

**American Association for Agricultural Education  
North Central Region Conference – State College, PA  
Business Session Minutes October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2011**

Business session was called to order by Vice-President Steve Harbstreit promptly at 9:30 a.m. at the Nittany Lion Inn in State College, PA. Vice-President Harbstreit asked for a round of applause for the Penn State crew for hosting and Iowa State for handling the research conference this year. He asked for approval on the 2010 minutes from last year's conference held in Manhattan, KS. It was moved by Tracy Hoover and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tracy Kitchel to approve the 2010 minutes. The minutes were approved by a majority vote from the group.

Vice-President Harbstreit granted the floor to Amy Smith to give the report on the election of leader roles within professional committees. There were at least two slots per committee, so ballots were passed out and the election process took place. Here are the results of the election:

**Officer Team (NC Representatives to AAAE)**

	<u>Term Expires*</u>
Steve Harbstreit, Vice-President	2012
Tracy Hoover, Alter VP-VP Elect	2012/2014
Andy Baker, Secretary	2012
Harry Boone - JAE Editing-Managing Board	
Tracy Kitchel – Stakeholder Rep for NC-AAAAE Nat. FFA Board	

**Member Services Committee (NC Representatives to AAAE)**

	<u>Term Expires*</u>	
Dann Husmann	2012	dhusmann@unlnotes.unl.edu
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**Professional Development Committee (NC Representatives to AAAE)**

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James Leising	2013	jleising@umn.edu
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Matt Spindler	2014	matthew.spindler@oswego.edu

**Program Improvement Committee (NC Representatives to AAAE)**

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Jon Simonsen, Vice-Chair	2013	simonsenj@missouri.edu
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Connie Baggett	2014	bbc@psu.edu

## Research Committee (NC Representatives to AAAE)

	Term Expires*	
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Travis Park	2013	tdp9@cronell.edu
Mike Retallick	2013	msr@iastate.edu
Levon Esters	2014	lesters@purdue.edu
Rama Radhadkrishna	2014	brr100@psu.edu

Vice-President Harbstreit granted the floor to Andy Baker to give the Treasurer's report. Andy had indicated that he did not submit a report, because over the summer the NC-AAAE funds were transferred over to the national account in July. The balance of the account \$3433.39 was sent to Tracy over the summer. The balance of the account that was established in November of 2006 begin with \$3130.19, when the balance was transferred from U of I to WIU with the ending the 2006 conference at ISU. The NC-AAAE region was able to increase the account balance over the years thanks to our host institutions staying within their budgets and the ability to draw some interest off the account. He would get the final Treasurer's report up on the website.

Vice-President Harbstreit granted the floor to Bob Birkenholz to give the **Member Services Committee** report. Bob began by stressing to the group the importance of membership in these committees, because this is where we are able to conduct business as an organization and represent this region at the national level. He also announced that if you can't attend the national meeting to represent your committee that you can assign a proxy to represent you at the national meeting. Bob asked that institutions try to get all faculty and supportive faculty members to get their information up on the website. He indicated that paid members would have full access to the information, but it is important to also get those supportive faculty appointments up there as well. The committee also addressed the ability to search research proceedings more easily rather than having to go the conference sites to find specific papers. They were going to recommend to the national committee to add the search link to website. Bob then took a straw poll from the membership on the importance of continuing the salary survey. The group had indicated that they would like to continue this tradition. Bob passed out a document that provided information on the past award winners in the new NC-AAAE region as well as the old C-AAAE and E-AAAE to find the past award winners. He asked for everyone's help to find the individuals that received these awards for the years that were blank. The committee decided to post what they have currently and then possibly send out message to all the membership to see if can assist the group on finding these individuals. He also announced that the NC-AAAE has its own listserv for you to utilize. The committee is also encouraging graduate student membership, so they can have access to papers, but are not eligible to vote on business. He also announced that there is a QR (quick response) code that could be utilized to attract graduate students to the profession. The committee recommends that the AAAE Secretary develop a membership flyer with the QR to allow advisors to promote membership. Bob moved the acceptance of the report with an implied second with the fact that Susie Whittington will present on the 2013 AAAE conference in Columbus, OH. In 2013, it is the North Central's turn to host the national conference. The dates are May 21- 24, 2013. The report was approved by the membership.

