

Western AAAE Business Meeting I
Fresno, CA
April 21, 2010

- I. Call to Order- President Steve Frazee
- II. Introductions- Western Region AAAE members, graduate students, guests
- III. Call for approval of minutes from 2010 Western Region Agricultural Education Conference business meeting. David Doerfert moved and Bobby Torres seconded the approval and minutes were accepted.
- IV. Review of the conference agenda- Dr. Mollie Aschenbrenner and Dr. Ann Delay served as Research paper co-chairs. 41 papers were submitted and 27 were accepted for a 66% acceptance rate. The January paper submission due date was a challenge to find reviewers due to the overlap with National conference papers reviews. Mollie proposed to move the due date earlier into December. This motion was briefly discussed with no final decision. Judges, facilitators, discussants, and reviewers were thanked for their time. An online evaluation will be sent to conference participants.
- V. Dr. Susie Whittington greeted the members and announced that the theme of the National conference in Coeur D'Alene will be "Beyond Diversity Towards Cultural Proficiency". The keynote speaker will be Dr. Banks. An announcement was also made regarding the restructuring of the National Council of Ag Ed. Traditionally, the President of AAAE sits on this council. AAAE will now have only 1 seat instead of 3 on this council to serve as the liaison between the council and the AAAE members. Therefore, the election for 1 seat will be conducted. Dr. Whittington also reported a potential opportunity for AAAE to influence the Farm Bill that would be discussed at the Summit on May 3-4th. At this meeting, key players, the message, and a strategy for how Ag Ed can influence the Bill will be discussed.
- VI. Dr. Jim Connors reported that the Coeur D'Alene resort hotel was full. An alternate hotel will be contacted for additional room assignments.
- VII. New Business- 2012 Western Region AAAE Conference will be hosted in Bellingham, Washington. It was proposed to move the conference up 1 day to April 17-21st to eliminate scheduling conflicts. The meeting rotation is scheduled for Oregon in 2013 and Hawaii in 2014. However, Dr. Greg Thompson proposed the conferences be flipped with Hawaii hosting in 2013 and Oregon hosting in 2014. Greg also proposed to move the Western Region AAAE conference to the Fall instead of Spring to help eliminate the difficulty of finding paper reviewers for both Western and National AAAE conferences. Each state was asked to discuss this date change with the ag teachers in their respective states.

- VIII. A supply and demand report was given by Dr. Brian Warnick.
- IX. Members adjourned to committee meetings.