

Resolution #1 from the 2006 Western Region AAAE

AAAE Annual Meeting

Whereas

AAAE moved its annual meeting from a traditional December meeting time that often conflicted with the administration of Fall semester final exams to a current May meeting that is resulting in the same conflict with final exams during the Spring semester for many of the AAAE members;

The current AAAE meeting is not held in conjunction with other groups and has, in fact, conflicted and/or created travel challenges with other professional meetings such as AIAEE and ACE;

Increasing fuel costs have negatively impacted the ability of members to attend multiple out-of-state functions in a given fiscal year and are causing travel choices that will potential lower attendance at the profession's annual meeting;

Many AAAE members already attend the National FFA Convention as a result of educational and service activities they perform for the National FFA, Alpha Tau Alpha, and other youth/collegiate organizations during the Convention;

The National FFA Organization has been actively increasing the scope and type of collegiate-level activities during the Convention thus providing more opportunities for AAAE members to involve, educate, and mentor their students during the convention;

The NASAE professional group has repeatedly demonstrated the ability to successfully conduct their annual professional meeting in the days preceding the National FFA Convention;

A move of the AAAE annual meeting (including NAERC) to a time parallel to NASAE would provide opportunities to further strengthen our relationship with NASAE as well as the other members of Team AgEd;

Be it resolved

That the AAAE leadership be directed to move the time of the AAAE meeting to the days immediately proceeding the National FFA Convention and in the city where the National FFA Convention is being held. This move should occur in 2009.