**Business Session I- Monday, September 28th, 2021**

The meeting was called to order at 11:00 AM Mountain Standard Time by President Erica Irlbeck. She provided a welcome and brought greetings to the membership and introduced new faculty in the region and graduate students. The conference hosts were commended for the excellent organization of the conference. The Universities present introduced their attending students.

One minor correction on the Program Improvement committee meeting minutes was noted by Dr. Avery Culbertson with a change from 2020 to 2021 Chair as Theresa Murphrey. The minutes of the 2020 virtual Western Region Agricultural Education Conference were approved by unanimous consent.

Shannon Arnold reviewed the conference agenda and provided a brief overview of the format of the conference and research sessions.

Dr. Michael Retallick, the AAAE President gave greetings from the AAAE. Dr. Retallick provided updates from the National AAAE Board, DEI special committee discussions, and initiative to develop a national level operation manual.

Dr. Dusty Perry represented the National Research Committee and requested a specific National Research Agenda (NRA) Committee to be formed. The National AAAE strategic plan expired in 2020 so the board elected to postpone updates until May 2023. After the NRA is finalized, then we will move into working on the Strategic Plan.

A financial report was presented by Dr. Jon Ramsey, Dr. Arnold and Marilyn Trefz. The National AAAE organization’s tax-exempt status has finally been re-instated as a non-profit organization.

The National AAAE conference will be held in Oklahoma City on May 16-19, 2022. Thanks was extended to Dr. Scott Burris, Past- President, who worked diligently over the past year. Dr. Burris invited all members to consider a leadership role at the regional and national level as it takes everyone’s effort, time, and energy to run the organization.

The JAE Editing/managing board members, Kellie Enns and David Doerfert, presented the committee report. Dr. Don Edgar is the new JAE Editor starting in May 2022. There has been discussion to replace the FastTrack system and the committee welcomes any thoughts about the system. A nomination to replace Dr. Doerfert’s position for the *Journal of Agricultural Education* Editing- Managing Board will be solicited.

Dr. Carl Igo presented the Communications/Member Services Report. Action Items- See committee minutes. Need new people to volunteer and serve on this committee.

Avery Culbertson gave the Program Improvement Report. Posted on conference website. No Action Items. Dr. Jessica Toombs and Dr, Ryan Anderson are joining Theresa Murphrey- Vice Chair until 2023 and Shannon Norris will assume Chair.

Sarah Bush gave the Professional Development Committee Report. Action Item- to offer $1000 student scholarships for reimbursement to graduate students. Subcommittee to structure scholarship prior to paper deadlines. Granted for early registration for the conference. Anna Warner will stay on the committee. Katie Texteria will self nominate. Need a new chair.

Becki Lawver gave the Research Committee Report. Posted on conference website. Nomination paper process will be Dr. Steve Fraze in 2021. No Action Items

Dusty Perry gave the research conference report and recognized the review committee.

National Research Agenda on behalf of National Research Agenda Development Committee. Post responses on graduate students and faculty boards related to the three questions. How do you use the NRA? How does NRA address your line of inquiry? What changes to the NRA are needed to make it more inclusive?

Theresa Murphrey gave the Poster Session Report. One author has to be a Western region and must be registered for the conference.

The Business session was adjourned at 12:00 PM Mountain Standard time

**Business Session II- Tuesday, September 29th, 2021**

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM (Mountain Time) by President Erica Irlbeck

Nominations for JAE Editing Managing Board were solicited. Dr. Josh Stewart discussed Dr. Ryan Saucier nominated Dr. Ryan Anderson. Motion passes.

2021-2022 Chair for Dr. Ryan Saucier for Communications/Member Services Committee. Report and new members elected. Motion passes. Dr. Doerfert seconded.

2021-2022 Chair- Dr. Shannon Norris for Program Improvement. Courtney M and Mollie A rolled off the committee. Motion Courtney Gibson and second Courtney Meyers. Motion passes.

2021-2022 Chair – Dr. Hailey Traini and Vic-Chair- Courtney Gibson. Add an amendment of “one year one-time payment” to the motion to set up the system. Dr. Spiess requested not to be paid, but Dr. Ramsey recommended to pay Dr. Spiess

Motion from the Research Committee

* *The Research Committee moves to adopt the conference poster submission platform for our WRAAAE paper review process and compensate Mike Spiess $500 for one year one-time payment for his work. Motion passed.*

2021-2022 Chair- Tommy Henderson, Vice Chair- Katie Texteria. Motion of $1000 for scholarships for sub-committee to determine the process of how many and what amount these scholarships. Motion seconded by Dr. Robert Williams

Motion from the Professional Development Committee

* *The Professional Development Committee moves to provide funds up to $1000 for student scholarships to the 2022 conference. Motion Passed.*

Dr. Perry discussed the National Research Committee approved a sub-committee for the National Research Agenda of three members from each region at different levels. Dr. Kassee Smith discussed the process of National Research Agenda and allowed for discussion. Poster feedback will be shared with the sub-committee. JAM board will remain open for comments. Will not close soon. Jam board was on Western AAAE listserv on Tuesday, Sept 29th. It will also be posted on the website and Facebook group.

