

**American Association for Agricultural Education
North Central Region Conference – Lincoln, NE
Business Session Minutes
September 29th, 2009**

Business session was called to order by President Greg Miller promptly at 10:00 a.m. at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Lincoln, NE.

President Miller asked for approval on the 2008 minutes from last year's conference held in Ithaca, NY. The minutes were approved by a majority vote from the group.

President Miller granted the floor to Tracey Hoover to give the report on the election of leader roles within professional committees. Tracey indicated that individuals were found to fill the positions within each committee. The slate was approved by the membership and no election was needed.

Member Services Committee (NC Representatives to AAAE)

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Emily Rhoades, Chair	2010	rhoades.100@osu.edu
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Susan Camp	2011	susanc@oswego.edu
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Doug Lavergne	2012	Doug.Lavergne@mail.wvu.edu

Professional Development Committee (NC Representatives to AAAE)

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Matt Spindler	2010	spindler@oswego.edu
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Amy Smith, Chair	2011	Amy.R.Smith@sdstate.edu
Deborah Boone	2011	Debby.Boone@mail.wvu.edu
Rebecca Lawver	2012	LawverRG@missouri.edu
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Program Improvement Committee (NC Representatives to AAAE)

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Tim Buttles ,Chair	2010	timothy.j.buttles@uwrf.edu
Wade Miller	2010	wwmiller@iastate.edu
John Ewing, Vice-Chair	2011	jce122@psu.edu
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Jason Scales	2012	jscales@ucmo.edu
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Research Committee (NC Representatives to AAAE)

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Travis Park, Chair	2010	tdp9@cornell.edu
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Anna Ball	2011	ballan@missouri.edu
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Matt Raven will represent the region on the JAE Editing Managing Board.

President Miller granted the floor to Andy Baker to give the Treasurer's report. A document was passed out illustrating the current balance of the regional account. The document also highlighted the balance of each of the last two conferences (2007 & 2008). Andy pointed out the both the Cornell and University of Missouri conferences had break even balances concluding each conference, but the region is incurring about \$250 worth of additional expenses associated with each conference with awards and miscellaneous expenses. He had indicated an audit was not conducted this year, due to the fact little action had taken place in the account proceeding the Cornell conference. He announced that an audit will take place prior to the K-State conference coming up in 2010, since it seems more transactions will take place for the 2009 conference in Lincoln. Andy Baker moved to accept the Treasurer's report and Mike Retallick seconded the report. The motion was accepted by the group.

President Miller granted the floor to Dan Husmann to give the **Member Services Committee** report. The committee talked about developing a comprehensive list of award winners now that the regional has combined with the eastern region. Dan talked about splitting up the responsibilities of determining the award winners over the years that have not found. These responsibilities are split:

Bob Birkenholz = Outstanding Agricultural Educator Award

Dan Husmann = Distinguished Research & Teaching Award

Emily Rhoades = Outstanding Early Career/New Member Award

Dan encouraged members to respond to any emails pertaining to this task. Dan moved to approve the report and the group voted to approve. Dan also wished that the group would go over to the Cengage booth to complete the form that Ben brought to help complete institutional libraries.

President Miller granted the floor to Jason Scales to give the **Professional Development Committee** report. Memorials and retirements were already announced at the luncheon yesterday. Jason mentioned that Tracey Hoover was working on completing the committee positions, which was completed. The round tables were well received and were successful at this year's conference. Jason also mentioned that there were only 10 nominations received this year for regional awards. He also highlighted that awards can be self-nominated and encouraged the group to nominate more deserving members next year. Jason also said that the committee is formulating activities for next year's conference. Jason moved to accept the report, which was approved by the group. Jason also brought forth the issue, should the host institution be responsible for developing the undergraduate conference, which will be discussed later in the meeting.

President Miller granted the floor to Harry Boone to give the **Program Improvement Committee** report. Harry took time to thank the individuals for judging the poster and paper competitions. They did discuss, but took no action on the timing of poster sessions. The group thought it might be better to have poster competitions during a break between research sessions.

Tim Buttles was elected chair and John Ewing elected vice-chair. Harry moved to accept the report and was accepted by the group.

President Miller granted the floor to Anna Ball to give the **Research Committee** report. Anna indicated there was some nice discussion on incorporating more research to practice for integrating more for extension and teachers. The one action item that took place was that Iowa State agreed to host the research sessions for the 2011 conference. Anna moved to accept the report and was approved by the group.

The AAAE and the Council reports were given by Lloyd Bell. Lloyd announced that the Research Committee has been busy. It was also announced to present on school-based research at the national conference in October and two groups have been supported by the organization. The committee will continue to look at Fast Track. It has discussed that the 2nd National Research Agenda has begun. CAST membership has doubled from \$600 to \$1500 and travel will not be incurred, so our group would have to come up with the travel costs. The travel expenses would be about \$2500. Jim Flowers illustrated that our membership would not be that valuable to our organization, especially not having a chair at the table. The board voted not to pay for membership within the CAST organization. Ben Swan (national chair) was granted the floor to talk about the professional development activities at Omaha. He expressed that discussion has taken place about going to Gallop for a four hour workshop as well as going to Boys Town for a four hour workshop for the national meeting. Lloyd also announced that the National Supply and Demand study will be going out this year and encouraged those individuals who are in charge to submitting that data to please do so, as Adam sends out the response for that data. Bobby Torres talked about alternative ways of collecting that data could be done through the State Staff annual meeting, which will not take place until the following year. This was discussed to increase the response rate for that data. Lloyd announced that regular, membership dues were voted on at Louisville to be increased to \$115, which would put the organization in a more positive light. Awards were already announced at the luncheon and Lloyd stated the awards can be self-nominated now. The Council is meeting next week to talk about the strategic plan on the 20 x 15. There will not be a Summit this year and the next Summit will be on March 2-4, 2011 in Orlando, FL. Ed Osborne will conduct a Delphi study, which the findings will be discussed at this event. Lloyd announced that the National FFA Organization is promoting National Teach Ag Day, which is February 25th, 2010. At the National FFA Convention, there will be a brainstorming activity to discuss global engagement on Oct. 23rd with industry, post-secondary, secondary, and non-profit organizations. The CASE project has developed instructional materials that will be field tested by 36 teachers in 34 schools.

