



Western Region Agricultural Education Conference

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**Business Session I Minutes**

Tuesday, September 24<sup>th</sup>, 2013

3:30 – 4:00 p.m.

- I. Call to Order by President Brian Warnick at 3:30 p.m.
- II. Introductions – Western Region AAAE members and guests
- III. Minutes of the 2012 Western Region Agricultural Education Conference – Mike Spiess, Secretary. Moved to accept as posted by Steve Frazee second by Greg Thompson, Motion Passed
- IV. Review Conference agenda by David Doerfert
- V. Identify new business items introduced by Brian Warnick
  - a. National FFA Foundation Board of Trustees - Western Region AAAE representative
  - b. Western Region AAAE Bylaws Proposal
- VI. AAAE Presidents Report presented by Tim Murphy
- VII. Research Conference Report – Conference Coordinator – David Doerfert, Chair
  - a. Paper Submitted: 36
  - b. Papers Accepted: 26, acceptance rate was 72%
  - c. Proceedings are posted on the AAAE web site.
- VIII. Poster Session Report – Allison Touchstone , Chair
  - a. Submitted: 42
  - b. Accepted: 21
  - c. Acceptance Rate: 50% (46% Innovative Idea and 56% Research)
- IX. Introduction of Western Region Committees and Representatives - Brian Warnick  
The following positions will need to be filled. Nominations and elections will be held after the committee meetings.
  - a. Communications/Member Services Committee (elect 2)
  - b. Program Improvement Committee (elect 2)
  - c. Professional Development Committee (elect 2)
  - d. Research Committee (Elect 2)
  - e. Journal of Agricultural Education Editing Managing Board (elect 1 - term starts January 1, 2014)
  - f. Journal of Agricultural Education Editorial Review (elect 2) - technically these are to be selected by the western region members of the editing managing board
  - g. National FFA Foundation Board of Trustees - Western Region AAAE representative
- X. New Business
  - a. Hawaii Fall 14 Meeting - Lori Moore/Cindy Akers  
Sept 23-25 Big Island  
Sheraton Kona \$159 + tax Resort fee: per room \$210/day total Book direct. Est \$325 registration |  
Transportation \$60/each way from airport.
- XI. Meeting adjourned to committee meetings as follows:
  - a. Committee Meetings - Tuesday, September 24<sup>th</sup> – 4:00-5:00 p.m.
  - b. Communications/Member Services – Erica Irlbeck and Greg Thompson
  - c. Program Improvement – Theresa Murphrey and Ed Franklin
  - d. Professional Development – Becki Lawver and Rudy Ritz



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- e. Research Committee – Scott Burris and Kelli Ens
- f. Journal of Agricultural Education Editing - Managing Board – Lori Moore
- g. Journal of Agricultural Education Editorial Review Board – Becki Lawver and Jon Ulmer



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**Business Session II Minutes**

Wednesday, September 25<sup>th</sup>, 2013

9:15 – 11:00 a.m.

- I. Call to Order by Brian Warnick at 9:08
- II. Committee Reports
  - a. Communications/Member Services – Erica Irlbeck
  - b. Program Improvement – Allison Touchstone
  - c. Professional Development – Becki Lawver
  - d. Research Committee – Misty Lambert
  - e. Journal of Agricultural Education Editing - Managing Board – Lori Moore
  - f. Journal of Agricultural Education Editorial Review Board – Becki Lawver and Jon Ulmer
- III. WRAAAE Committee Nominations and Elections. The results were as follows:
  - a. Communications/Member Services:  
Carl Igo (2 year term)  
Steve Frazee (3 year term)  
Jack Elliot (3 year term)
  - b. Program Improvement Committee:  
Ed Franklin (3 yr)  
Courtney Meyers (3 yr)
  - c. Professional Development Committee:  
Rebecca Lawver (3 yr)  
Mollie Aschenbrenner (3 yr)
  - d. Research Committee:  
Michael Martin (3 yr)  
Steve Rocca (3 yr)
  - e. JAE Editing Managing Board  
Ed Franklin
  - f. JAE Review Board  
Allison Touchstone  
Ryan Foor
- IV. New Business
  - a. Western Region Bylaws were discussed and passed as presented. By Laws are posted. .
- V. Western Region Conference Rotation and Dates
  - a. 2014 – Hawaii (coordinated by Texas Tech and Texas A&M)
  - b. 2015 – Oregon is confirmed
  - c. 2016 - Future Rotation (old rotation was Oregon - Hawaii - Arizona - Idaho - Wyoming - Utah - Nevada - Montana - California - Washington ; do we need to get New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Colorado into the mix now - along with Texas - as we are no longer meeting with the agriculture teachers?) AZ was scheduled in 2016. EC will explore with new states, suggest moving to spread out geographically
- VI. AAAE Meeting will be held at Salt Lake City (Snowbird Resort) - May 20-23, 2014
- VII. Proposals for the 2017 AAAE Meeting - Bring proposals to HI.
- VIII. Recognition of 2013 Research and Conference Chairs Award Presentations
  - a. Poster Session Awards presented by Allison Touchstone