Dr. Rob Terry presented the memorial for Dr. Jim Key

Dr. Shannon Norris presented the overview of 2022 conference at New Mexico State University

The conference rotation was presented (the rotation was approved in 2020).

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| 2021 | Montana |
| 2022 | New Mexico |
| 2023 | Utah |
| 2024 | California |
| 2025 | Texas |
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| 2027 | Hawaii |
| 2028 | Oklahoma |
| 2029 | Washington |
| 2030 | Wyoming |
| 2031 | Oregon |
| 2032 | Arizona |
| 2033 | Colorado |
| 2034 | Idaho |
| 2035 | Alaska |

Dr. Irlbeck thanked the research poster chair, Dr. Theresa Murphrey, and paper chair, Dr. Dustin Perry, and the conference chairs, Dr. Dustin Perry, Dr. Shannon Arnold, and Dr. Carl Igo.

Avery Culbertson “presented” the Outstanding Poster Awards on behalf of Theresa Murphrey

Based on abstract review scores, an “Outstanding Innovative Idea Poster” and an “Outstanding Research Poster” was presented:

Research

* Teacher Identity of First Year Agriculture Educators in Utah. Kjersti Clawson & Tyson Sorensen (Utah State University).

Innovative

* Team(s)work Makes the Dream Work: Using MS Teams in an Agricultural Communications Block Course Structure. Lindsay Kennedy, Courtney Meyers, Courtney Gibson, Erica Irlbeck, and Grace Vehige (Texas Tech University).

Based upon review of the actual poster submitted online, an “Excellent Poster Design (Innovative Idea)” and an “Excellent Poster Design (Research)” was presented.

Innovative Design:

* Sharpening Assessment: Testing Learning Management System Written Feedback Tools

Hannah L. Ford, Makenzie Neves, & Dr. Laura Fischer (Texas Tech University).

Research Design:

* Framing Agricultural Labor Issues: An Analysis of Florida and California H-2A Program News Coverage. Finn Garrison, Dr. Cara Lawson, & Lauren LaGrande (Oregon State University).

Based upon presentation at the conference a “People’s Choice Award – Innovative Idea Poster” and “People’s Choice Award – Research Poster” was presented.

Research

* Examining the Effect of COVID-19 on Preservice Agriculture Teachers’ Self Efficacy, Teaching Intentions, and Career Expectations. Jonathan S. Moules and Steven J. Rocca (California State University, Fresno).

Innovative

* Scraping Big Data without Breaking the Bank: Using Twitter API for Academic Research. Hannah L. Ford (Texas Tech University).

Dusty Perry “presented” the Outstanding Abstract Awards

* 1. Manuscript Awards
     1. Outstanding Manuscript (one award)
        1. The 1st ranked manuscript based on review panel scores in the overall recommendation category will be the winner.
           1. 1st Place – Agriculture Majors’ Perceptions of Studying Agriculture: A Q Method Examination

*Kasee L. Smith, Emma Winkle, Chrissy Hofgen, Hannah Ruth Pettyjohn, James Uhlenkott, Kiera Packer, Sarah Stevenson, Bobbie Sharp, & Abby Zurcher, University of Idaho*

* + 1. Distinguished Manuscript (two awards)
       1. The 2nd and 3rd ranked manuscripts based on review panel scores in the overall recommendation category will be the winner.
          1. Second Runner Up – Scarce Water in Site: A Content Analysis of News Coverage of the Sites Reservoir Project

*Richard Austin-Castillo, Oregon State University, Cara Lawson, Oregon State University, Lauren LaGrande, Oregon State University*

* + - * 1. First Runner Up – The Influence of 4-H Instructor Beliefs on Teaching Animal Food Production

*Shauni Jarvis, The University of Arizona and Amber H. Rice, The University of Arizona*

* 1. Outstanding Innovation in Research
     1. Top three manuscripts will be identified from the highest average reviewer scores in the innovation category. Conference judges will be invited by the Research Conference Chair to review the top three presentations and round table discussions for the level of innovation used in the design of the research.
        1. I Want a Sea Turtle Selfie!” Effects of a Social Marketing Campaign to Encourage Sustainable Wildlife Viewing of Non-Threatening Species
           1. *Katie M. Abrams, Colorado State University  
              Amanda Molder, University of Wisconsin-Madison  
              Kirsten Leong, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Fisheries*
  2. Outstanding Research Impact
     1. Top three manuscripts will be identified from the highest average reviewer scores in the impact category. Conference judges will be invited by the Research Conference Chair to review the top three presentations and round table discussions for the potential or documented impact of this research.
        1. Ag Skills Survey: Skills Sought by Employers in the Agricultural Industry
           1. *Dr. Sharon Freeman, California State University, Fresno  
              Dr. Avery Culbertson, California State University, Fresno  
              Dr. Steven Rocca, California State University, Fresno  
              Cameron Standridge, California State University, Fresno  
              Jasmine Flores, California State University, Fresno  
              Morgan Henson, California State University, Fresno*

Kattlyn Wolf presented the WR Awards

Outstanding Early Career Member

* Kasee Smith, University of Idaho

Distinguished Agricultural Communications Educator

* Courtney Gibson, Texas Tech University

Distinguished Agricultural Leadership Educator

* Lori Moore, Texas A&M University

The Business session was adjourned at 11:30AM MT Standard time.