



Western Region American Association for Agricultural Education Business Meeting
Western Region Agricultural Education Conference
South Lake Tahoe, Nevada
Minutes - Business Session I
Wednesday, April 22
1:30-4:30 p.m.
Emerald Bay Room

- I. Call to Order – Jack Elliot, President, called the meeting to order at 1:35 p.m.
 - a. Jack Elliot reported that the University of Arizona had approved on one job vacancy to be filled for the current year. That being the department chair of Agricultural Education.

- II. Introductions – Western Region AAAE members and guests
 - a. 54 members were present representing University of Arizona (3), Cal Poly State University (3), Chico State University (2), University of Idaho (5), Montana State University (3), New Mexico State University (2), University of Nevada-Reno (1), Oklahoma State University (1), Oregon State University (3), Tarleton State University (3), Texas Tech University (11), Utah State University (2), Washington State University (1), and University of Wyoming (1), Fresno State University (3), University of California Davis (2), Texas A&M University (7), and West Texas A&M University (1)
 - b. Special guests in attendance were Katie Abrams, graduate student from the University of Florida.
 - c. 10 graduate students from various Western Region universities were in attendance

- III. Mike Swan moved for the approval of the minutes of the 2008 Western Region Agricultural Education Conference. Motion was seconded by Vern Luft. Unanimous approval.

- IV. Conference agenda was reviewed with no changes being suggested or made. Vern Luft, Conference Chair from the University of Nevada-Reno voiced Thanks to David Doerfert, Cindy Akers, and Steve Frazee from Texas Tech University for assuming the responsibility of the research part of the conference. He also thanked Mike Spiess and Steve Rocca for furnishing projectors for the research conference and to Brian Warnick for his assistance with details of the conference. Vern also gave an overview and schedule of the educational tours for Thursday afternoon.

- V. New Business Items identified included:

- a. Selection of the 2011 AAAE Conference site with the announcement of states to occur during Business Session I, Presentations from the states to be during Business Session II, and the vote to take place during Business Session III.
- b. Announcement of Western Region Awards
- c. Memorials to be given at conclusion of Session I
- d. Future rotation of Western Region Conference States

VI. David Doerfert gave the Research Conference Report. The Western Region was the first to implement the Fast Track system. Both the Western Region and National Research Conferences were in the same system due to cost. The cost of 1 contract for four conferences was \$1500 as opposed to \$4000 for 4 individual contracts for four conferences. The overlap of the two conferences was due to scheduling of the conferences. Doerfert reviewed the process that was conducted for the submission, review, scoring and awards selection of research papers. Scott Burris, member of the National AAAE Research Committee concurred with the AAAE protocol for the process of paper selection, presentation and awards. Discussion followed as to whether the review sheet could be more specific to paper type and what would be the process if poster submission was added to Fast Track. Burris tried to clarify the reasons that Fast Track was limited to only one review regardless of paper type. Doerfert reported that 34 papers were submitted this year to the Western Region with 18 being accepted for an acceptance rate of 52.9%. The review of papers averaged 21.6 days. Also Fast Track will allow rating of reviewers.

Wingenbach suggested the Editorial Review Board should be required to participate in the process. Christiansen commented that it was good that discussion occur after each presentation and that the critiques of the discussants be included in the proceedings.

- VII. Billye Foster requested that each state forward their information to Todd Brashears for the Supply and Demand Report.
- VIII. Brian Warnick addressed a mistake in the listing of the members of the Journal of Agricultural Education Editorial Review Board. John Velez and Ben Swann were the board members starting in 2009 and that Steve Rocca and Mike Swan were the nominees for the board starting in 2010.
- IX. At 2:50, meeting was broken into individuals committee meetings so each of the Western Region Standing Committees could discuss reports and member nominations.
- X. Business Session I reconvened at 3:25 with Billye Foster conducting the 2009 Awards Ceremony for the Western Region.

