

**American Association for Agricultural Education
North Central Region Conference – Columbia, MO
Business Session Minutes
September 29th, 2007**

Business session was called to order by President Lloyd Bell promptly at 9:30 a.m. at the Hilton Garden Hotel in Columbia, MO.

President Bell asked for approval on the 2006 minutes from last year's conference held in Ames, IA. Tracey Hoover promptly moved to approve the minutes, which was seconded by Bob Birkenholz. The minutes were approved by a majority vote from the group.

President Bell asked Dennis Scanlon for an election report on nominations for committee positions. Dennis proceeded to inform the group there were just enough volunteers to fill the necessary roles on each of the four committees. The positions were filled as follows:

2007 Chair – Dennis Scanlon

Professional Development:

Rama Radhakrishna	2008
Steve Harbstreit	2008
Jerry Peters	2009 – Chair
Jon Ulmer	2009
Matt Spindler	2010
Tracey Hoover	2010

2007 Chair – Travis Park

Program Improvement:

Jackie Bruce	2008
John Ewing	2008 - Chair
Seb Pense	2009
Harry Boone	2009
Tim Buttles	2010
Don Edgar	2010

2007 Chair – Levon Esters

Research :

Michael Retallick	2008 – Chair
Brad Greiman	2008
Jeno Rivera	2009 – Vice Chair
Bobby Torres	2009
Travis Park	2010
James Anderson	2010

2007 Chair – Clark Harris

Member Services:

Connie Baggett	2008
Debby Boone	2008 - Chair
Clark Harris	2009
Dann Husmann	2009
Emily Rhodes	2010
Bob Birkenholz	2010

President Bell asked for the Treasurer's Report from Andy Baker. Andy read the audit report submitted by Robert Martin on 9/26/2007 highlighting last year's conference. The amount of \$172.37 was transferred after the 2006 conference. The 2006 conference had \$9895.39 worth of income and \$9723.02 worth of liabilities. The amount of \$2974.73 was transferred from the Busey Bank in Champaign, IL with \$22 worth of transfer fees for a total deposit in the First Bankers Trust Company in Macomb, IL in the amount of \$2952.73.

Bob made some recommendations, which will be implemented by the new Treasurer (Andy Baker) to:

- 1) If there is a change in a leadership position such as Treasurer that there will be a quick transfer of funds to ensure stability within the region to successfully conduct the annual conference.
- 2) To establish a savings account and/or interest bearing checking account to draw interest during fallow times.
- 3) To have periodic financial reports with Regional Vice-President about the status of funds.
- 4) To have annual audit conducted.

It was moved by Jon Ulmer to approve the Treasurer's Report and seconded by Jerry Peters. The group approved the report through a majority vote.

Clark Harris (2007 chair) gave the report on behalf of the Member Services Committee. Clark reported that they were asking for assistance to help compile the list of award winners within the NC region for the last couple of decades. If any member that has information that may help this committee in finding these names needs to send info to Debby Boone. Clark also announced that he will be taking pictures of award winners after the business session.

Dennis Scanlon (2007 chair) gave the report on behalf of the Professional Development Committee. Dennis announced that this committee is responsible for 3 activities, which are region awards, regional elections, and the professional development activity. Dennis then proceeded to give the floor to Bill Camp to discuss the 2008 professional development activities at Cornell. Bill announced to the group that there are two specific tours being planned. The first is a viticultural tour and the second would be more of an ecological tour. Dennis then announced that the committee supported these activities for the 2008 conference. Dennis proceeded to thank the University of Missouri for their efforts in conducting the professional development activities for the group as well as the activities for the undergraduates.

Travis Park (2007 chair) gave the report on behalf of the Program Improvement Committee. It was recommended that the dates for the 2008 conference at Cornell in Ithaca, NY would be the Sept. 21-23, 2008. It was recommended that you should fly into Ithaca airport, but there were 4 other airports in the area to fly to. The committee also suggested having time for SIG meetings during the 2008 conference. It could possibly rotate by having 4 SIGs next year and 4 SIGs the year after. It was suggested that the National Professional Development Committee to submit a USDA Challenge Grant to hold a summit to write a monograph on new innovative teaching methodologies and strategies, which would be for multiple years and institutions.

Levon Esters (2007 chair) gave the report on behalf of the Research Development Committee. It was announced that Nebraska would be responsible the 2008 research conference at Cornell. He also announced that Michael Retallick would be the chair and Jenó Rivera would be the vice-chair for this committee. Levon announced that the

committee wanted to continue with the pod casting for the next conference if at all possible. The committee also wanted to form a committee to further look at and review the role of discussant. Levon also informed the group that the research committee wanted the professional development committee to consider a workshop on how to conduct a regional manuscript review. There were discussions led by Travis Park, Tracey Hoover, and Bobby Torres.

Steve Harbstreit moved to approve the committee reports and Larry Miller seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a majority vote.