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b. Innovative Idea

1<sup>st</sup> – Increasing Professional Ethics Awareness for Career and Technical Educators – Allison Touchstone and Jim Connors, University of Idaho

2nd – Project Imuris - A Pilot International Microteaching Experience – Edward Franklin, University of Arizona

3rd - Using NodeXL for Social Network Analysis and Adoption- related Research - Nellie Hill and David Doerfert - Texas Tech University

4th - Feeding the World: An Engaging, Comprehensive Sustainable Agriculture

Curriculum - Audrey Denney and Mollie Aschenbrener - California State University, Chico

5th – Agriculture in the Nation's Capital: Organizing a Study Experience in Washington, D.C. - Courtney Meyers & Shannon Arnold Texas Tech University & Montana State University

c. Research

1st - Rebecca Lawver, Michael Pate, Utah State University for the poster - Supervised Agricultural Experience Student Safety Planning A Professional Development for Western Agricultural Education Teachers

2nd - Dr. Allison Touchstone and Michelle Ball - University of Idaho for the poster Pre-College Influencers on Undergraduate Enrollment Decisions

3rd - Michael Spiess and Ann De Lay - California State University, Chico, Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo - for the poster Secondary Agricultural Program Retention

4th - Amber Krause, Dr. Courtney Meyers, Kelsey Fletcher, Dr. David Doerfert, Dr. Erica Irlbeck, Dr. Katie Abrams, & Dr. Chris Morgan - Texas Tech University, Colorado State University, University of Georgia for the poster Identifying Agriculturists' Motivations and Barriers to Participate in Online Communication Tool Training Workshops

5th - Nellie Hill and David Doerfert - Texas Tech University for the poster - Identifying the Information Exchange Patterns that Exist Within an Agriculture Production Demonstration Project through the Use of Social Network Analysis (SNA)

d. Research Presentation Awards presented by Lori Moore and Theresa Murphrey

i. 2013 Western Region Outstanding Research Presentation Award:

Agriculturalists' Personal and Business Use of Online Communication Tools By Kelsey Shaw, Courtney Meyers, Erica Irlbeck, David Doerfert, Katie Abrams, and Chris Morgan

ii. 2013 Distinguished Manuscript Award:

Educating the Future of Agriculture: A Focus Group Analysis of the Programming Needs and Preferences of Montana Young and Beginning Farmers and Ranchers By Nikki Bailey, Shannon Arnold, and Carl Igo

iii. 2013 Distinguished Manuscript Award:

A Descriptive Study of College of Agriculture Faculty Perceptions of Student Skills, Faculty Competence in Teaching Areas, and Barriers to Improving



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Teaching By Shannon M. Blickenstaff, Kattlyn J. Wolf, Jeremy M. Falk, and John C. Foltz

- IX. Presentation of the Western Region Awards – Cindy Akers
  - a. Young Member - Courtney Meyers from Texas Tech presented by Shannon Arnold
  - b. Teaching - David Doerfert from Texas Tech presented by Lori Moore
  - c. Service Jim Knight from U of A presented by Greg Thompson
  - d. Research - Erica Irlbeck from Texas Tech presented by Bobby Torres
- X. The following resolutions were submitted by Mike Spiess and passed. See text attached.

Lost these...

