing-Managing Board** – Dr. Hui-Hui Wang shared that the search for a new editor for JAE is underway; email Dr. Joey Blackburn if you wish to self-nominate or nominate others. She shared some updates on publication processes the board is working on clarifying. Dr. Want shared a collaboration between the editors of JAE and 2 other journals of the profession to study and identify factors which may limit submissions of female authors during COVID pandemic.

**National FFA Board of Directors:** Dr. Jessica Blythe reported that National FFA is doing everything they can to maintain high levels of member engagement and education while developing professional opportunities during the turbulence of 2020. The organization is in good standing financially.

- After 5 years of gathering feedback FFA has moved forward with their Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion plan. <https://www.ffa.org/ag-ed-for-all/>
- 93<sup>rd</sup> National FFA Convention: <https://convention.ffa.org/> has steady registration, and also has registration opportunities for college students. Hopefully some of the innovations of the virtual offerings will be maintained in the future to provide broader access to the benefits of a National FFA Convention experience.
- Some updates to the National Officer selection process are that more adult consultant type roles will be added to help provide Nominating Committee members with access to adult perspectives. The 3 current process consultant responsibilities will remain the same, while 2 deliberation consultants will serve as non-voting members of the committee. You may be asked to join the list of those who are qualified and willing to serve.

**Research Conference Update** – Dr. Amy Smith shared that 47 research abstracts were submitted; 35 were invited for oral presentations; the remaining 12 were invited for poster presentations. She reported that this year was a pilot test of review by a panel of reviewers, and reported positive outcomes. She thanked the review panel for their time and commitment. The members were: Adam Cletzer, University of Missouri; Brad Greiman, University of Minnesota; Laura Hasselquist, South Dakota State University; Rebecca Mott, University of Missouri; Rama Radhakrishna, Penn State University; Michael Rosch, University of Illinois; Scott Smalley, Iowa State University; John Tummons, University of Missouri; Donna Westfall-Rudd, Virginia Tech University. 5 distinguished manuscripts awarded and recognized as the outstanding research in the region.

**Poster Session Report:**

Dr. Talbert reported on the Innovative/LCT Posters. He thanked Gaea and Amy for organizing the process and shared that we can find proceedings on the conference website, along with PDFs of the posters. He reported that 9 innovative poster abstracts and 2 LCT poster abstracts were submitted and were presented after review. He also thanked the innovative poster abstract reviewers: Adam Cletzer, University of Missouri; Aaron McKim, Michigan State University; Thomas H. Paulsen, Morningside College; Katrina Swinehart Held, Ohio State University; and Brooke Thiel, North Dakota State University.

**National Learner-Centered Teaching Conference Report:**

Dr. Knobloch shared the submission data related to the LCT conference. There were 20 abstracts were submitted for review, 18 were accepted as paper presentations, and 2 were accepted as posters. He encouraged the membership to read the abstracts in the proceedings.

President Tormoehlen then moved to Standing Committee Reports:

**Member Services Committee report:**

Dr. Russell provided the report. Award Application update. No action items were forwarded from the committee. Dr. Russell reported that most of their discussion centered around making it easier and more inviting to nominate for awards. Awards were clarified with consistent naming conventions: Five Outstanding Educator awards: Communications, Extension, International, Leadership, and Teacher (SBAE). Three Distinguished awards: Researcher, Teacher Educator, and Early Career Member. He also shared there was discussion around the award nomination process, and a proposal to design a fillable PDF nomination form for the distinguished awards, and coordinate with nationals to make it a common form. Additionally, there was discussion about revising the score sheet to make scoring easier.

There was discussion on the need to recognition of graduate/undergraduate student scholarships and though they share that it is critical to inclusion and growth of AAAE this may best be coordinated through the research committee or conference hosts.

Transparency of Eligibility and inviting more nominations was discussed ideas relate to formally documenting policies related to previous winner's participation, being nominating in more than one category, ext. However, the committee recognized that 2020 was not the best year to reexamine this concern.