- a. Past Presidents Vern Luft and Mike Swan presented the Distinguished Research Award to Tom Dormody of New Mexico State University.
- b. Past President Greg Thompson presented the Distinguished Teaching Award to Mike Swan of Washington State University
- c. Past President Tom Dormody presented the Distinguished Service Award to Brenda Seevers of New Mexico State University.
- d. Past President Martin Frick presented the Outstanding Young Member Award to Steve Rocca of Fresno State University.

- XI.** David Doerfert presented the 2009 Western Region Research Awards with two papers receiving Distinguished Research Paper Awards and the top paper receiving the Outstanding Research Paper Award. **The Distinguished Papers were:**

Using Case-Scenarios to Determine the Perceptions of Secondary Agriculture Teachers and 4-H Development Personnel Regarding Interorganizational Cooperation, by Billy R. McKim, Texas A&M University and Robert M. Torres, University of Missouri.

Agriculture Education Teacher Self-Efficacy: A Descriptive Study of Beginning Agricultural Education Teachers, by Kattlyn J. Wolf, University of Idaho and Larry E. Miller, the Ohio State University.

The Outstanding Research Paper for 2009 was:

Undergraduate Faculty Teaching Partnerships: A Qualitative Triangulated Examination of the Use of Peer Facilitators in the College Classroom, by Jonathan J. Velez, Oregon State University, and Jon C. Simonsen & Jamie Cano, the Ohio State University, and James J. Connors, University of Idaho.

- XII.** The rotation of states to host the Western Region AAAE Conference are:
- 2010 – Montana with assistance from New Mexico
 - 2011 – California
 - 2012 – Washington
 - 2013 – Oregon
 - 2014 – Hawaii with assistance from Texas Tech and Texas A&M
 - 2015 – Arizona
 - 2016 – Idaho
 - 2017 - Wyoming
 - 2018 - Utah
 - 2019 – Nevada

- XIII.** Ben Swann reported on the AAAE Regional Membership that the committee was Status Quo and there would be no changes in regional membership. Oklahoma and Texas will still have a choice as to regional affiliation.

- XIV. States identified as wanting to make proposals to host the 2011 National AAAE Conference were:
Idaho
Utah
New Mexico
Presentations will be made at Business Session Meeting II.
- XV. Nominations for Western Region Officers and Committees
- a. Nominees for AAAE Western Region Secretary were Brenda Seevers from New Mexico State and Brian Warnick from Utah State
 - b. Nominees for Communications Committee/Member Services were Rudy Tarpley from Utah State and Kattlyn Wolf from Idaho.
 - c. Nominee for Program Improvement committee was Allison Touchstone
 - d. Professional Development Committee nominees were Jon Ulmer from Texas Tech and Ann DeLay from Cal Poly San Luis Obispo
 - e. Research Committee nominees were Jim Connors of U of Idaho and John Velez of Oregon State
 - f. Nominee for the Journal of Agricultural Education Editing-Managing Board was Cindy Akers of Texas Tech
 - g. Nominees for the Journal of Agricultural Education Editorial Review Board were Steve Rocca from Fresno State and Mike Swan from Washington State.
 - h. Nominees for Western Region Consultant to National FFA Board were Lynn Martindale of UC Davis, Jim Knight from U of Arizona, and Kyle McGregor of Tarleton State.
- XVI. The final item of business was the Memorial Service for former members of the Western Region of AAAE who had passed away in the previous year led by Steve Frazee. The first memorial was for Clinton Jacobs from the University of Arizona, given by Jim Knight from Arizona. The second memorial was for Dwight Kindschey from Idaho given by Jim Connors from the University of Idaho. The third memorial was for Robert Herrington from West Texas A&M University given by Lance Kieth from West Texas A&M University. The fourth was for Paul Vaughn who connected with both New Mexico State University and Texas Tech University in the Western Region and was given by Steve Frazee from Texas Tech and Shane Robinson from Oklahoma State. All four were recognized leaders for Agricultural Education and AAAE and will not be forgotten.
- XVII. Meeting adjourned at 4:12 p.m.