Meeting was adjourned at 10:15

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Spiess, Secretary



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**Attachments**

**Resolution #1**

Western Region Appreciation Resolution

Authors: Western Region Association for Agricultural Educators

WHEREAS, the 2013 Western Region Agricultural Education Conference was held September 23-25, 2013 Lubbock, Texas

WHEREAS, outstanding planning and implementing went into the 2013 Conference

WHEREAS, Western Region participants were treated to exceptional Texas hospitality

Therefore be it Resolved, that the AAEE express our sincere appreciation to Conference Chair David Doerfert from Texas Tech University, Chico, for a professional, scholarly education and research conference.

**Resolution #2**

Western Region Appreciation Resolution

Authors: Western Region Association for Agricultural Educators

WHEREAS, the 2013 Western Region Agricultural Education Conference was held September 23-25, 2013 Lubbock, Texas

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WHEREAS, Western Region participants were treated to exceptional Washington hospitality

Therefore be it resolved, that the AAEE express our sincere appreciation to Texas Tech University, along with their respective College of Agriculture (department?)

**Resolution #3**

Western Region Appreciation Resolution

Authors: Western Region Association for Agricultural Educators

WHEREAS, the 2013 Western Region Agricultural Education Research Conference was held September 23-25, 2013 Lubbock, Texas

WHEREAS, the poster session of the conference requires detailed planning and communication



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WHEREAS, the poster session is an important component of faculty scholarly activity

Therefore be it resolved, that the AAAE express our sincere appreciation to Poster Chair Allison Touchstone from the University of Idaho for a professional, scholarly poster session.

Also need addresses to send.... Copies to?



**Constitution of the Western Region  
of the  
American Association for Agricultural Education**

*Adopted September 2013*

**ARTICLE I NAME**

Section 1. The name of the organization shall be "Western Region American Association for Agricultural Education." The name "Western Region" may be used herein in lieu of the complete name of the organization.

Section 2. The Western Region is a regional affiliate of the "American Association for Agricultural Education," herein referred to as "AAAE." As such, the Western Region will operate under the guidelines, procedures, and practices of AAAE, except as noted herein.

**ARTICLE II PURPOSE**

Section 1. Mission: The mission of the Western Region is congruent with the mission of its parent organization, the American Association for Agricultural Education. The AAAE mission is to advance the broad field of study which integrates social and behavioral sciences with agricultural, life, environmental, and natural resource sciences. Scholarship within the field of study is additive to the knowledge bases of planning and needs assessment; curriculum development; learning theory; instructional design; delivery strategies; evaluation; research methods and tools; scholarship and writing; history, philosophy and ethics; and contextual applications, culture and diversity. Our context for scholarship and practice include teacher education, international agricultural education, extension education, agricultural communications, distributed learning, higher education, and leadership education.

Section 2. Goals: The Western Region will accomplish its mission by:

- serving as an advocate for the improvement of teaching and learning in agriculture.
- providing a forum to address issues in agricultural education.
- providing an approach to identifying, prioritizing, and organizing research in agricultural education.
- providing opportunities for individual and organizational growth, development, and renewal.
- providing opportunities to communicate the results of research and other scholarly activities.
- providing opportunities for collaboration within and outside of agricultural education.
- providing for recruiting, inducting, and mentoring people into the profession.





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Section 3. Values: As a professional organization, we value:

- high quality instruction in the total formal and nonformal agricultural education system.
- developing and empowering individuals.
- actively engaging learners/experiential learning.
- high quality research and other scholarly activities.
- an active role in contributing to both formal and non-formal educational systems.
- professional renewal and adjusting to change.
- collaboration and networking.
- the critical role of agriculture and natural resources in our nation's welfare
- a public that is informed about trends and issues in the agricultural industry

**ARTICLE III STATES AND TERRITORIES**

Section 1. States and territories comprising the Western Region shall be defined by AAAE.

**ARTICLE IV MEMBERSHIP AND DUES**

Membership in the Western Region may be granted and maintained as defined in Article IV of the AAAE Constitution and Bylaws. Upon acceptance as a member in AAAE, members from states and territories comprising the Western Region, as defined by AAAE, shall be considered members of the Western Region.

**ARTICLE V OFFICERS**

Section 1. The officers of Western Region shall be President (who shall serve as the AAAE Regional Vice President), Vice President, Secretary, and Past-President.

Section 2. Only Active Members may serve in leadership positions.