Vice-President Harbstreit granted the floor to Amy Smith to give the **Professional Development Committee** report. Amy highlighted the wonderful numbers in attendance at this year's

conference as well as the involvement of the members and commended Penn State for their hospitality. The committee commented on the wonderful tour of Shaver's Creek and the professional workshop on Barriers & Busters to on-line learning. Participants commented they appreciated the discussion at their tables, but wanted to have more of a practical, take home strategy for their use. The committee discussed future professional development activities, especially for next year's conference. If we have the numbers next year like we had this year try to have two activities that are related to teacher education, leadership, or communications, depending how it shakes out. The committee suggests continuing the tour portion of the conference with possibilities at ADM in Decatur or with Parkland College related to their mechanics program. The committee will continue to do the call for proposals for next year's conference. General topics for these proposals would be: developing and improving leadership programs (Neb), successful grant writing tactics, opportunity for networking/collaboration, roundtables on student teaching issues (co-teaching, distance, international supervision, and overall evaluation), and finally how to maintain aged programs in non-teacher ed departments. If you have suggestions for any professional development conference, feel free to shoot anyone on the committee an email. The committee will try to target specific individuals or institutions that have the expertise in that area. Thanks to Debby Boone for recruiting nominees who volunteered to fill positions or committee slots. We had 10 submissions for the regional awards, which were a pretty good number. The committee discussed the differences in regional and national award applications, which regional winners always had the opportunity to revise their applications before submitting them to the national level, so the committee moved (Leising) and seconded (Peters) they the region utilize the national application for future regional awards. This would eliminate the need for any major changes; of course the regional winners will still have the opportunity to add any new information before it moves on. Amy moved to accept the report with an implied second, which was approved by the membership.

Vice-President Harbstreet granted the floor to John Ewing to give the **Program Improvement Committee** report. John reported that the committee discussed their responsibilities besides the posters. They were looking at ways to improve the conference and one item of discussion and recommendation was to possibly add a professional development function/mixer for graduate students on the first evening. The 2013 host site would be the University of Wisconsin-Madison, in cooperation of all of the Wisconsin institutions overseen by Mark Zidon. It is also suggested that the poster session be in an adjoining room from the banquet with "no chairs" but tables could be included to stimulate interaction and discussion. University of Illinois will host the meeting in 2012. There were 34 posters submitted, which 28 were accepted for an overall acceptance rate of 82%. Another recommendation is that the vice-chair would handle the poster session that upcoming year and then move up to the chair position the following year similar to the national structure. With that being said, Daniel Foster is chair for next year and Jon Simonsen is vice-chair with Jon being in charge of the poster session next year. The committee recommended to keep the "People's Choice" format for next year in a 90 minute session format (60 minute session and 30 minutes informal) and that Daniel and John actually know what color the tickets are, before telling everyone 10 times. The committee will make the recommendation to the national committee to implement the "People's Choice" format for the national conference. John moved to accept the report as read with an implied second, which was approved by the group.

Vice-President Harbstreit granted the floor to Brad Greiman to give the **Research Committee** report. Brad indicated he railroaded issues this morning in the committee, because he was the sole voting member. They did have 17 members present this morning and took time to thank Michael Retallick for his effort on the research conference. Harry Boone will be the research coordinator for the 2012 conference. Levon Esters will be coordinating the research conference in 2013. Most of the time with the committee focused on paper submission issues. It was voted at the 2010 conference to submit abstracts instead of full papers, but found out that the fast track technology could not handle this type of submission, so the traditional method of full papers was adhered to for the 2011 conference. The committee will bring back a motion later in the business session to submit abstracts instead of papers for the 2012 conference as a “pilot”. The subcommittee (Rama, Michael, Tracy, Stacy, Brad) will put together a rationale by Jan. 1<sup>st</sup> to outline the criteria. The underlining factor in the whole process is the duplication of studies. John Ricketts (new manager) had indicated that the system will function appropriately with abstracts, so the pilot will function to illustrate the system will function appropriately. The subcommittee would then move forward with this proposal to accept the abstract format to implement at the national level. Matt Raven and Travis Park representing this region were looking at the discussant role in the research conference. The issues were how to critique papers in the written format as well as the public format. If you have any comments, please forward them on to Matt, Travis, or Brad. Brad moved to approve the report as read with an implied second with the report approved by the membership. Steve indicated to the group there will be motions associated with the report later in the business session.

The national reports were given by Greg Miller. Started off saying it is an honor serving this association and he appreciates that everyone makes a difference every day. He also went on to thank everyone for their role in the conference, by presenting a paper/poster, judging, facilitating, or organizing. There was a board meeting this week that talked about the organization’s role on different boards. He had indicated that our professional development theme for Asheville will be something on grantmanship. Brian Myers will be representing the group at the NASAE, which he will presenting 4 papers. Contracts have been set for the Columbus conference. Lloyd Bell was unable to be here, because he is on the National Council, which is meeting this weekend, which he will submit a written report to inform the group. Our representation on the Council has gone from 3 positions to 1 with things still unsettled at this point. Greg then turned the floor over to Susie Whittington about the executive director’s position. She had indicated they had narrowed down the search to 3 candidates, in the hope they will be doing follow-up calls next week in order to announce their candidate in the next couple of weeks. Susie also addressed the medallion issue concerning the Fellows.

#### **Poster and Paper Winners:**

Vice-President Harbstreit granted the floor to John Ewing & Daniel Foster. John announced that there 34 abstracts submitted with 28 posters accepted for the conference.

