

Southern Region AAAE
Professional Development Meeting

February 7, 2010
Azalea Room, Wyndham Orlando Resort

Members Present: Mark Kistler, Grady Roberts, Chris Morgan, Hannah Carter, Jay Morgan, Antoine Alston

Guests Present: Shane Robinson, Ryan Saucier, Ryan Anderson, Brittany Bamneci, Jim Bragg, Brittany Turner, Brandon Wilson, Craig Edwards

1. Meeting was called to order by Mark Kistler (chair)
2. Roll call was taken by Grady Roberts (secretary)
3. Minutes were distributed. Moved to approve by Chris Morgan. Seconded by Antoine Alston. Motion passed.
4. Old Business
 - a. Discussion on call for professional development topics for the 2010 conference. Call was sent to all S-AAAE members. No proposals submitted. It was discussed that having the professional development sessions on the last day may have contributed to the lack of response because people may have planned to leave early.
 - b. Discussion of Pre-Conference Tour. Mark Kistler, Hannah Carter, and Grady Roberts organized. The tour was planned to look at the planning of the Epcot Flower and Garden Festival and non-formal education. The original event was planned to accommodate around 50 people. Only 16 people registered. Disney was not willing to continue original program for only 16 people. Plans were changed to be a "Behind the Seeds" tour at the Land Pavilion at Epcot. Mark reported that the event was still successful. Ultimately, the Pre-Conference tour was financially viable and actually generated approximately \$300 for the association. Hannah was commended for soliciting a sponsorship from the Florida Fertilizer and Agrichemical Association for \$250. The consensus of the group was that pre-conference tours should be continued.
5. New Business
 - a. The Professional Development Committee was asked to examine the "Criteria for Eligibility" statements on all S-AAAE award applications. After some discussion, the following recommendations were approved to be taken to the business meeting as action items:
 - i. Strike the following "during his/her time of service as an agricultural educator" from Outstanding Young Member Award, criteria #3; Outstanding Agricultural Educator, criteria #2; Distinguished Teaching, criteria #4; and

- Distinguished Researcher, criteria #4. (Moved by Roberts, seconded by Carter, passed)
- ii. In the Distinguished Researcher Award, replace “applicant” with “nominee” on all criteria. This will create consistency between all applications. (Moved by Morgan, Seconded by Roberts, passed)
- iii. Add the following criteria to all awards “Nominee shall have been a member in the southern region at least 3 years.” (Moved by Morgan, Seconded by Carter, passed)
- b. Discussion of Professional Development at the 2011 conference in Corpus Christi. It was agreed that a Pre-Conference tour should be planned. It was also discussed that Professional Development should be integrated throughout the conference, not stuck on the end like an afterthought. The following topics were identified:
 - i. Using the Fast Track System
 - ii. Tenure and Promotion
 - iii. How to Review articles and papers
 - iv. An overview of current ag policyThe committee also suggested the possibility of having a conference event tied to a local agricultural or cultural location so that members could get a feel for the local area. One suggestion was having a dinner or event at the aquarium in Corpus Christi.
- c. Nominees were solicited for new committee members. Ryan Saucier and Ryan Anderson were nominated. Their names were given to the S-AAAE nominating committee to be included on the ballot.
- d. Grady Roberts was elected as Chair. Chris Morgan was elected as secretary

6. Meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by Grady Roberts, Secretary