He shared that the RFPs for Annual Supply and Demand Study and Periodic Salary Survey will be released in the next few weeks.

**Action Items:**

1. Design a fillable PDF nomination form for 3 distinguished awards.
2. In coordination with the national member services:
  - a. Create a common fillable PDF form for all awards in 2021 and ensure that Region and National criteria and forms align.
  - b. Revise the score sheet with more range of scoring choices and a form that would automatically generate a total for each nominee.
  - c. Document the policy that previous winners of any category are not eligible to be nominated in the same category.
  - d. Clarify that the same persons can be nominated for more than one category in the same year.

Dr. Jon Ulmer will be the chair for 2020-2021. And Scott Smalley will be co-chair. He concluded by thanking those who reviewed the award packets.

**Program Improvement Committee** report: Dr. Laura Hasselquist provided the report. She thanked Drs. Talbert & Hock for their work with innovative posters, and reiterated that 9 Innovative posters were received, 100% were accepted for presentation. She also thanked the Ohio State crew for hosting the posters sessions, and Drs. Talbert, Rosson, Buttles, and LaRose for the moderating the sessions. She also reaffirmed that the committee and chair will assist in planning the undergraduate conference when we return to face-to-face conference.

The committee reported no action items.

Dr. Annie Specht will be Co-Chair for 2020-2021, and poster chair for the 2021 conference.

**Professional Development** report: Dr. Buddy McKendree recognized the members in attendance at their committee meeting and thanked them for their work. Worked to outline their expectations and what they are tasked to accomplish. He reported the retirement briefs and in memories will be shared tomorrow. He also thanked everyone for their support in getting a full ballot of nominations for this years election. Electronic voting will be available to eligible members starting immediately following the business session. If you do not receive an email with links to your ballot by 6pm this evening email him and he will get one to you. Be sure to vote prior to the business meeting tomorrow.

Action Item:

1. Establish NC AAAE committee to evaluate and modify existing committee responsibilities.

Dr. Anil Chaudhary will be serving as Chair for 2020-2021, with Dr. Sara LaRose serving as Co-Chair.

**Research Committee** report: Adam Marx presented the report from the committee. He reiterated the information about the research submissions shared by Dr. Smith earlier: 47 research abstracts submitted. There were 35 papers accepted and 9 research posters accepted for presentation. He encouraged members to view the minutes on the conference website. He shared his and the committees thanks to the panels of reviewers. Some reviewer concerns were discussed, and will provide more guidance for next year's submissions and reviewers.

Panel review will continue along with the single submission deadline for all research abstracts. Authors will be asked to denote one of the 3 options at the top of the abstract: Poster only 2 page abstract, Paper only- 2000 word abstract, Paper or poster (either)-if you say paper only, and you do not make the cut, then you do are not accepted.

Dr. Marx shared the committees desire to continue the relationship with LCT and reported on the value the relationship and wish we could meet face-to-face to enhance collaboration.

He provided an overview of the submission process for the papers and they will continue the trial period of papers and posters; the initial call will include all the details. Chair for 2020-21 will be Adam Marx. Vice-chair will be Daniel Foster.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:55.

**American Association for Agricultural Education  
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Business Meeting 2 Minutes – October 16, 2020**

President Tormoehlen called the 2020 NC-AAAE second business session to order at 4:02 p.m. on Friday, October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2020. He commended the interaction and research of the profession over the last couple of days.

Dr. Blythe reported that due to technical difficulties the minutes from the 2019 NC-AAAE Conference business meeting are in lost to the void. Drs. Blythe, Tormoehlen, and Knobloch will be putting together a draft of minutes to fill the gap. No approval was provided.