#### **Research Posters: (Student Division) “People’s Choice”**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Runner up winner: Ronaldo Magtoto & Robert Martin** (ISU) “Motivating Factors Affecting the Interest of Faculty in International Agricultural Development Activities”.

**1<sup>st</sup> Runner up winner: Joshua Rice, Douglas LaVergne, & Stacy Gartin** (WVU) “Assessing the Agricultural Mechanic Competencies of Former High School Agricultural Education Students”.

**Outstanding Research Poster winner: Caryn Filson & Susie Whittington** (OSU) “Educating Learners with Special Needs: Perceptions of Teachers in Agriculture Classrooms”.

**Research Posters: (Open Division) “People’s Choice”**

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**Outstanding Research Poster winner: Levon Esters** (Purdue) “Do the Tenets of the Nature of Science Exist in a Science-Intensive Agriculture and Life-Sciences course?”

**Innovative Posters: (Student Division) “People’s Choice”**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Runner up winner: Andrea Kneer, Joshua Rice, Douglas LaVergne, Stacy Gartin, & John Kessell** (WVU) “Facebook as an Educational Tool in Agricultural Communications Course”.

**1<sup>st</sup> Runner up winner: Michaela Palchick & James Anderson** (U of I) “The Sustainable Student Farm at the (University)”.

**Outstanding Innovative Poster winner: Megan Anderson & Levon Esters** (Purdue) “Enhancing STEM Learning Experiences Through Advanced Life Science (ALS) Courses”.

**Innovative Posters: (Open Division) “People’s Choice”**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Runner up winner: Rama Radhakrishna, Daniel Tobin, Joan Thomson, & Mark Brennan** (Penn State) “Development of a Checklist to Ensure Data Quality in Thesis and Dissertation Research”.

**1<sup>st</sup> Runner up winner: Bob Birkenholz, Julie Robinson, Caezilia Loibl, Jenny Cherry, & Jon Simonsen** (OSU & Mizzou) “Improving Financial Planning and Management”.

**Outstanding Innovative Poster winner: John Tummons, William Bird, & Michael Martin** (Mizzou) “Ripened with Wisdom: Expanding Horizons through Student Teaching Tours”.

Michael Retallick was granted the floor to announce paper and presentation awards. There were 34 papers submitted with 24 papers being accepted for a 70% acceptance rate.

**Paper and Presentations Awards:**

**Distinguished Manuscript: William Bird, John Tummons, Michael Martin, & Anna Henry** (Mizzou) “Urban School-Based Agriculture: A Case Study of the Adult-Youth Relationships of an Urban Veterinarian Program”.

**Distinguished Manuscript: Michael Martin & Anna Henry** (Mizzou) “Supervised Agricultural Experiences and Learning Theories: Evaluating the Experience Through a Cognitive Constructivist Lens”.

**Outstanding Paper and Presentation winner: Scott Smalley & Michael Retallick** (ISU) “Agricultural Education Early Field Experience Through the Lens of the EFE Model”

Steve moved on with new business action items from the committees. Steve granted the floor to Brad Greiman. Brad moved that the NC-AAAE pilot the abstract research submissions for the 2012 conference and was seconded by Tracy Hoover. Brad proceeded with the recommendation that came from the research committee to pilot this procedure, so we will feel confident that this method will work and has the confidence from John Ricketts that it will work. The rationale will be developed by the subcommittee. There were some questions on how was the membership going to gain access to the full papers and how long the abstracts going to be? Susie asked the question, if the 1000 word abstract was approved last year? Mike Retallick indicated that the author would have the option of publishing the full paper or just the abstract. Susie also asked, is it a timeline issue? Bob Birkenholz asked if the abstract is only published, where would the paper be published? Tracy Hoover suggested we ask our colleagues in Animal Science to assist us with this process. Motion passes by majority vote.

Steve then announced that the University of Illinois will be the host institution and that University of West Virginia will be responsible for the research conference. The dates will be Oct. 4<sup>th</sup> through Oct. 6<sup>th</sup> 2012 in Champaign, IL. Steve then asked for another round of applause for Penn State hosting this year’s conference. It was moved and seconded by a bunch of people and passed by the membership to adjourn at 11:00 am. The business session was complete.

Other awards were:

- \* 2011 AAEE North-Central Region Outstanding Early Career Agricultural Educator Award, Dr. Emily Rhodes from the Ohio State University.
- \* 2011 AAEE North-Central Region Distinguished Teaching Award, Dr. Anna Henry from the University of Missouri.
- \* 2011 AAEE North-Central Region Distinguished Research Award, Dr. Susie Whittington from the Ohio State University.
- \* 2011 AAEE North-Central Region Outstanding Agricultural Educator Award, Dr. Bob Birkenholz for the Ohio State University.

Respectfully submitted,

*Andrew J. Baker*

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October 22, 2011