Section 3. The term of office for officers shall be two years. The Past President shall be succeeded by the President, President by the Vice President, and Vice President by the Secretary. The Secretary shall be elected by majority vote of those present and voting at the annual meeting. Nomination, election procedures, and duties of officers shall be as described in the Bylaws.

**ARTICLE VII VOTING**

Section 1. All classes of membership are eligible to attend and participate in discussions of Western Region business, but only Active Members are eligible to vote.

**ARTICLE VII COMMITTEES**

Section 1. Standing Committees will follow those committees designated by the AAAE bylaws that specify regional representation.



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Section 2. Committees may be appointed as deemed necessary by the President and/or Executive Committee.

## ARTICLE VIII MEETINGS

Section 1. The annual meeting of the Western Region shall be held at such time and place as the membership shall decide. Host states will be determined as outlined in Article V, Section 1 of the Western Region Bylaws.

Section 2. Notice of the annual meeting shall be made to the membership in writing or electronically via email and/or listserv at least 60 days prior to the annual meeting.

## ARTICLE IX AFFILIATION

Section 1. The Western Region may affiliate with other organizations upon majority vote of the Active Membership or of those present at the annual meeting, providing such affiliation is not in violation of AAAE policies.

## ARTICLE X PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

Section 1. The rules contained in the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised shall govern the organization in all cases to which they are applicable, and in which they are not inconsistent with this constitution and bylaws and any special rules of order the organization may adopt.

## ARTICLE XI AMENDMENTS

Section 1. This Constitution may be amended by two-thirds of the Active Members present and voting at any annual meeting provided that:

- Proposed amendments are submitted to the Executive Committee at least 60 days in advance of the annual meeting.
- The Executive Committee has submitted proposed amendments to the membership in written or electronic form no later than 30 days before the annual meeting.

Section 2. Amendments may be proposed by the Executive Committee, by committee recommendation, or by any Active Member.

## ARTICLE XII DISSOLUTION

Section 1. On dissolution of the Western Region, the Executive Committee shall pay or make provision for the payment of all of its liabilities. Any remaining assets will become the property of AAAE.



**Bylaws of the Western Region  
of the  
American Association for Agricultural Education**

*Adopted September 2013*

**ARTICLE I ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

Section 1. Officers shall serve an eight year term, rotating through the offices from secretary, vice president, president, and finally past president.

Section 2. The President, with the approval of the Executive Committee, shall appoint a nominating committee which will be chaired by the Past President. The nominating committee shall prepare a slate of candidates for Secretary of the Western Region and any other offices that have been filled by appointment (see Article II). The nominating committee shall submit its report to the Executive Committee prior to the first session of the annual meeting.

Section 3. Nominations for any elective offices of the Western Region may be made from the floor.

Section 4. Voting for election of Western Region officers shall be by secret ballot during the annual meeting.

**ARTICLE II VACANCIES**

Section 1. Should the President leave the region or profession, or for other reasons become unable to fulfill the duties of the office, such office shall be declared vacant immediately and be filled by the Vice President until the next meeting of the Western Region.

Section 2. Should the Vice President or Secretary leave the region or profession or for other reasons become unable to fulfill the duties of the office, such office shall be declared vacant immediately and the vacancy shall be filled by action of the Executive Committee until the next meeting of the Western Region.

Section 3. Should the Past President leave the region or profession, or for other reasons become unable to fulfill the duties of the office, the office shall be filled by the most recent Past President available, or if needed, filled by action of the Executive Committee until the next meeting of the Western Region.

Section 4. Should any member of a Standing Committee leave the region or profession, or for other reasons be unable to fulfill the duties of the committee, such position shall be declared vacant immediately and be filled by the President.

**ARTICLE III DUTIES OF OFFICERS**

Section 1. The President's duties shall include:



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- Participate as a voting member of the Executive Board for the American Association for Agricultural Education. This includes participation in the board meetings at the annual AAAE conference as well as quarterly conference call meetings.
- Along with other officers, plan the agendas for business sessions at the regional meetings.
- Conduct regional meeting business sessions.
- Coordinate with the local planning group to plan the Annual Western Region AAAE Meeting.
- Conduct the election of officers, committee chairs, and regional representatives.
- Solicit proposals for national meeting sites (every third year).
- Maintain list of regional meeting host state rotation.
- Assist with national AAAE awards nomination and selection as directed by the AAAE Executive Board.

