

**AAAE Annual Business Meeting
Coeur d'Alene, ID.
Thursday, May 26, 2011
Academy of Fellows Committee Report**

AAAE Fellows present:

Tim Murphy, Texas A&M; Gary Briers, Texas A&M; Jim Flowers, North Carolina State; Matt Baker, Texas Tech; Gary Moore, North Carolina State; Donna Graham, Arkansas; Susie Whittington, Ohio State (AAAE President); and Lloyd Bell, Chairman (Past AAAE President).

The meeting was called to order at 5 p.m. by Lloyd Bell. The meeting agenda was distributed, and members were asked for additional business items. Gary Moore requested the item of Fellows medallions be added to the agenda.

Susie Whittington asked for a clarification of Fellow appointment protocol. Currently, protocol is for Academy committee members to review and recommend Fellow inductees to the AAAE Executive Board for Board approval. Clarification was requested regarding the redundancy of two levels of "approval". It was consensus of committee members that only the AAAE Executive Board has authority to approve Fellows on behalf of the AAAE membership, and that the protocol should remain as currently published.

A committee recommendation is provided to the V.P. for Communication as follows: AAAE award guidelines be tabbed individually within the AAAE website to provide greater ease of access rather than have all award guidelines contained in one continuous file. Further, acknowledging the responsibility of the AAAE Secretary to update award guidelines and information after each annual meeting, it is requested, that a correction to the number of Senior Fellows annually recognized be made from "No more than one ..." to "No more than three..." (change recommended by the Professional Development Committee and passed by the membership at the 2009 annual business meeting).

A report was offered by Susie Whittington regarding the AAAE Executive Director position passed and recommended for funding at the 2010 annual meeting. The position was advertised as approved with a stipend of \$3600; there were no inquiries received. In the process of seeking counsel from a professional planning organization, it was suggested that the position expectations merited not less than \$10,000. Given this report information, it is the recommendation of the Fellows committee that the AAAE consider contracting the services of a professional event planning organization to organize, plan and manage the AAAE annual meeting as well as provide logistical support to the AAAE President and Board of Directors throughout the year, and that such services should not exceed \$10,000.

The last item of business pertained to custom manufacture of a AAAE Fellows medallion. It was noted that the pass several year's budgets had contained a line item expense of \$3000 for that purpose; however, nothing has transpired. It was committee consensus that the 2011-2012 chairperson of the Fellows committee pursue the necessary design information and manufacturer to "mint" a custom AAAE Fellows medallion.

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