Dr. Blythe reported that NC-AAAE has a balance of \$1,853, as of October 16, 2020. This is low due to COVID-19 and the cancellation of the face-to-face conference and cancellation of our hotel contract we incurred a \$12,950 cancellation fee. We had a little over \$6,000 in our account at that time so the cancellation fee left us in the red at little over \$6,000. The excellent attendance at this conference put us back in the black. Also, since we will be in Columbus, Ohio next year, the hotel will refund ½ of the cancellation fee, which will be \$6,475. The report was accepted.

**Recognitions and Awards:**

Dr. Mark Russell announced the winners of the regional professional awards and are as follows:

- Outstanding Early Career Educator Award: Hui-Hui Wang, Purdue University

There were no nominations for the remainder of the awards were provided, thus Dr. Russell encouraged members to submit nominations for all awards next year (Distinguished Agricultural Leadership Educator; Distinguished Agricultural Extension Educator; Distinguished Agricultural International Educator; Distinguished Teaching Award; Outstanding Agricultural Educator Award).

Dr. Allen Talbert thanked the judges of the posters sessions: Dr. Mark Balschweid, Dr. Jessica Blythe, Dr. Brandie Disberger, Dr. John Ewing, Dr. John Tummons, and Dr. Jon Ulmer. He then announced the winners of the innovative posters:

2<sup>nd</sup> runner up: *Think OINK! (Observe, Innovate, Network, Kinesthetic)*, Jay Solomonson, Illinois State University, & Riley Hintzsche, Streator High School

1<sup>st</sup> runner up: *Wheel of Reading Strategies!*, Jay Solomonson, Illinois State University & Liz Harris, Normal Community High School

Outstanding Poster: *Mom, You Da BOMB: A Workshop for Ag Ed Moms to Take Control of Their Boundaries*, Becky Haddad & Haley Q. Traini, Oregon State University

Dr. Allen Talbert also announced the winners of the research posters:

2<sup>nd</sup> runner up: *Effectiveness of Social Media Marketing for Higher Education Recruitment*, Peyton DeJong & Laura Hasselquist, South Dakota State University

1<sup>st</sup> runner up: *Comparison of College of Agriculture Students' Pre-Transfer Experiences to Their University Peers*, Michael S. Retallick, Elizabeth A. Foreman, Jennifer Bundy, Kelsey Powell, & Miranda M. Morris, Iowa State University

Outstanding Poster: *Compassion Fatigue in Secondary Career and Technical Education Teachers*, Laura Hasselquist & Nicole A. Graves, South Dakota State University

Dr. Amy Smith recognized the distinguished manuscripts no particular order:

*The Effect of Two Reflective Strategies on Student Multicultural Competency Development during an Online Multicultural Course*, Dr. Lauren Lewis Cline, Dr. Penny Pennington Weeks, Dr.

William G. Weeks, Dr. J. Shane Robinson, and Dr. Karen Hickman, all of Oklahoma State University

*Comparing College of Agriculture Students' Post-Transfer Experiences to their University Peers*, Michael S. Retallick, Elizabeth A. Foreman, Jennifer Bundy, Kelsey Powell, and Miranda M. Morris all of Iowa State University

*Hemp on the Horizon: Understanding Influences on Industrial Hemp Purchases*, Dr. Taylor K. Ruth, from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln; Dr. Blake C. Colclasure, Dr. Tessa Durham Brooks, and Dr. Andrea Holmes, from Doane University

*Nebraska Agricultural Educators' Use of Social Media to Engage Stakeholders*, Ben Robinson, Dr. Nathan Conner, Dr. Taylor Ruth, and Dr. Bryan Reiling, all of University of Nebraska-Lincoln

*Gender Stereotypes of Suits and Boots: Student Perceptions of Gender in School-based Agricultural Education and Careers*, Kendra Flood, Kevin Curry Jr., and Kathy Sexsmith, all from The Pennsylvania State University

The following memorials were shared with the profession:

- Dr. Harold Crawford – Iowa State University
- Dr. Edgar A Persons – University of Minnesota – Twin Cities
- Dr. Allen G. Blezek – University of Nebraska-Lincoln
- Dr. Fred Oomens – University of Wisconsin-Platteville