## Section 2. The Vice President's duties shall include:

- In the absence of the President, act in the official capacity of the President and perform all duties of that office.
- Coordinate the work of the committees
- Coordinate the Western Region AAAE Awards
  - Provide region meeting planning committee coordinator with budget for awards (plaques, certificates, etc.).
  - Update and send out nomination packets to AAAE list approximately 5 months prior to regional meeting with a nomination deadline of approximately 2 months prior to the meeting.
  - Post updated nomination packets to the AAAE website approximately 5 months prior to regional meeting.
  - Send a reminder to AAAE list 3-4 weeks prior to the nomination deadline.
  - Contact past winners of each award to serve as the selection committee. Send all nominations received for each award to the selection committee members. Ask them to respond by ranking the nominees. Set a deadline for selection committee response at least 3 weeks prior to the regional meeting.
  - Purchase plaques and certificates.
  - Make award presentations at the regional meetings.
  - Update awards record and post to AAAE website.
- Work with the secretary to write resolutions for conference and research hosts, etc.
- Propose resolutions in the last business session of the regional meeting.



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Section 3. The Secretary's duties shall include:

- Coordinate with regional officer team to create agendas for the regional business meetings.
- Distribute agendas via email two weeks prior to the regional meeting.
- Post meeting agendas to the AAAE website two weeks prior to the regional meeting.
- Keep the minutes from the business meetings and post them to the AAAE website. This includes collecting committee meeting reports, organizing them, and including them in the minutes.
- Maintain a current list of regional officers and committee members.
- Update the western region leadership information on the AAAE website.
- Assist the vice-president in writing the resolutions thanking conference and research hosts, etc.
- Send resolutions to the appropriate parties.
- Secretary shall be responsible for correspondence of the Western Region, upon direction of the President and/or Executive Committee.

Section 4. The Past-President duties shall include:

- Serving in an advisory capacity to the President.
- Chairing of the Nominating Committee for officers and other elected positions.

Section 5. The Executive Committee shall constitute the administrative body of the Western Region and carry out all of the activities necessary to the successful achievement of its goals. The Executive Committee is comprised of the officers of the Western Region and shall be responsible for:

- Recommending appropriate administrative and legislative proposals to the Western Region membership.
- Establishing administrative and operational policies for the Western Region.
- Serving the general welfare of the Western Region.

## ARTICLE IV COMMITTEES

Section 1: Committee membership is limited to Active Members.

Section 2. In accordance with AAAE bylaws, each region shall select six representatives to serve on standing committees. The term of committee members shall be three years with two members elected each year, terms to start at the regional meeting. Standing Committees members shall be selected by election. In the event of a vacancy on a Standing Committee, the President of the Western Region shall appoint a replacement, as outlined in Article II, Section 4 of the Western Region Bylaws.



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Section 3. Standing committees shall meet at least once annually in conjunction with the annual Western Region meeting. Other meetings, either in electronic form or in person, may be scheduled by the committee chair. Each standing committee shall elect a chair and vice-chair at its annual meeting. Although other AAAE members are invited to participate in committee discussions, voting members of the Standing Committees shall be limited to those committee members elected to the committee.

Section 4. Special committees may be appointed by the President unless otherwise directed by motion to refer. These committees will be discharged once they have completed their charged functions.

Section 5. The Western Region may select from the Active Membership at large representatives to other councils or organizations.

**ARTICLE V CONFERENCE HOST**

Section 1. States comprising the Western Region will rotate as hosts of the conference.

**ARTICLE VI QUORUM**

Section 1. For the purposes of conducting business at the annual meeting, those Active Members in attendance shall constitute a quorum.

Section 2. For the purposes of business conducted electronically, a minimum of a majority of the Active Members shall constitute a quorum.

**ARTICLE VII AMENDMENTS**

Section 1. Amendments may be proposed by the Executive Committee, by committee recommendation, or by any Active Member.

Section 2. The Bylaws of the Western Region may be amended by a majority vote of the Active Members present and voting at any annual meeting provided that:

- Proposed amendments are submitted to the Executive Committee at least 60 days in advance of the annual meeting.
- The Executive Committee submitted proposed amendments to the membership in written or electronic form no later than 30 days before the annual meeting.

Section 3. Bylaws may be amended by a 2/3 vote at an annual Western Region meeting without prior notice.