President Bell reported on business transacted during the most recent Board meeting, August 31, 2007. He informed that James Smith had resigned from his position as President and that Gary Moore has replaced him in this position. Lloyd informed the group that AAAE at the national level is in a healthy status financially. Billye Foster had given a report on the Ag Ed Magazine. She had asked AAAE for a \$12,500 loan to the magazine on a contingency basis. The loan request was approved. Lloyd also informed the group that Rama Radhakrishna had requested of the AAAE a \$2500 stipend to support the position of editorial assistant for the JAE. The request was approved. The representatives to the National Council for Agricultural Education are now, Gary Moore, Jackie Deeds, and Bill Camp. It was then determined that Rob Terry would represent NC region in working with Jim Flowers on the timing of the national conference. It was also reported that electronic submissions to JAE may have unforeseen legal implications, so it will be revisited at the conference in Reno, NV.

Bill Camp was asked to give the report from the National Council for Agricultural Education. Bill proceeded to announce the development of new curriculum (CASE model) along with Project Lead the Way. The project will be directly linked to Agricultural Education national standards. The Council also attempted to gather data on the status of Agricultural Education in each state. Only 14 states reported data by the August 15th deadline. A second call has been made to collect additional data. Bill also encouraged the group to familiarize themselves with the national standards. It was announced that the council has contracted with CAERT to develop the national standards. David Hall will consult with CAERT to ensure rigor and the quality of standards. A task force led by Gary Moore is looking into developing policies and procedures on the use of "The Council" and "Team Ag Ed" names and logos. The National Inservice will be held in February in Indianapolis, which will be geared toward "Recruitment, Development, and Retention" of individuals interested in making Agricultural Education as a profession. Discuss was led by Jerry Peters and Rob Terry. Bill Camp will be the consultant for National Inservice meeting in February.

Rama Radhakrishna gave a report on JAE. He reported that JAE is functioning well. It had 62 submissions with an acceptance rate of 23%. Rama reported on the electronic submission process of the JAE. He and Levon visited with the Mizzou technology technician and reported about 110 journals are now using this process. They were able to view a sample of an electronic submission. He proceeded to tell the group that they will do a pilot project to see how the process might operate. Rama announced he would be

more than happy to send acceptance letters to any individual that needed one for promotion or retention functions.

Jackie Bruce was asked to announce the awards for Outstanding Posters. She thanked everyone who played role in the review process. Jackie announced the following winners:

Research Poster:

2nd runner-up winner: Matt Spindler (NY-Oswego) “A Preliminary Examination of the Provision of Technology Based Psychosocial Assistance to Pre-Service Career and Technical Education Teachers”

2nd runner-up winner: Kattlyn J. Wolf, Jon C. Simonsen, Jonathan J. Velez, & Jamie Cano (OSU) “In Concert or Conflict: Instructor-Centered Learning, Peer-Assisted Instruction, Motivation and Cognitive Processing”

1st runner-up winner: Levon T. Esters, Michael S. Retallick, Charles R. Steiner (ISU) “Effect of an Agriculturally-Based Experiential Learning and Work Experience Program on Vocational Identity, Career Decision-Making Self-Efficacy, and Career Maturity”

Outstanding Research Poster: Greg Miller (ISU) “Associations between Learner Interaction Patterns and Performance in a WebCT Course”

Innovative Poster: announced by John Ewing

2nd runner-up winner: Melanie A. Sanborn, John C. Ewing, & Dennis C. Scanlon (PSU) “Developing an Electronic Directory/Tool to Help Student Teachers Select the Best Possible Teaching Site”

1st runner-up winner: Donna Moore, Shari Lighthall, & Robin Williams (Cornell) “Do You Know Where Your Children Are? We Bring Our Children to the Summer Teachers’ Conference!”

Outstanding Innovative Poster: Tim Buttles (UW-RF) “A Science Teaching Methods Course for Agricultural Education Teachers”

Levon Esters was asked to announce the awards for Outstanding Research Paper/Presentation. Levon announced the following winners:

2nd runner-up winner: Jackie Bruce & Kristina Ricketts (PSU) “Cooperation among Secondary Agricultural Educators and Extension Educator – A Qualitative Analysis”

1st runner-up winner: Brad Greiman & Mary Anne Bedtke (UM) “Examining the Instructional Planning Process Taught in Agricultural Education Teacher Preparation Courses: A Preliminary Investigation

Outstanding Paper/Presentation: Joey Blackburn & Shane Robinson (UK) “An Assessment of Teacher Efficacy and Job Satisfaction of Early Career Kentucky Agriculture Teachers”

Other awards announced earlier in the conference by Professional Development chairman, Dennis Scanlon, were:

Outstanding New Career Member: Brad Greiman (UM)

Outstanding Teaching Award: Susie Whittington (OSU)

An overview of the 2008 conference was given by Bill Camp at Cornell. There are several airports to provide service to Ithaca. The Ithaca airport is 2 miles away. They currently have 2 hotels in mind. The hotel close to campus is more expensive (\$165/night) and the second one is closer to cost of our recent conferences (\$99/night). Undergraduate conference will probably be at the New York FFA camp. Dann Husmann will be in charge of conducting the research conference. The host of the 2009 conference will be the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

Bob Birkenholz moved to have the secretary write letters of thanks to NC-Region President, University of Missouri faculty and staff, as well as all sponsors. Michael Retallick seconded the motion. The group approved the motion through a majority vote.

President Bell took some time to thank the group for its energy and enthusiasm as well as the University of Missouri for its efforts on the conference. He adjourned the meeting at 10:35 a.m.

Respectively submitted,

Andrew J. Baker

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NC-AAAE Secretary/Treasurer

October 5, 2007