Dr. McKendree shared the retirements of the following NC AAAE Members and they were recognized for their work in the profession:

- Dr. Robert A. Martin – Iowa State University
- Dr. Brad Greiman – University of Minnesota – Twin Cities
- Dr. Lloyd Bell – University of Nebraska – Lincoln
- Dr. Rick Bockhop – University of Wisconsin- Platteville

### **Election Results:**

President Tormoehlen thanked Dr. McKendree for his work on the ballot and his dedication to the election. Buddy McKendree reported the results of the election as follows:

Vice-President Elect: Rama Radhakrishna	2021
Secretary/Treasurer: Hui-Hui Wang	2022
JAE Editing-Managing Board: Aaron McKim	2023
JAE Editing-Managing Board: Scott Smalley	2022
Program Improvement Com: Gaea Hock	2023
Program Improvement Com: Rebecca Mott	2023
Professional Development Com: Tim Buttles	2023
Professional Development Com: Rachel Hendrix	2023
Member Services Committee: Orlenthea McGowan	2022
Member Services Committee: Kevin Curry	2023
Member Services Committee: Brandie Disberger	2023
Research Committee: Becky Haddad	2023
Research Committee: Laura Hasselquist	2023

**Action Items:**

The following action items were identified during committee meetings and brought forth for action and discussion.

From the Professional Development Committee, the motion was made to establish a NC-AAAE special committee, with representatives from each NC-AAAE standing committee, to evaluate and modify existing committee responsibilities, implied second.

It was clarified by the acting parliamentarian, Dr. Foster, that the committee is to be appointed by incoming president with deadline set by the president on when to report back. Discussion on the motion explained the need for the motion to provide clarity to some of the committee responsibilities. Motion passed.

**New Business**

Dr. Knobloch proposed the following resolution:

Whereas, learner-centered teaching and inclusive mentoring engages undergraduate and graduate students and prepare students to be future leaders, professionals, and scholars in food, agricultural, environmental and health sciences.

Whereas, diversity, equity and inclusion is critically important to address complex challenges and social inequities in the food, agricultural, environmental and health sciences.

Whereas, collaboration is essential to build and strengthen individual and organizational capacities.

Whereas, AAEE and 1890 LGU partners embrace inclusivity, collaboration, professionalism, impact, and innovation.

Be it therefore resolved that the NC-AAEE and LCT & MENTOR partners continue to grow and advance the collaborative partnership that has been established in the last two years.

Dr. Mark Russell seconded. The resolution passed by unanimous consent.

President Tormoehlen thanked the Ohio State University staff, faculty, and students for their commitment to doing double hosting duties, with this year's virtual conference but also continuing their service next year.

The conference hosts and research coordinator for the next few years have been determined.

2021 Conference Host: Ohio State University

2021 Research Coordinator: South Dakota State University

Dr. Emily Buck invited us to Columbus, Ohio for the 2021 North Central AAEE Conference, September 29<sup>th</sup> – October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2021, look for more information on the AAEE conference website and in future emails.

Dr. Gaea Hock encourages us to look in your emails for conference evaluation survey.

President Tormoehlen recognized the Executive Committee members and Committee chairs/co-chairs for all their work and thanked the members for trusting him to serve in this position. Dr. Neil Knobloch was introduced as the President of NC AAEE for 2020-2021.

Dr. Knobloch thanked Dr. Tormoehlen for his work and service as the President. He has goals to work on including: (1) advancing and developing the partnership with 1890 Land-Grant Universities; (2) review and update the NC-AAEE Guidelines and Committee Responsibilities; and, (3) continue to advance diversity, equity and inclusion throughout the NC-AAEE guidelines and activities.

Emily Buck moved to adjourn, Dr. Tormoehlen seconded the motion. The 2020 NC-AAAE business session was adjourned at 5:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:  
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