President Miller granted the floor to Rama Radhakrishna to give the JAE report. Fast Track continues to be a learning experience for everyone. Rama reported that submissions have increased, with 25 accepted articles in the pipeline, enough for two editions. A dummy account has been established to help guide reviewers for learning purposes.

Poster and Paper Winners:

President Miller granted the floor to Harry Boone to announce the Poster and Paper winners for the conference. Harry announced that there 24 abstracts submitted with 9 research and 10 innovative posters accepted for the conference.

Research Posters:

2nd Runner up winner: Levon Esters (Purdue) “An Exploratory Study of Students’ Oral Presentation Self-Efficacy”.

1st Runner up winner: Levon Esters (Purdue) “Development of an Instrument to Measure the Agriscience Education Self-Efficacy of Middle Students”.

Outstanding Research Poster winner: Ryan Saucier, John Tummons, Leon Schumacher, & Robert Terry (Mizzou) “FFA Professional Development Needs of Missouri Agricultural Educators”.

Innovative Posters: ** will not present at 2010 conference in Omaha.

3rd Runner up winner: Benjamin G. Swan, James J. Connors, and Kattlyn J. Wolf (University of Idaho) ”Student Teaching Capstone Expedition”.

2nd Runner up winner: B. Allen Talbert, Mark Balschweid, & Daniel Gottschalk (Purdue & Nebraska) “Jamaica: Dawn of a New Beginning”.

**** 1st Runner up winner: Michael Pate, Greg Miller, & Wade Miller** (Iowa State) “Development of an Agricultural Mechanics Course for Preservice Teachers”.

Outstanding Innovative Poster winner: Ryan Saucier & John Tummons (Mizzou) “Professional Development through Winter Technical Institutes”.

Anna Ball was granted the floor to announce paper and presentation awards.

Outstanding Manuscripts and Presentations:

2nd Runner up for Outstanding Manuscript: Doug La Vergne, Alvin Larke, Wash Jones, & Chanda Elbert (WVU) “Analyzing the Attitudes of Agricultural Education Teachers on Diversity Inclusion in Secondary Agricultural Education Programs”.

1st Runner up for Outstanding Manuscript: Michael Pate & Greg Miller (ISU) “Effects of Metacognitive Instruction on Secondary Students’ Problem Solving Performance”.

Outstanding Paper and Presentation winner: Daniel Foster, Susie Whittington, & Jedidah Bookman (OSU) “Piaget’s Stages of Cognitive Development: Have College Students Reached Formal Operations?”

President Miller granted the floor to Shannon Washburn to talk about the conference at KSU. Shannon talked about the meeting is at the Alumni Center and the hotel will be right across the street at the Holiday Inn at a cost of \$99.95. The conference will work best on a Th, F, Sat schedule. They were working on Sept. 23-25 or Oct. 7-9, 2010. It does not include breakfast or evening receptions. There will be no meals associated with the hotel. The research conference will be hosted by the University of Minnesota.

President Miller addressed one new item of business. Is the host site responsible for developing the undergraduate conference? Jason Scales mentioned that it does take a lot of work to develop and organize. Bryan Garton had indicated that his institution started this trend when they hosted the conference back in 2007. Was it something that the group deemed important to continue in the future? Andy Baker indicated it was a great introduction for undergraduates to meet other institutions to pursue graduate degrees. It is also difficult to have another institution plan this conference from a far. Rob Terry moved that the host institution not be obligated to provide the undergraduate conference and was seconded by Anna Ball. The motion passed!

Other awards announced earlier in the conference at the luncheon by Professional Development chairman, Jason Scales, were:

- * 2009 AAAE North-Central Region Outstanding Early Career Agricultural Educator Award, Dr. John Ewing from the Pennsylvania State University.
- * 2009 AAAE North-Central Region Distinguished Teaching Award, Dr. Dan Husmann from the University of Nebraska.
- * 2009 AAAE North-Central Region Distinguished Research Award, Dr. Rama Radhakrishna from the Pennsylvania State University.
- * 2009 AAAE North-Central Region Outstanding Agricultural Educator Award, Dr. Robert Martin from Iowa State University.

President Miller asked for any further business to be transacted, seeing none President Miller thanked everyone for their efforts on organizing the conference. President Miller then asked for a motion to adjourn, which was moved by Michael Retallick and seconded by Levon Esters. Motion passed, which ended the business session for the 2009 AAAE North Central Region Conference at 11:00 am in Lincoln, NE.

Respectfully submitted,

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